





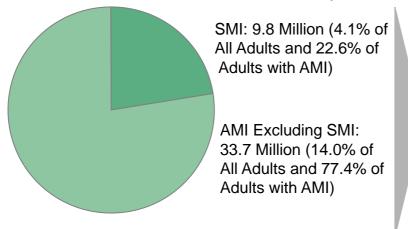
Behavioral Health and Alternative Payment: A (Non-Scientific) Progress Report

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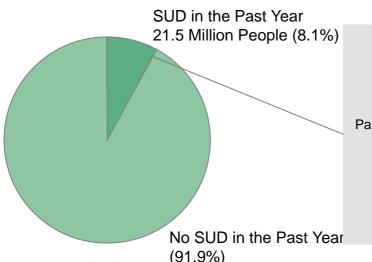
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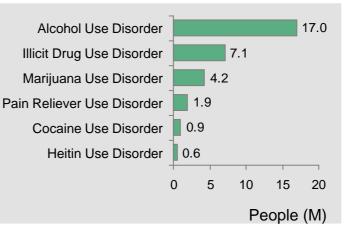
The prevalence and under-treatment of behavioral health disorders is well documented...





45% received receive treatment



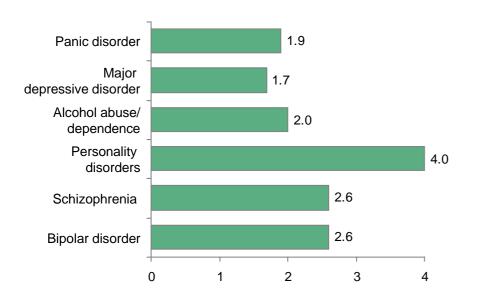


10 % receive treatment

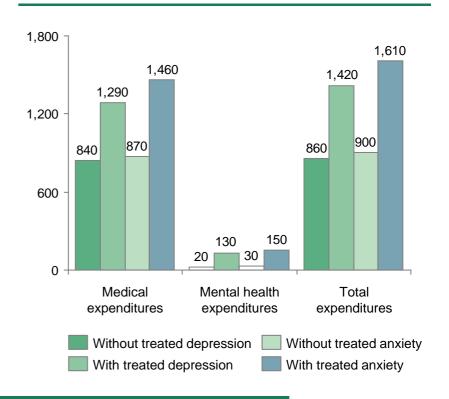
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Studies show BH co-morbidities are tied to both poorer health outcomes and higher costs

Relative risk of all cause premature mortality associated with mental disorders compared with the general population



Comparison of monthly healthcare expenditures for chronic conditions and comorbid depression or anxiety, 2005



Policy makers, providers, and payers are beginning to respond with efforts to improve care coordination and clinical integration across the continuum

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The chronic care model of integration has been shown to be both clinically and cost-effective

Institute for Clinical and Economic Review: Study of Comparative Effectiveness

Comparative clinical effectiveness achieved Incremental benefits Contextual considerations

"Findings from multiple evaluations across a variety of integration models and populations suggest that BHI falls within generally-acceptable thresholds for cost-effectiveness (\$15,000 - \$80,000 per QALY gained vs. usual care)."

Care value Affordability Health system value

"Economic studies have shown with consistency that BHI increases organizational costs, at least in the short term... while there are not currently consistent data with which to estimate potential cost offsets from BHI, fairly conservative estimates of reductions in health care costs could offset these initial investments considerably."

Additional study of the embedded Behavioral Health Consultant model is also needed to establish its comparative effectiveness

Nevertheless, integration efforts are still largely being financed through a patch-work quilt of funding sources

Level of Integration
(AHRQ Lexicon
levels of integration
measurable with
IPAT)

FFS Codes Currently Covered (billable today by contracted providers) Additional FFS
Billing
Opportunities
(could be made
available to
qualifying practices)

Additional Care
Management/Medical
Home Allocations
(typically
program specific)

Additional Infrastructure Dollars for HIT, eHealth, overhead etc.

Collaborative Referral to Outpatient BH Provider

- Case Consult (adult & youth)
- Family Consult (youth)
- Collateral Contact
- New codes that could be made reimburseable:
- · Telehealth codes
- E.g., Practice-Based Care Management Payment/Incentive
- Grant Funding (SAMHSA, other)

Co-Located

Outpatient BH
Provider in Primary
Care Clinic

- Case Consult (adult & youth),
- Family Consult (youth),
- Collateral Contact
- Diagnostic Evaluation
- OP Therapy Codes (as per specs and DPH regs)
- Medication Mgmt Codes (as per specs and DPH regs)
- New codes that could be made reimburseable:
- · Telehealth codes
- Health & Behavioral Assessment and Intervention Codes
- SBIRT Codes
- Transition of Care Codes

- E.g., Practice-Based Care Management Payment/Incentive
- Grant Funding (SAMHSA, other)
- arrangements with partner Primary Care Sites to share medical home dollars, other incremental financing, or gain share

Fully Integrated

Outpatient
BH Provider on
Primary
Care Team

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Alternative payment models promise to change how care is financed and, by extension, how it is delivered...

APM Framework (At-A –Glance)



Category 1
Fee for service—No link
to quality & value



Category 2
Fee for service—link to
quality & value



Category 3
APMS Built on Fee-forService architecture



Category 4
Population-based
payment



Foundational Payments for Infrastructure and Operations



Pay for Reporting



Rewards for Performance



Rewards arid Penalties for Performance



APMs with Upside Gainsharing



APMs with Upside Gainsharing/Downside Risk



Condition-Specific Population-Based Payment



Comprehensive Population-Based Payment

A spectrum of different designs across public and private payers are starting to incorporate behavioral health.

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- Pay for Performance on Quality Metrics
- Rate Increases Tied to Quality Measures
- Bundled Payment for ADHD and ODD
- MAT Episode payment (DRG)
- Integrated Medical Home PMPMs
- Global Budget Inclusive of BH with gain/loss tied to quality
- Primary Care Prospective Capitation inclusive of BH w/ Shared savings tied to quality
- Prospective Global capitation

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We are still in the very early stages of shifting incentives and the system from fragmentation to integration ...

In a national survey of 257 ACOs

- 11% percent of all ACOs and 20% percent of ACOs with commercial-payer contracts had conflicting ACO contracts, with responsibility for behavioral health care costs in one ACO contract and not in another
- 42% of ACOs surveyed include behavior health provider groups under their umbrella; (53% among ACOs who consider themselves integrated delivery systems)
- 21% reported having an agreement with a specialty behavioral health provider outside of their organization
- 15% of ACOs report fully integrating BH into primary care

In a national survey of 635 Substance Use Treatment organizations

- Only 15% of these organizations had signed agreements with ACOs
- Another 6.5% were planning to sign such an agreement and 4% were in discussions

"There is much opportunity to advance the integration of behavioral health care into ACOs"

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And we have much yet to learn from those demonstrations that are currently underway

Results from study of the BCBSMA Alternative Quality Contract at the 2 year mark

- Enrollees in AQC organizations were slightly less likely to use mental health services
- Among mental health services users, small declines were detected in total health care spending, but no change was found in mental health spending
- Declines in probability of use of mental health services and in total health spending among mental health service users were concentrated in the AQC organizations that accepted financial risk for behavioral health
- From interviews with leaders in participating AQC organizations:

"The overarching view was that little progress had been made with regard to mental health care integration during the contract's initial years, and delivery system changes that would facilitate behavioral health integration were viewed as a longer-term objective."



Some key challenges before us on the path towards integration of behavioral health in payment reforms

INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

RIGHT SIZING PAYMENT TO ENSURE ADEQUATE FINANCING OF CURRENT AND NEW SERVICES

GOVERNANCE OF PARTNERSHIPS AND FUNDS FLOWS

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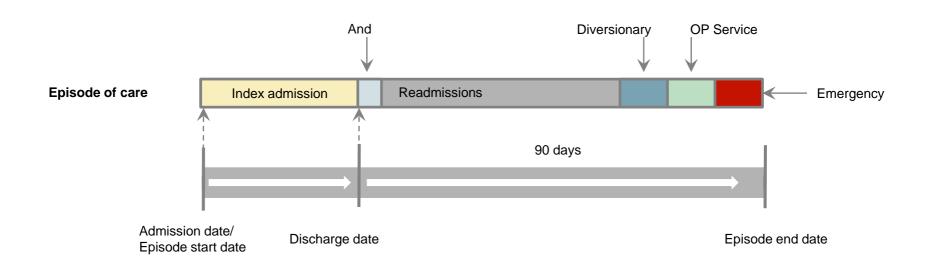
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Thank you

Analysis of acute episodes reveals ample opportunity to improve continuity of specialty care as well



Mean Bundle Cost by Bundle Length, Adults, 2011-2013

Bundle Length	Cases	es Total Anchor		AN	AND		Readmission		Outpatient		24 hr Diversionary		Non 24 hr Diversionary		Emergency		Financial Incentives		
		\$	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	Days
0	18373	6,867	6,282	91	555	8	0	0	5	0	10	0	6	0	9	0	1	0	9.65
7	17078	7,462	6,240	84	603	8	188	3	53	1	212	3	61	1	86	1	17	0	9.53
30	14971	9,282	6,150	66	690	7	1,370	15	202	2	418	5	191	2	226	2	35	0	9.4
90	12666	12,190	6,111	50	813	7	3,170	26	523	4	692	6	393	3	442	4	46	0	9.3
365	9736	17,401	5,972	34	968	6	5,953	34	1,433	8	1,231	7	873	5	899	5	73	0	9