BUILDING A POSITIVE PAYERPROVIDER PARTNERSHIP

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INTRODUCTION

- >> Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) is an approach that ties payment to the quality and efficiency of healthcare services delivered.
- >>> This resource provides strategies for cultivating a strong relationship with a Managed Care Organization (MCO) when entering into a value-based purchasing agreement. It provides insights into what the payer values and pinpoints measurable outcomes that hold significance to the payer, thereby guiding the formulation of a value proposition. Understanding the payer's requirements is imperative in the design of your program.

WHAT DOES THE PAYER VALUE?

A PAYER'S PERSPECTIVE ON VALUE BASED PAYMENT/VALUE BASED CARE (VBP/VBC)

VBP/VBC's proactive, data-driven approach means providers, patients and insurance companies are better aligned in the goals of keeping patients healthy and keeping costs down over time.

Addressing risk factors and early-stage disease is better for patients and less expensive than late-stage interventions and hospitalizations.

Well-controlled chronic conditions incur fewer costs compared to uncontrolled conditions that often progress.

Enhanced care coordination and data sharing can also help streamline administrative processes and reduce wasted spending.

SAVINGS OPPORTUNITIES FROM A PAYER'S PERSPECTIVE

Early detection and proactively addressing risk factors

Enhanced patient engagement and better management of chronic conditions

Standardization of care and use of Centers of Excellence

Better use of evidencebased decision making, leading to personalized treatment plans

Informed referrals and best site of service, (e.g., walk-in clinics rather than emergency rooms, when appropriate)

Improved care coordination, fewer complications and hospitalizations

Fewer unnecessary or duplicative tests and procedures

More prescribing of generic medications when possible

"Savings don't come from the denial of services; they come from ensuring that our members are receiving the right level of service at the right time and in the right setting," Germano.



CONNECTING PROVIDER AND PAYER VALUES TO VBP

IDENTIFY PAYER VALUES



ARTICULATE ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES



ALIGN VALUES AND ESTABLISH OUTCOME BASED METRICS

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Highlight key pieces of information for payers or potential partners about how provider presents a solution to a need in the community

Define targeted population

Outline benefits of partnering or contracting with the Provider

Understand and research trends and prepare data points on the impacts of your innovations

Know the priority
healthcare areas and
outcomes as well as the
metrics payers and
providers are looking to
support

Emphasize the relationship and reinforce the benefits of your partnership

Focus on performance management, quality outcomes, and potential interoperability

Information about population



Information about what partners care about



Identify and collect operational and clinical data



Embed meaningful measures to partners:

ED visits, IP admission/readmission, access, MBC, screenings, patient satisfaction, patient engagement, SDOH, equity data

Emphasize your innovative pilots and demonstrated improvements



- Identification of high need
- Location & engagement of hard-toreach challenging patients
- Successful ability to connect patients meaningfully

Partnerships



- Formal vs. Informal
- Independent Practice Association (IPA)
- Management Service Association (MSA)
- Administrative Services Organization (ASO)
- Managed Care Organization (MCO)

USE DATA TO UNDERSTAND YOUR TARGET POPULATION FOR VBP

- Use data to define different populations and approaches to each:
 - >> Diagnosis
 - >> Demographics
 - >> Acuity
 - >> Chronicity
 - >> Complexity
 - >> Access to available supports
- >> Consider risk stratifying your "attributed" populations
- >> Develop tiers of care for patients of different needs/risks
- >> Create clinical protocols appropriate for each tier



EVIDENCE READINESS FOR VBP AND PROACTIVE PLANNING FOR VBP

Data review process identified

Monthly data review with payer

Care management ready to address gaps in service

Quality review tools to measure outcomes

Dedicated teams to support VBP

Education

Educate Staff on VBP and progress

Training of staff to address gaps in service

SDOH training

Proactive Outreach

Propose monthly meetings with Payer

Regularly scheduled internal meetings with VBP team

Accountability

Define reports that will be used to demonstrate accountability



VBP MODELS IN THE PROVIDER SPACE

Provider's Key to Success in VBP

Contracting

Be Specific

Identify targeted milestones that will impact overall metrics used in the VBP with specific activities expected, fully developed timelines, and meaningful incentives

Clinical Care

Partner & Coordinate

Understand where
you are in the
integration
spectrum and
expand integration
opportunities to
reduce
fragmentation and
silos

Analytics

Meaningful Metrics

Ensure that the metrics used are relevant and meaningful to the you as the providers as well as the payer. Consider data collection and sharing processes to ensure continuous performance monitoring.

Health Equity

Monitor Disparity

Leverage screening tools to expand SDOH data collection. Use analytics to identify disparities in outcomes and use VBP to incentivize gap closure and movements toward health equity



CONTRACTING FOR VBP WITH PAYERS

When contracting with your payers

- Know your payer's requirement for VBP/VBC
 - Medicaid
 - Medicare
 - Commercial
- Value proposition
 - Work with Payer to solution for setting up VBP/VBC through your value proposition
 - Present the projected ROI and projected changes in required outcomes to the payers
- Contract
 - Make certain that your VBP/VBC requirements, outcomes, risk and payment are clearly defined through contract.
 - Suggest contract language changes that provide a true and realistic trajectory to success

"THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IS TO INVENT IT." ALAN KAY

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Knowledge			6		9	
Comfortability						
Confidence			6		9	

Reflect & Connect:

What do you think your organization may look like 5 -10 years from now if you incorporate and build upon these concepts?



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