



Clinical Services Subcommittee Federal Update



*National Alzheimer's
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on Alzheimer's Research,
Care, and Services*

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Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Model

- In April CMS announced the Assistance Track and Alignment Track participants ("bridge organizations") for the AHC Model
- The model tests if identifying and addressing health-related social needs through referral and community navigation services will impact health care costs, reduce inpatient and outpatient health care utilization, and improve health care quality and delivery
- The foundation of the Model is universal, comprehensive screening for health-related social needs of community-dwelling beneficiaries accessing health care at participating clinical delivery sites
- The Assistance Track will provide person-centered community service navigation services to assist high-risk beneficiaries with accessing needed services.
- The Alignment Track will also provide community service navigation services, and encourage community partner alignment to ensure that needed services are available and responsive
- Bridge organizations will start in the model in Spring, 2017 and end in 2022

Information at: <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm/>
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National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes

- CMS is continuing the focused dementia care surveys to mount an intensive, targeted effort to cite poor dementia care and the overutilization of antipsychotic medications, and broaden the opportunities for quality improvement among providers
- In March CMS held a Medicare Learning Network Call for Providers on “Creating a Culture of Person-Directed Dementia Care:” <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/NPC/National-Provider-Calls-and-Events-Items/2017-03-21-Dementia-Care.html?DLPage=1&DLEntries=10&DLFilter=dementia&DLSort=0&DLSortDir=descending>
- Goal development to reduce the use of anti-psychotic medication in long-stay nursing home residents for 2017 is underway
- The audio recording and transcript are at: <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Outreach/NPC/National-Provider-Calls-and-Events.html>

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Geriatric Competent Care Series

- The Medicare Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) in held two new webinars for its Geriatric-Competent Care series in February and March
- The Integrated Care Resource Center helps health professionals in all settings and disciplines expand their knowledge and skills in the unique aspects of caring for older adults with Alzheimer’s disease and in working with their caregivers
- The first two Webinars were on 1) Applying Promising Practices To Advance Care Of Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees With Dementia, and 2) Beyond Alzheimer’s Disease – Other Causes Of Progressive Dementia In The Older Adult
- A third Webinar on Parkinson’s Disease diagnosis is upcoming:
https://www.resourcesforintegratedcare.com/GeriatricCompetentCare/2017_GCC_Webinar_Series/Series_Over_view

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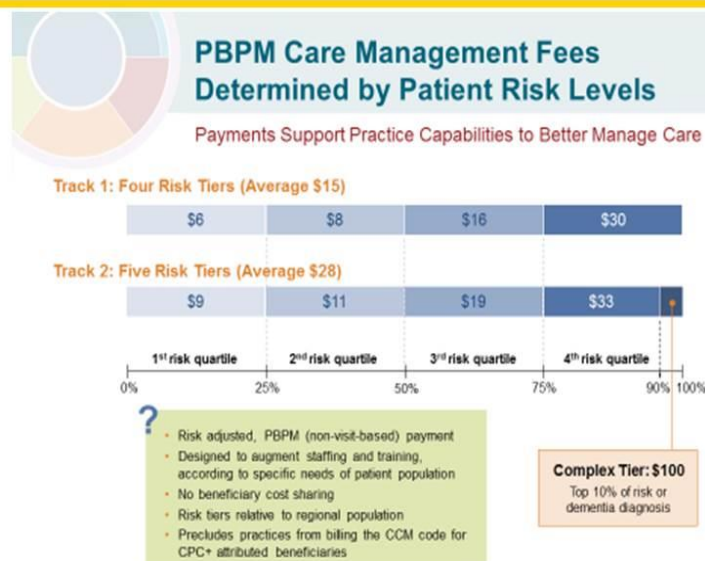
Comprehensive Primary Care Plus Update

- CPC+ is a national advanced primary care medical home model through CMS's Innovation Center that aims to strengthen primary care through regionally-based multi-payer payment reform and care delivery transformation
- Starting in January 2017, CPC+ supports 2,891 primary care practices of 13,090 clinicians serving more than 1.76 million Medicare beneficiaries in fourteen diverse regions
- CPC+ has three payment elements: a care management fee, a performance-based incentive payment, and payment under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule
- CPC+ just closed a solicitation of for Round 2, which begins in January 2018

Information at: <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/comprehensive-primary-care-plus>
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CPC+ Payment for Dementia



Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative Issue Briefs

- In March CMS announced three issue briefs on the evaluation of the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative
- The Financial Alignment Initiative is designed to provide Medicare-Medicaid enrollees with a better care experience and to better align the financial incentives of the Medicare and Medicaid programs

The briefs are on:

- *Care coordination*: <https://innovation.cms.gov/Files/reports/fai-carecoordination-issuebrief.pdf>
- *Beneficiary experience*: <https://innovation.cms.gov/Files/reports/fai-focusgroup-issuebrief.pdf>
- *Special populations*: <https://innovation.cms.gov/Files/reports/fai-specialpop-issuebrief.pdf>

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Connected Care Initiative

- In March CMS and HRSA introduced *Connected Care* to raise awareness of the benefits of chronic care management services for Medicare beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions and provide support to implement CCM
- *Connected Care* is a nationwide effort in fee for service Medicare that includes a focus on racial and ethnic minorities as well as rural populations, which have higher rates of chronic disease
- Some new resources include a toolkit for providers, a partner toolkit with resources/activities, and beneficiary education, including a poster/postcard

Information at: <https://www.cms.gov/Newsroom/MediaReleaseDatabase/Press-releases/2017-Press-releases-items/2017-03-15.html>

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QUESTIONS?

April 27, 2018 -- Advisory Council Meeting #28

The meeting was held on Monday, April 17, 2017, in Washington, DC. The Advisory Council spent the majority of the April meeting considering recommendations made by each of the three subcommittees for updates to the 2017 National Plan. Afternoon presentations included a presentation on results from a research project on dementia care components, planning progress towards a Care and Services Summit, and federal workgroup updates. Material available from this meeting is listed below and is also available at <https://aspe.hhs.gov/advisory-council-alzheimers-research-care-and-services-meetings#Apr2017>.

Comments and questions, or alerts to broken links, should be sent to napa@hhs.gov.

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