

WHEN A HOME IS NOT A HOUSE: HEALTH HOME

Medicaid funding for Care
Coordination

What you should know



FQHC

Medical Home

Health Home

Health Home – What it is and what it's not



- Based on a care-coordination model;
- Purpose is to improve patient quality outcomes, reduce inpatient and ER and long term care costs;
- Model includes medical, behavioral and other care needed to help patient achieve improved health outcomes.

Home Health – what it is and what it's not



- ❑ Beneficiary criteria: Two chronic conditions or one chronic and at risk for another or one serious and persistent mental health condition;
- ❑ Payment : tiered system based on severity of need.

Where does housing fit in?

- ❑ Housing placement or linking patients to housing is not included in model despite the fact that housing is now recognized as a critical intervention in improving health outcomes;
- ❑ So far, little if any coordination between CMS and HUD, which is
- ❑ Significant missed opportunity to collaborate in one of the key new initiatives from AHA to reduce Medicaid for F/Us and improve health outcomes.



Differenced between Health Home and COBRA



HEALTH HOME TCM

Bill in time increments

COBRA provider paid directly

COBRA provider can project cash flow

COBRA provider can appeal billing denial

Lead agency designated

Lead subcontracts with others

Lead pays subs a capitated rate based on tier rates

Lead assumes risk of outcomes or shares risk with subs

Client vs. Patient Designation



COBRA

- ▣ Clients recruited via community outreach

Health Home

- ▣ Patients auto assigned by state; patients who are HIV- may be assigned to a healthcare entity that focuses on HIV+ individuals

Some Issues to consider



- ▣ Cash flow and budget implications
- ▣ Mission impact
- ▣ Type of staffing needed
- ▣ HIT
- ▣ How auto assignment may affect case loads
- ▣ Health training for staff who have up to now concentrated on HIV

How does housing fit in

Will health home replace Ryan White funded case management?



New York case study

- ▣ August 2011: NYS DOH announced elimination of COBRA on 11/1/11;
- ▣ COBRA providers directed to submit LOI to state by October;
- ▣ State intended to implement 11/1/11;
- ▣ Multiple conference calls – deadlines changed;
- ▣ Lots of provider activity!!!
- ▣ Applications submitted 11/1/11.

Open questions in NYS

- ▣ What type of entity will be designated Health Home lead agency?
- ▣ What are rates?
- ▣ How will health outcomes be determined for HIV and chronic conditions?
- ▣ Will the outcomes be determined by level of Medicaid claims?
- ▣ What about homeless patients?
- ▣ How or will Health Home work with housing providers?