IMPACT OF NEW HEALTH LAW ON SENIORS

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OBJECTIVES

- Identify the changes in the ACA Health Law which directly impacts senior citizens
- Identify specific changes in ACA related to Medicare and Medicare Advantage
- Identify educational and service resources available to professionals and individuals relative to the ACA and seniors

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

March 2010



Accessibility

Accountability

Quality

Ensure Medicare Solvency

POLITICAL CHALLENGES – SOME WANT TO REPEAL THE LAW



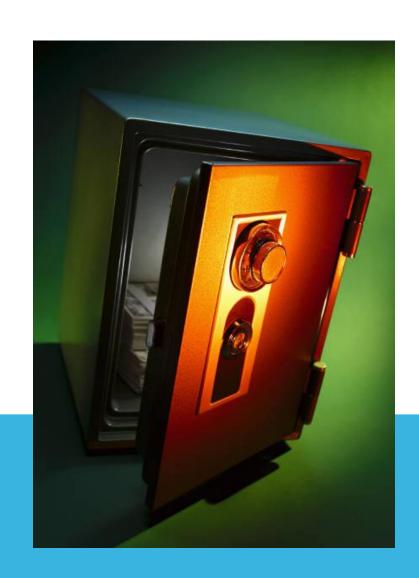
IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY

Expanding Eligibility

Funding

Providers

CMI



IMPROVING ACCOUNTABILITY

- Fraud Identification
- Facility Disclosure
- Regulate Insurers
- Outcome Driven





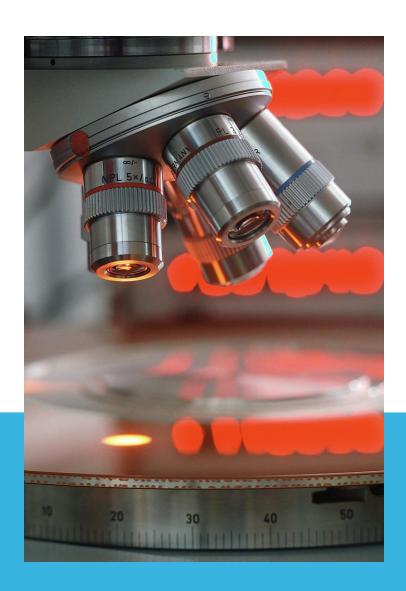
IMPROVING QUALITY

Promoting Partnerships

Prevention & Education

Management of Chronicity

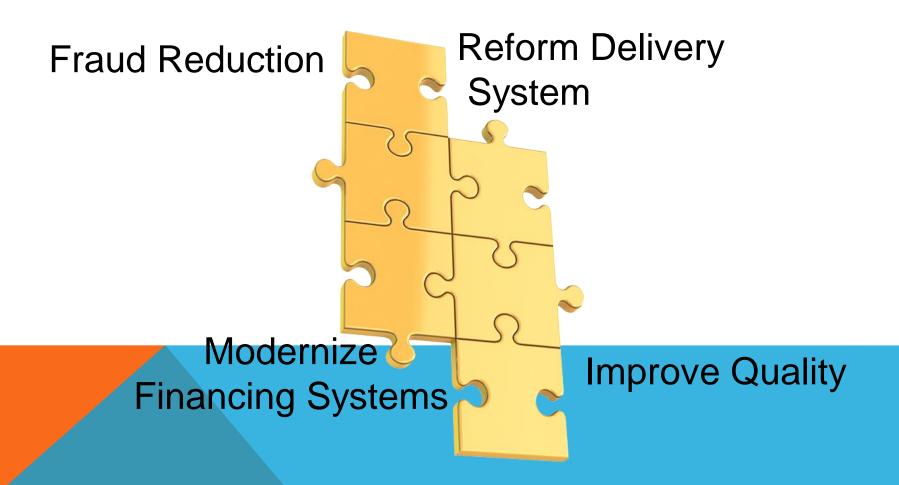
Care Coordination



ACA & HEALTH INSURANCE PRACTICES

- Insurance companies can no longer drop you if you become ill
- Lifetime caps are banned
- Annual limits on coverage no longer legal
- Free preventative care (effective 9/10)
- Extends coverage for young adults until age 26
- Eliminates denials due to pre-existing conditions (9/11 for children & in 2014 for all)

MEDICARE SOLVENCY



DIRECT EFFECT PROGRAMS

DOMUIT HOTE

POLDER FOULON

POLDER ANDRE-OUEST POLDER ANDRE-ES

Screenings

Medication Therapy Management

DONUT HOLE - PATCHED



PREVENTATIVE CARE BENEFITS

Yearly Wellness Visit

Preventative screenings for diabetes and certain cancers (mammograms, colonoscopies, etc.)



ACA AND NURSING HOME CARE

More protections from abuse

- Information regarding nursing homes, # of complaints and violations, etc. available
- Each state must have a comprehensive nursing home website with information
- Additional information with links to state nursing home websites will be available on the CMS website
- Easier to file complaints and get resolution to complaints

MEDICATION THERAPY MANAGEMENT

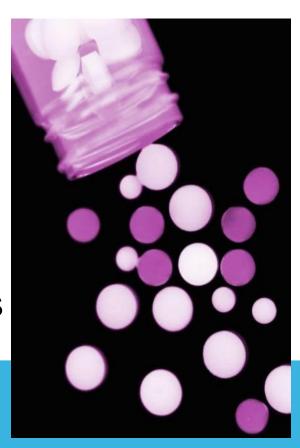
Required – Plan D Providers

At Risk Individuals

Annual Review

Identify Potential Adverse Reactions

Must Provide a "Take Away"

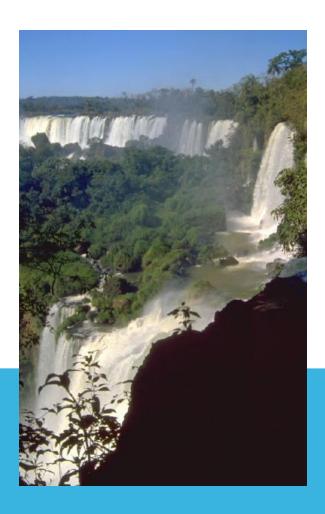


UNDERSTANDING THE PROGRAMS

Program Overview

Program Eligibility

Timelines for when they go into effect varies



CENTER FOR MEDICARE INNOVATION (CMI)

- Stimulate Creativity
- Improve Quality
- Streamline Innovation
- Control Costs
- Continuity of Care
- Demonstration Projects
- Pilot Programs



MEDICAL HOME

- Personal Physician
- Use Health Assessments
- Integrated Care Plan
- Reviews Medications
- Care Coordination with monthly fee



HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

Expanded Eligibility Income

Needs-Based Criteria

Statewide Eligibility

5 Year Renewal Periods



INDEPENDENCE AT HOME

- Practitioners direct care
- Primary Care Teams
- Tailored to Chronic Conditions
- Target Spending Levels
- Reduce Hospital Stays & Readmissions



COMMUNITY-BASED TRANSITIONS

- From hospital to home
- Community-Based Organizations
- High Admission Rates
- High Risk Beneficiaries
- Medically Underserved Populations



CARE TRANSITIONS

5-30% Readmitted

Can Be Telephonic/Care
Coordination involved

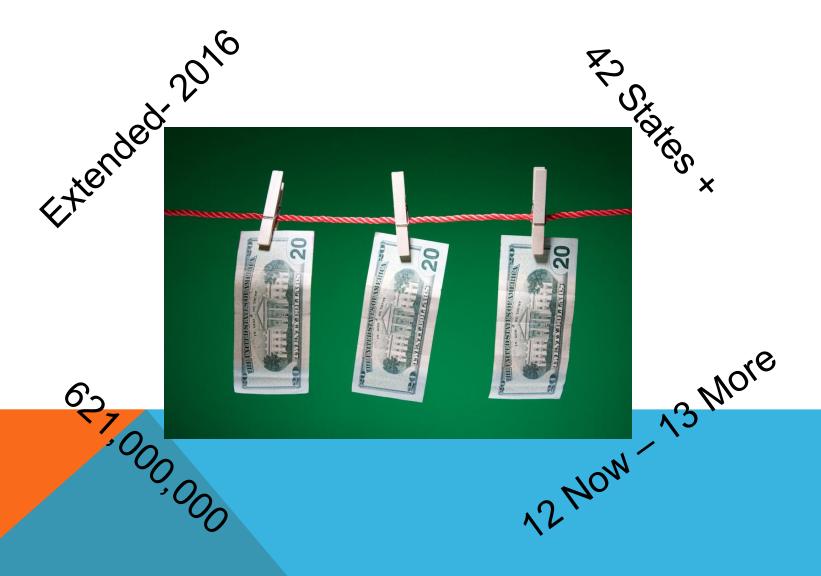
Reconciliation & Understanding



2010 STATE AWARDS



MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON



COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE (CFC)

- Transitioning from Institutional Care
- Person-Centered Plans
- Began October 2010
- 3.7 Billion for Next 3 Years
- Federal Matching + 6%



COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE (CFC)

- Implementation Councils
- Assisted Living an Option
- Pays For Transition
- Pays for ADL's (activities of daily living)



MICHIGAN CHOICE WAIVER PROGRAM

Eligible adults who meet income & asset criteria can receive Medicaid-covered services like those provided by nursing homes but can stay in their own homes. Examples of services: homemaker, respite, adult day care, transportation, chore services, counseling, personal emergency response system, personal care supervision

REGION 8

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HHS, Health Options

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 - •616.956.9440 or 800.447.3007

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE OVERHAUL

1,600 Choices

10 Million Enrolled

13% More =14,000,000,000

Extra Benefits

\$1,138 per Member



MEDICARE ADVANTAGE OVERHAUL

2011 Payments Frozen

2012 Cuts 12% Annually

Cuts Avoided with Excellence



MEDICARE ADVANTAGE OVERHAUL

Obtaining Excellent Status

Receive Bonus

Quality Initiatives

Care Coordination



MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

- Cannot charge more than regular Medicare for certain services such as chemo, kidney dialysis and skilled nursing care
- Starting in 2014, must limit how much is spent on administrative costs
- Starting in 2012, Medicare will begin to lower subsidies so that Advantage is more in line with regular Medicare (could result in a drop in extra services such as gym memberships, eyeglasses, etc.)

AVAILABLE RESOURCES/REFERENCES

AARP (www.aarp.org/health/health-care-reform)

Healthcare.gov

www.Michuhcan.org

MI Department of Community Health (http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/)

The Bottom Line: How the Affordable Care Act Helps Michigan Families (www.familiesusa.org)