# Manatt on Medicaid 10 Trends to Watch in 2016

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#### Medicaid's Growing Influence in Health Care

#### Medicaid is the single largest source of coverage nationwide, and growing...



- ✓ Covers 70 million people annually, 22% of total U.S. population
- ✓ With the ACA, enrollment grew by 13.8% nationally in FY 2015.
  - Expansion state enrollment grew by 18% on average
  - Non expansion state enrollment grew by 5% on average



Medicaid
Expansion Gains
Traction

Evolution
and Innovation
in Managed
Care

Data Takes Center Stage

Improving and Integrating Behavioral Health

Tackling Social Determinants of Health

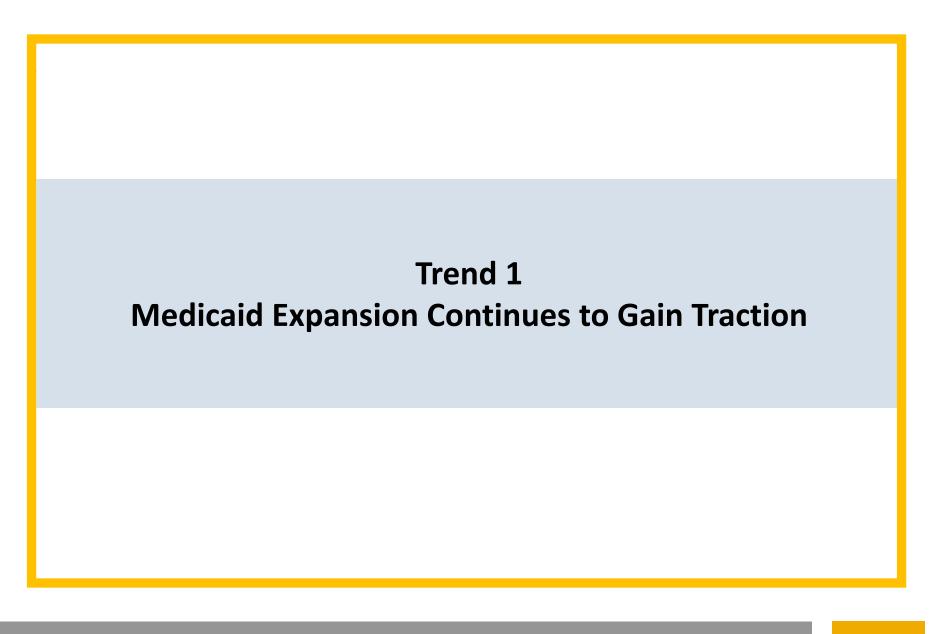
Integrating and Supporting Long-Term Care

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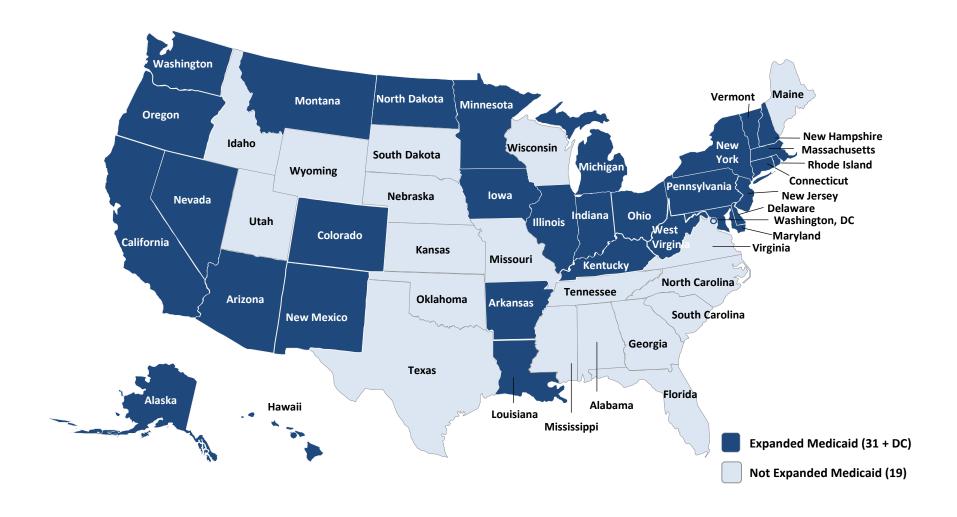
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Changes to Supplemental Payments Prescription
Drug Access and
Affordability

State Innovation Waivers



#### 31 States and D.C. Have Expanded Medicaid

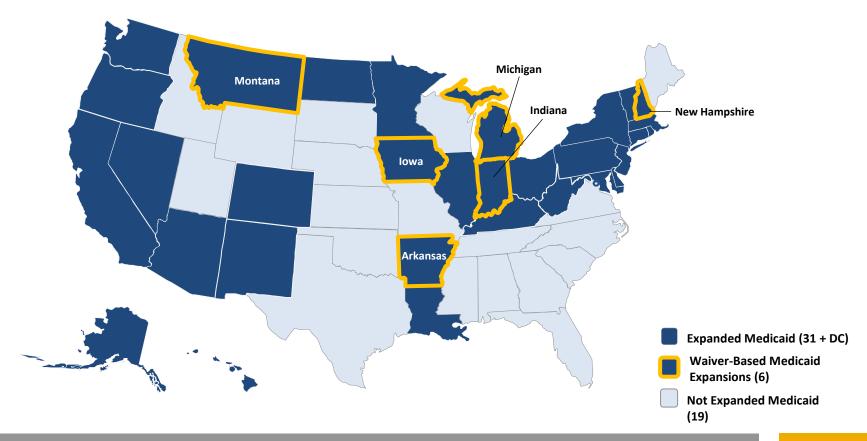


#### 6 States Are Using 1115 Waivers to Expand Medicaid

#### **States with Alternative Expansions Frequently Use**

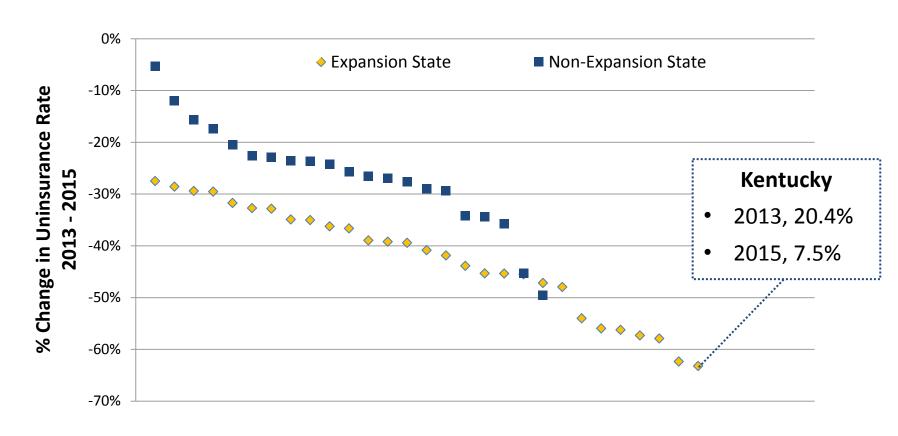
- Premium assistance
- Premiums

- Healthy behavior incentives
   Elimination of NEMT
- Co-payments



#### **Expansion Brings Historic Gains in Coverage**

#### Seven expansion states cut their uninsurance rates by > 50% from 2013 to 2015



"Expansion States" includes 29 US States whose expansion was in effect by the end of 2015. Louisiana and Montana are not included.



#### **Early Results from Expansion States**

Medicaid expansion improves access to care and health outcomes with positive effects on states' budgets.



#### **Economics**



#### **Access**

#### Projected net positive impact on state budgets

- Arkansas \$637 million in savings, 2017 2021
- Kentucky \$820 million in savings, 2014-2021
- New Mexico \$300 million surplus for State General Fund, 2014 - 2021

#### Drop in hospital uncompensated care

- Hospital uncompensated care costs were an estimated \$7.4 billion (21%) less in 2014 than they would have been without ACA expansions.
- Ascension hospitals in expansion states saw 40% decrease in uncompensated care in 2014, compared to 6% decrease in non-expansion states

#### Improved access and clinical outcomes

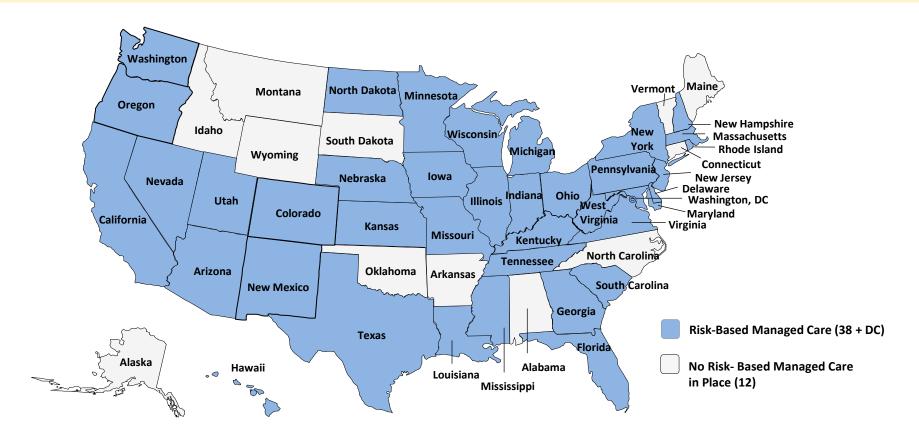
- Increased use of preventive care and care for chronic conditions
- Decreased use of the emergency department
- Increased medication adherence
- Increased access to breast cancer screenings
- Reduced mortality



# Trend 2 **Continued Evolution and Innovation** for Medicaid Managed Care

#### Managed Care is the Dominant Medicaid Delivery System

38 states and DC contract with comprehensive managed care organizations; 90% of all U.S. Medicaid beneficiaries live in these states.





## States are increasingly using managed care as a vehicle to cover comprehensive benefits for complex populations



# **Complex Populations Drive Majority of Costs**

- 83% of Medicaid's costliest beneficiaries have at least three chronic conditions
  - Severe mental illness
  - Dual-eligibles
  - HIV/AIDS
  - Developmentally disabled



#### **State Goals**

- Addressing physical health, behavioral health, and long-term care silos
- Improving quality and consumer experience mechanisms and oversight capacity
- Transitioning to population health focusing on the person, not their diagnosis
- Bending the cost curve



CMS rule align Medicaid managed care with Medicare and Marketplace requirements and promote payment and delivery system reforms in Medicaid's largest and growing delivery models.

Changes to key features of Medicaid managed care programs include:



**Network Adequacy** 



**Rate Setting** 



Value-Based Payment



Medical Loss Ratio
Standards



**Consumer Transparency** 





Setting provider valuebased payment standards and targets



Requiring participation in provider-led reforms
(Health Homes, ACOs, PCMHs)



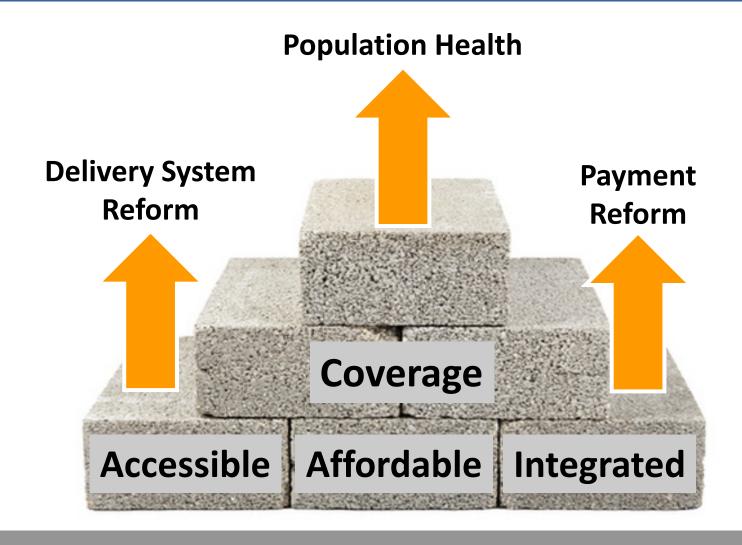
Increasing care integration, care management responsibilities



Focus on population health management and consumer engagement

# **Trend 3 Data Takes Center Stage in Delivery System Reform**

# **Expanded Coverage is Accelerating Healthcare Transformation**



# **Analytics is Foundational to Population Health Management**

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- Business Planning
- Contracting
- State reporting
- Beneficiary member services
- Compliance
- Antitrust evaluation
- Privacy and security protocols

#### Provider Network Management

- Network identification
- Network management
- Provider contracting
- Referral protocol development
- Credentialing
- Management of noncompliant physicians
- Provider services

### Financial Management and Payment

- Reimbursement and distribution structures
- Payment metrics definition
- Funds flow strategy and structure
- Risk assumption and management
- · Financial analysis and modeling
- Managed care contracting
- Capital reserves
- Partner claim processing

### Clinical and Care Management

- Clinical protocol and standards development, dissemination and oversight
- Care management and coordination capabilities
- Ability to link to social determinants of health
- Identification of quality targets

#### **Analytics and Informatics**

- Metrics development and implementation
- Population analytics

- · Utilization monitoring
- High-risk beneficiary identification

- Risk stratification
- Enrollment and claims data analytics

State Innovation Models (SIM)

17 Testing Grants

37 Design Grants

\$960 million

CMMI Innovation Grants

107 Grants – Round 1

39 Grants – Round 2

\$1.2 billion

DSRIP
Demonstration
Waivers

8 State DSRIPs

Range from \$600 million - \$11 billion over 5 years

Section 1332 Waivers

Potential new opportunity to integrate Marketplace reforms.

#### **Case Study: New York**



New York's Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program aims to pay 80-90% of managed care payments to Medicaid providers through value-based methods by 2020.

#### Data is crucial to New York's reform efforts



#### **NY Medicaid Analytics Performance Portal**

- New statewide resource to support VBP (supports Health Homes and DSRIP)
- Provides dashboard, data warehouse, data management, and analytics for utilization data, claims data, quality and performance metrics



#### **Data Sharing and Tracking**

- Providers responsible for improving outcomes and meeting quality milestones
- Quarterly provider reports required
- Data exchange and analytics supported by regional health insurance exchanges



#### **Challenges and Opportunities Ahead**

- Health information exchange infrastructure immature
- **Funding for transformation capacity limited**
- Privacy and security policies evolving
- Methodological innovation emerging
- Increased demand and limited capacity for data analytics professionals

Expect increasing investment among Medicaid stakeholders at every level in data analytics and the exchange of health information, as states seek to ratchet down per capita spending, payers feel increasing pressure to incentivize provider accountability, and providers seek to move further up the payment food chain.

# **Trend 4 New Opportunities for Improving** and Integrating Behavioral Health

#### Behavioral Health Care High on States' Agendas

### Adults living with serious mental illness (SMI) die on average 25 years earlier than other Americans.

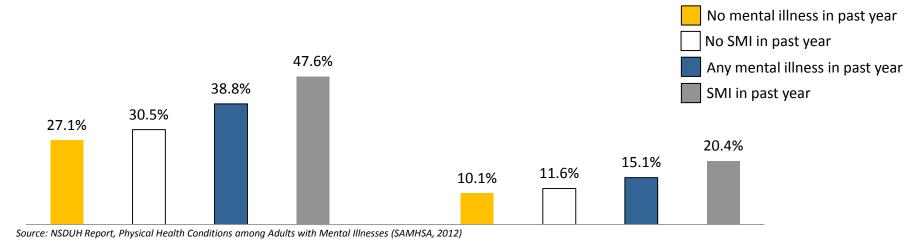


20% of Medicaid beneficiaries have behavioral health diagnoses but account for nearly half of total Medicaid expenditures.



Average Medicaid spending for beneficiaries with schizophrenia is three times that of those without.

#### Mental Illness Leads to Greater Likelihood of ER Use and Hospitalization

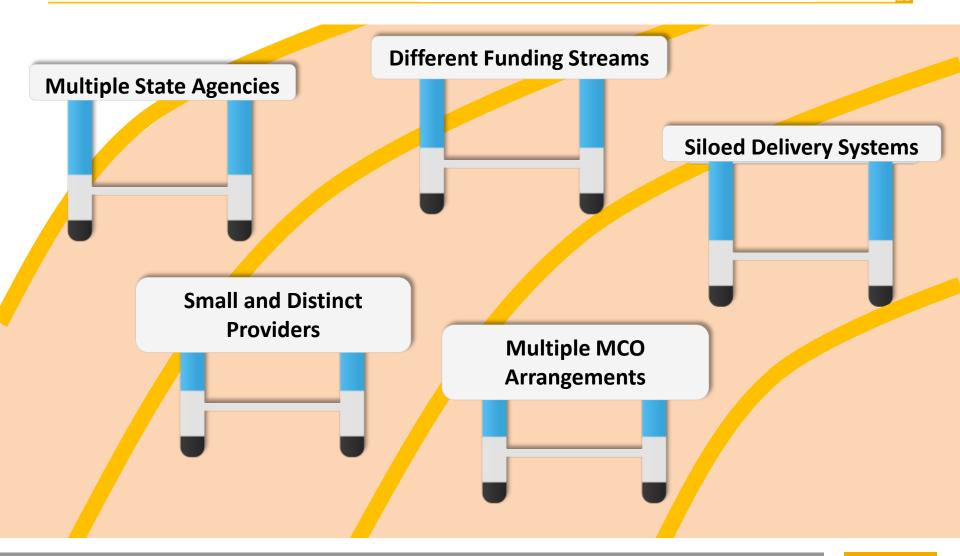


% of Adults with ED Visit In Prior Year

% of Adults with Hospitalization in Prior Year



#### **Historical Hurdles to Integration**



#### **Building a Seamless Care Experience**

#### Core attributes of integrated behavioral health care models

#### Whole-person accountability Elimination **Aligned financial** of silos incentives Compatible licensing, Information credentialing, and sharing billing Clinical and **Linkages with** operational social services protocols



#### **Considerations in Addressing Behavioral Health**

# Federal law can impede or facilitate integration of physical and behavioral health care.



#### **Opportunities**



#### **Challenges**

#### Section 1115 Waivers covering Substance Use Disorder Treatment

 Allow waiver of Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) exclusion in the context of broad reform, "guarantee(ing) a full continuum of evidence-based best practices" to meet individuals' needs

#### **New Medicaid Managed Care Rules**

 Allows MCOs to cover individuals in IMD if no more than 15 day stay

# Regulations on Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records (42 C.F.R. Part 2)

- Limits information sharing of alcohol or drug abuse treatment information
- Requires detailed patient consent forms listing providers
- SAMHSA proposed changes, but significant consent barriers remain







#### **Social Factors Drive Health Outcomes**

# Up to 40% of health outcomes are driven by nonmedical factors such as income, education, and occupation.



Food-insecure are 20% more likely to report hypertension



Those who lost a job 83% more likely to develop stress condition such as heart disease or stroke



#### **Especially Critical for Medicaid Populations**

Medicaid enrollees are much more likely to report challenges meeting basic needs, such as the ability to afford food, clothing, shelter and medical bills.



#### **Addressing Social Determinants: Interventions and Benefits**

#### **Interventions**

#### **Direct and Indirect Benefits**



**Housing assistance** 



Food and nutrition aid



**Employment supports** 



**Economic supports** 



**Care coordination** 

Savings on health care costs

Increased provider and patient satisfaction

Strengthened community health

Enhanced employee productivity

#### **Targeting Social Determinants in Medicaid**



#### **State Plan Amendments**

- Targeted case management
- Health homes
- Broaden preventive, rehabilitative, habilitative services



#### **Waivers**

- Home & community based waivers
- DSRIP waivers



# Capitated Payment Arrangements (e.g. MCOs)

- In lieu of services
- Value-added services



#### **Value-Based Payment**

- Shared savings (upside and downside risk)
- Episodic payments
- Global payments



#### Increased Focus on Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)



#### **Demand**



#### **Cost Growth**



#### Workforce

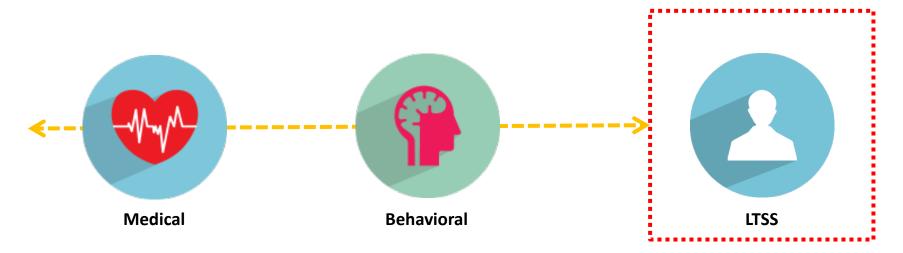
- By 2050, 20% of the U.S. population will be 65+ and 4% will be 85+
- Over 27 million people will need long-term care by 2050
- LTSS account for over one-third of total Medicaid spending (\$140 billion in 2012)
- National LTSS spending, as a share of GDP, is projected to more than double by 2050
- 1 million+ new LTSS workers needed to meet demand over next decade
- Informal caregivers account for over \$500 billion annually





#### **Extending the Trend of Integration**

# Integration is increasingly focused on behavioral health but typically stops short of including LTSS.



## Care continuum improvements between physical health, behavioral health, and LTSS might include:

- Care management protocols
- Strong provider relationships
- Links to social supports

- Improved technology
- Aligned financial incentives
- Connection with behavioral health

#### **Considerations for LTSS Moving Forward**



# Shifting from Institution to Community



## New CMS regulations address LTSS

- Rebalancing to home and communitybased services (HCBS) remains priority
- 51% of national Medicaid LTSS dollars are in HCBS, up from 18% in 1997
- New managed care regulations codify best practices
- Qualifying requirements for communitybased services



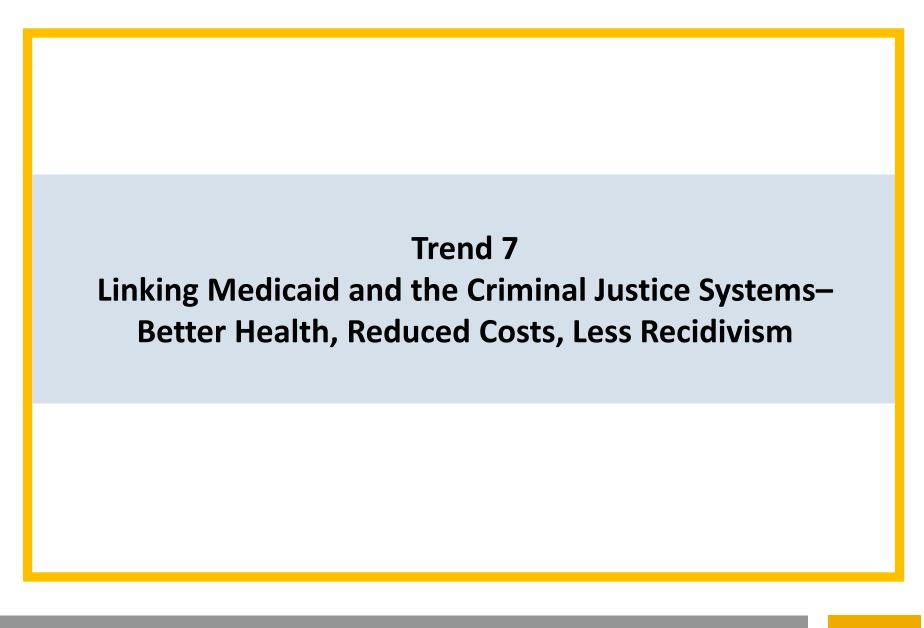
#### Federal Wage and Hour Rules Impact Home Health Workers



# State and local legislation impacts caretakers

- Department of Labor rule extends minimum wage and overtime protections to home care workers; was recently upheld
- Minimum wage requirements
- Paid family leave requirements





#### Medicaid and Justice-Involved Populations



#### **Key Population**



#### **Increased Need**



#### **Effective Outcomes**

- 1 in 35 US adults are under correctional supervision
- 1 in 110 US adults are incarcerated in prison or jail
- Two thirds of incarcerated individuals meet medical criteria for an alcohol or drug use disorder
- More than half of incarcerated individuals have a mental health problem
- SUD treatment in and after corrections reduces recidivism and relapse



# **Expansion Opportunities Despite the Medicaid Inmate Exclusion**

Federal law prohibits Medicaid from paying for medical services provided in prison. However, Medicaid covers inmates when hospitalized in the community.



## Medicaid expansion creates new savings opportunity for corrections systems

- With expansion, most inmates will be Medicaid eligible
- While individuals are incarcerated, states will see savings from Medicaid-covered inmate inpatient hospitalization
- Inmates are eligible for full Medicaid coverage upon release

## **Opportunities to Link to Medicaid Upon Release**

#### States are using Medicaid to coordinate inmate transitions



- ✓ Assist with Medicaid applications or reactivation
- ✓ Require parole and probation officers to follow up on Medicaid eligibility and enrollment
- ✓ Connect beneficiaries with community and social services via Health Homes
- Maintain continuity of care through Medicaid Managed
   Care systems

# **Trend 8 More Change Coming** to Supplemental Payments

#### Two types of supplemental payments



# Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments

- Payments to hospitals serving low-income populations, for uncompensated care
- Minimum payments to certain hospitals required by federal law
- Slated to be reduced under ACA



### **Upper Payment Limit (UPL) funds**

- Additional payments to providers comprising the difference between Medicaid FFS payments and the Medicare "upper payment limit"
- Permissible in fee-for-service, but not required by federal law



# Supplemental payments made up 10% of total Medicaid spending in FFY 2014

• In some states, over half of all Medicaid payments to hospitals are through some form of a supplemental payment.



#### **Purposes**

- Support to safety net hospitals
- Addresses shortfalls in Medicaid payments

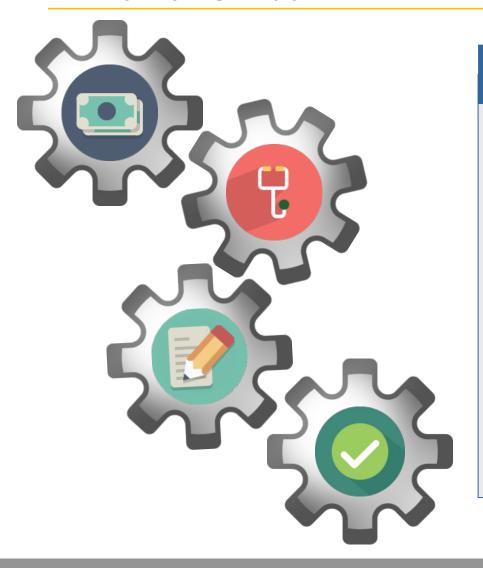


New CMS regulations prohibit supplemental payments that are "passed through" managed care plans.

#### Concerns

- Lack of transparency and accountability
- Generally not tied to valuebased purchasing strategies
- Payment often driven by source of nonfederal share
- Calculation is based on a shrinking FFS base

## **Redeploying Supplemental Payments**



#### **Strategies and Considerations**

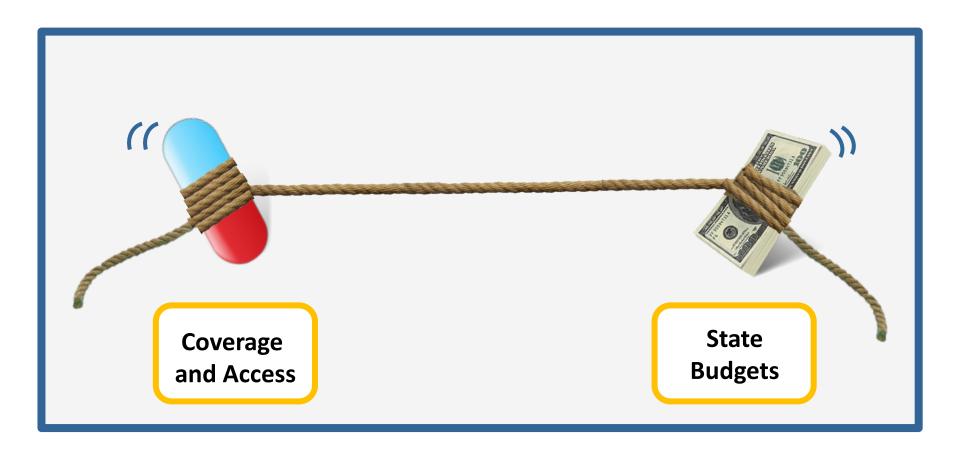
- To promote VBP strategies, payments can be folded into FFS or MCO rates
  - Can target safety net institutions
- Tie payments to quality metrics/outcomes
- Phase-in/transition permitted by new managed care regulations
- Changes in how nonfederal share is raised or used might be needed

# **Trend 9 Access and Affordability Tensions Continue for Prescription Drugs**



Section 1927 of the Social Security Act requires state Medicaid agencies to include on their formularies, or through prior authorization, drugs for which the manufacturer provides a rebate.

- ✓ States may apply "clinically appropriate" and "medical necessity" criteria.
- ✓ Section 1927 applies to drugs covered under state Medicaid managed care contracts; drugs not covered by the contract must be available through Medicaid fee-for-service







## **1332 Waivers Provide New Opportunities for States**

States may request waivers of certain ACA requirements related to Marketplace coverage, subsidies, and insurance mandates starting in 2017; Section 1332 is *not* a vehicle to waive Medicaid requirements.

Statute anticipates coordination between 1332 waivers and other waiver authorities in Medicaid and Medicare.



**Align Policies Across Coverage Continuum** 

**Eligibility Rules** 

**Benefits** 

**Plan Design** 



Smooth Affordability Cliffs Between Programs

**Subsidy Scale** 

**Subsidy Eligibility** 

**Cost Sharing** 

# HHS and Treasury joint guidance issued in December, 2015 provides conditions for waiver approval.



## Strict Interpretation of Guardrails

- Minimum Essential Coverage
- Affordability
- Benefit Comprehensiveness
- Budget Neutral not counting savings from other programs
- Federal Pass-Through Funding



#### Operational Limitations

- CMS unable to customize Healthcare.gov
- IRS cannot support state-bystate modifications to tax administration

## State 1332 initiatives address a variety of goals.

- **Several States Seeking to Preserve Pre-ACA Programs**
- Employer mandates
- Elements of individual and small group markets
- Direct health enrollment for small employers

Hawai'i, Massachusetts, Vermont

# Some States Using Rest of 2016 to Plan for Broader Waivers

- Convene stakeholders to identify opportunities to improve health coverage and financing
- Analyze affordability and access challenges and options
- Prepare for next Administration

California, Minnesota

Opportunity for Medicaid alignment



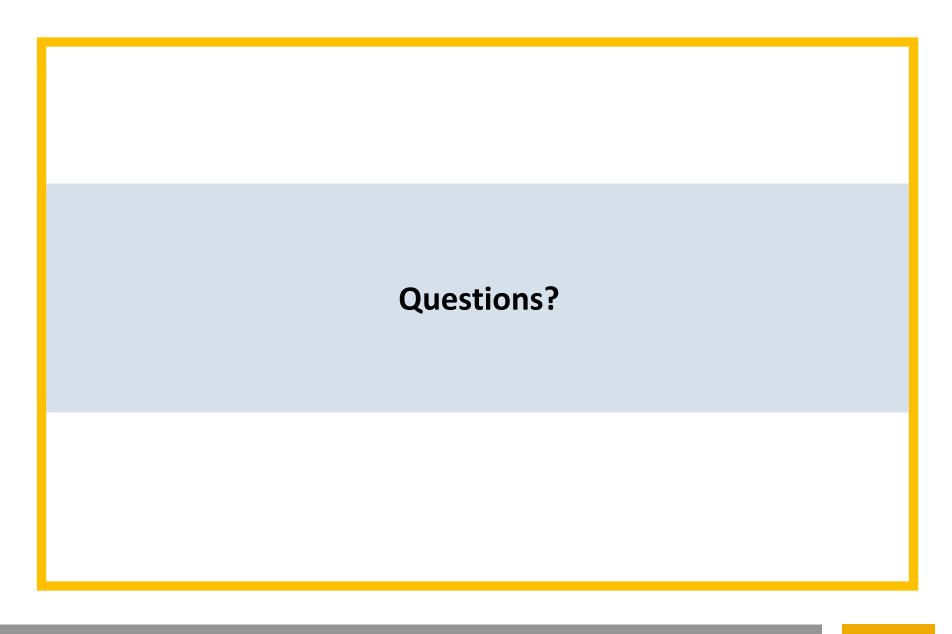












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