

Accountable Care Organizations

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Monarch HealthCare Facts and Figures

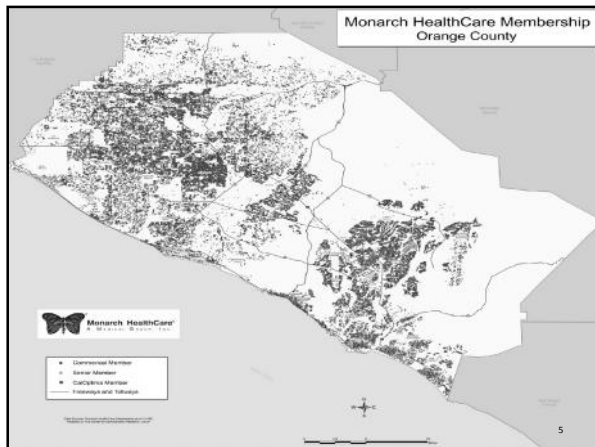
- ☐ Largest Independent Practice ACO in Orange County and only one with a county-wide presence
- ☐ Contracts with all major health plans in California
- ☐ Contracts with PCP's and Specialists: >2,200
- ☐ 200,000 Patients
 - › 118,000 Commercial HMO Members
 - › 30,000 ACO Anthem PPO Members
 - › 30,000 Senior HMO Members
 - › 22,000 MediCal Members
- ☐ Multiple hospital relationships

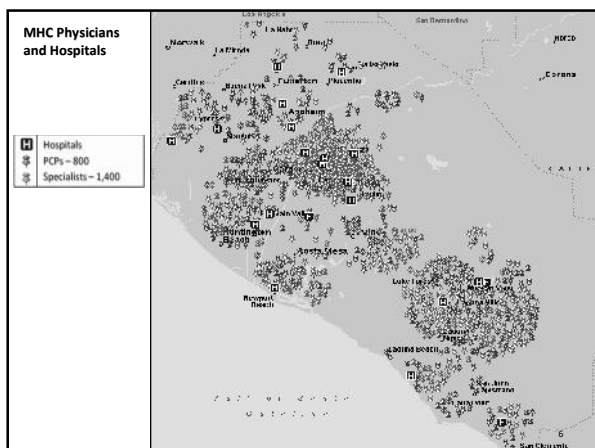
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Provider Network

- Over 800 primary care physicians
 - Family Medicine
 - Internal Medicine
 - Pediatrics
- Over 1,400 community based specialists
- 40 employed physicians
- All PCPs are capitated, receiving a monthly payment for each Monarch HMO member under their care
- 35 specialties with aligned incentives in a capitated risk sharing model

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Today's Discussion

- How did we get here and why the status quo is not acceptable?
- One possible solution: The Accountable Care Organization (ACO)
- What is an ACO?
- What this means for you?
- Where do we go from here?

Health Care Today



Hospital Charges (This is real!!!)

Code	Description	Unit Cost	Units	Total Charges
0014	DOV SEMI PRIVATE	\$ 2,452.00	2	\$ 4,904.00
0250	PHARMACY	\$ 11.04	23	\$ 254.00
0270	MED-SURG SUPPLIES NON STERILE	\$ 48.33	9	\$ 435.00
0272	MED-SURG SUPPLIES STERILE	\$ 60.15	26	\$ 1,564.00
0300	LABORATORY (LAB)	\$ 33.50	2	\$ 67.00
0301	LAB/CHEMISTRY	\$ 228.30	12	\$ 2,740.00
0305	LAB/HEMATOLOGY	\$ 173.00	3	\$ 519.00
0320	RADIOLOGY	\$ 662.33	3	\$ 1,987.00
0410	RESPIRATORY THERAPY	\$ 107.00	4	\$ 428.00
0424	PHYSICAL THERAPY EVALUATION	\$ 319.00	1	\$ 319.00
0450	EMERGENCY ROOM	\$ 825.50	2	\$ 1,651.00
0460	PULMONARY FUNC	\$ 154.00	1	\$ 154.00
0482	STRESS TEST	\$ 1,403.00	1	\$ 1,403.00
0600	MRI	\$ 3,105.00	2	\$ 6,210.00
0606	DRUGS/DETAIL CODE	\$ 70.50	2	\$ 141.00
0730	ENG/CCG	\$ 305.33	3	\$ 916.00
0771	VACCINE ADMIN	\$ 166.00	1	\$ 166.00
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Health Care Spending as a Share of GDP



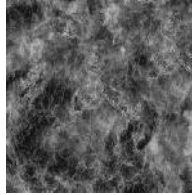
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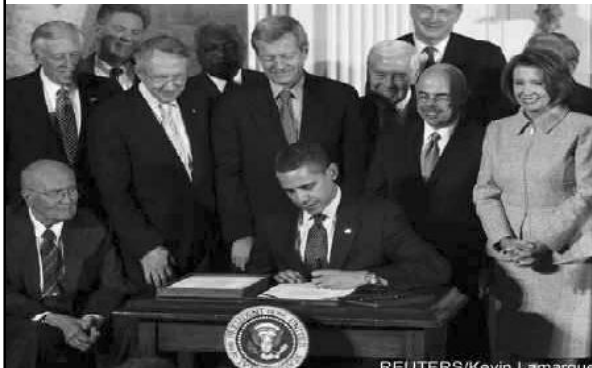
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	2.34–4.66
	4.67–7.00

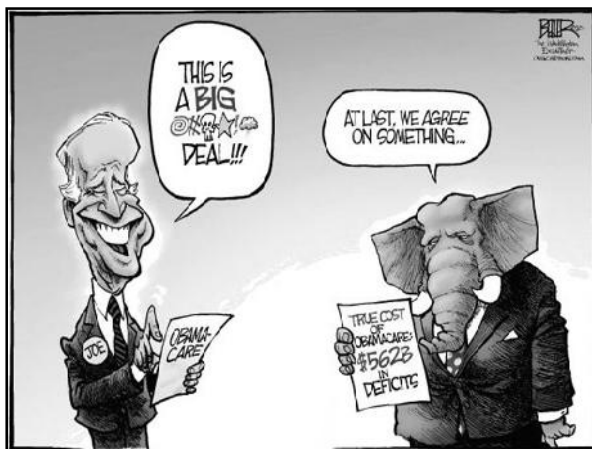
Note: * Estimate. Expenditures shown in \$US PPP (purchasing power parity).
Source: Calculated by The Commonwealth Fund based on 2007 International Health Policy Survey; 2008 International Health Policy Survey of Sicker Adults; 2009 International Health Policy Survey of Primary Care Physicians; Commonwealth Fund Commission on a High Performance Health System National Scorecard; and Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, *OECD Health Data*, 2009 (Paris: OECD, Nov. 2009).

The Cost Conundrum
The New Yorker, June 1, 2009
Dr. Atul Gawande



Health Care Reform – Now What?





Healthcare Reform: Implications

- Growth in enrollment: senior (boomers), commercial (newly insured) and Medicaid (increases eligibility)
- The nation has initiated its move away from fee-for-service toward the coordinated care (ACO) model
 - Innovation in delivery systems and payment methodology will be rewarded
 - Effective care management and care coordination will be critical
- Accountable Care Organizations, in various forms, will develop across the county

What is an Accountable Care Organization?



Accountable Care



Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy	
Current System	Accountable Care System
Fragmentation	Integration
Adversarial	Cooperation
Focus on "doing"	Managing a population
One-to-one care	Team-based care
Gatekeeper	System management
Perverse \$ incentives	Aligned \$ incentives
Volume/intensity	Quality and efficiency

Accountable for What?

- ☐ Coordinating care across the continuum
- ☐ Teams of providers accountable for the outcomes of populations of patients with a "local" flair
- ☐ Value placed on coordination, prevention, and communication
- ☐ **Tremendous opportunity to capitalize on existing care coordination principles and the use of innovative approaches to population health**

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Accountable Care Organizations: High Level Requirements

- Û Track record of strong financial performance and adequate financial reserves, and the ability to take risk and distribute shared savings
- Û Meet all legal and regulatory requirements
- Û Investment in IT systems, with data warehouse and enterprise-wide connectivity
- Û Demonstrated ability to successfully manage hospital and payer relationships
- Û Capable of value-added care coordination for patients

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The ACO Simplified

“THE HOME FOR THE MEDICAL HOME”

We All Have to Change

- **Providers**

- Improve outcomes and satisfaction
- Decrease costs and waste
- Coordinate care

- **Patients**

- Healthy lifestyles
- Compliance
- Financial stake

- **Payers/Employers**

- Encourage prevention and compliance
- Value-based benefit design
- Reward value

- **Government**

- Ensure transparency
- Pay for value
- Help for those in need
- Support research and education

*From Mayo Clinic Health Policy Center, 2010

What Types of ACO's Might I See?



Commercial PPO ACO's



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Dartmouth-Brookings ACO Pilot Sites

Carilion Clinic
Roanoke, VA
• ~900 Providers
• 37,000 Medicare Patients Assigned

Norton Healthcare
Louisville, KY
• ~400 Providers
• 20,000 Medicare Patients Assigned

Tucson Medical Center
Tucson, AZ
• ~80 Providers
• 7,000 Medicare Patients Assigned

CALIFORNIA ACOs

Monarch HealthCare
Based in Irvine, CA
• Medical Group & IPA
• ~800 PCPs
• ~2,500 contracted, independent physicians
• ACO will cover Orange County

HealthCare Partners
Based in Torrance, CA
• Medical Group & IPA
• ~1,200 employed and affiliated PCPs
• ~3,000 employed and contracted specialists
• ACO will cover LA County

Data Source: Dartmouth Institute & Brookings Institution

Medicare Shared Savings ACO





Medicare Shared Savings Program

- ☐ ACOs continue to receive high profile as an expedient solution to Medicare's cost and quality issues
- ☐ Due to start 1/1/12
- ☐ March 31 2011: "Draft" 429 page Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) ACO regulations released
 - ☐ Revisions due shortly

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Pioneer ACO's



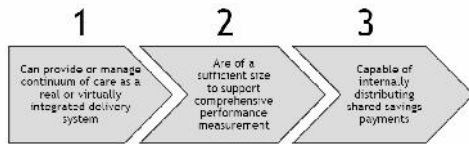
CMMI* Pioneer ACO Model

- Specifically designed for organizations with experience coordinating care
- Three (3) 12-month performance periods
 - Extendable for 2 additional 12-mo periods
- Up to 30 organizations will be accepted
- Shared savings payments move into "population-based" payments (capitation)
- Same 65 quality metrics as the MSSP to meet the "triple aim"

* Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation



ACOs will look very different,
but a few characteristics are essential



Where do the Patients Come From?

- Attribution/Assignment Models

- Patients are attributed based upon historic frequency of visits to providers
- Patients are attributed based upon episodes of care

Patient Protections and Other Program Requirements

- ☐ CMS will publicly report the quality performance of Pioneer ACOs on its website
- ☐ Pioneer ACOs will be required to survey aligned beneficiaries on an annual basis using an amended version of the CAHPS Clinician and Group Survey
- ☐ CMS will analyze service utilization and may investigate utilization patterns through beneficiary surveys, medical records audits, or other means to ensure that Pioneer ACOs do not reduce necessary care

SOURCE: Akin Gump Strauss
Hauer & Feld LLP/SNR Denton

Operational Requirements

- Robust electronic health record (EHR) and data analytic ability
 - EHR roll-outs
- Strong clinical resources
 - Care coordination & seamless transitions
 - Quality improvement
 - Population management
- Ability to engage patients and create patient-centered programs
 - “Care Navigators”
 - Health education
 - Disease management & prevention
- Partnership with community stakeholders



Physicians

- Primary Care Physicians must choose 1 ACO
 - Drives attribution
 - Potential Care Coordination Payments
- Specialists may be part of multiple ACO's

Actionable Performance Measures

- Health IT (EHR, etc)
- Shift from individual, process related measures to population based metrics with specific outcome goals
- Emphasis on:
 - Care coordination
 - Shared decision making
 - Patient experience
 - Population health
 - Evidence-based medical decision making





Proposed* Quality Domains, Sample Measures, and Data Sources**

Domain (# of measures)	Sample Measures	Data Source(s)
Patient Safety (2)	• Health Care Acquired Conditions Composite	8 measures are survey based, 11 measures require claims only, 46 require some clinical data or data from more complete EHRs
Patient/Caregiver experience (7)	• Getting timely care & appointments • Health status/ functional status	
Preventive Health (9)	• Flu immunization • Colorectal cancer screening	
Care Coordination (16)	• Risk-standardized, All condition readmission • % of all MDs meeting HITECH EHR meaningful use	
At-Risk Population/ Frail Elderly (31)	• Diabetes HbA1c Control (<8%) • Heart Failure: Weight Measurement • COPD: Spirometry Evaluation • Falls: Screening for fall risk	

*Proposed metrics to be finalized with CMS Final Rule and quality data will be publicly-reported

** Source: ACO Learning Network, 2011

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Potential Payment Models

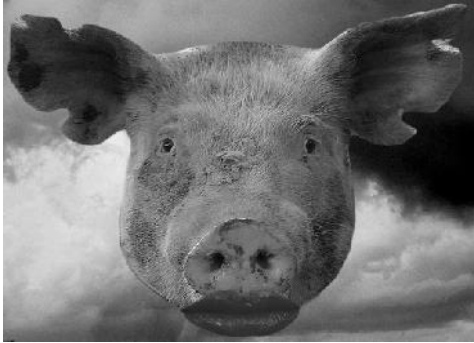
- Shared Savings
 - Not likely to be “enough”, especially in mature markets
 - Good for entry level ACO’s, no risk
 - Still rewards FFS approach
- Partial Capitation
 - Assures access to capital in advance
 - Resources required to be successful
- Global Capitation
 - Mature groups with experience in this arena
 - Risk

Where are Savings Going to Come From?

- ☐ Decreased inpatient bed days
- ☐ Increased generic medication usage
- ☐ Using appropriate specialists
- ☐ Appropriate place of service (Office vs. ASC Vs. Hosp) (Office/Urgent Care vs ER)
- ☐ Use Hosp A vs. Hosp B if significant cost differences and equal quality
- ☐ Patient Experience

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It's Not Just Dad's HMO



The Contrast

• HMO

- Major focus on saving money
- “Gatekeeper” concept to limit access to care
- Little/no consumer input
- Authorizations required
- Narrow provider network

• ACO

- Major focus on quality of care
- “Care Coordinator” concept to facilitate access, reduce redundancy and waste
- Emphasis on prevention and chronic disease management
- Consumer engagement
- Specific Quality outcomes required to achieve savings
- No authorizations required
- Broader physician network

Today's Reality

- If the ACO concept is not successful:
 - Healthcare costs will rise beyond affordability
 - Independent Review Commission 2014
 - Medicare and PPO plans will have no option but to cut rates
- ACOs offer an opportunity to address the problems proactively to improve quality and bend the cost curve

Now What Do I Do?



“When you come to
the fork in the
road, take it”

Yogi Berra



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Tremendous Opportunity!

- This is in your wheelhouse!!
- Education
 - Patients
 - Providers
- Care Coordination
- Communication
- Point of Care Interaction

Approach

- Engage
 - Provider Organizations
 - Health Plans
 - Hospitals
 - Physicians
 - Patients
- Advocate
- Data

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Health Care Tomorrow

