

Independence at Home Demonstration

Special Open Door Forum

Monday, December 13, 2010

1:30 – 3:00pm

Agenda

- Welcome
- Introductions
- Overview of Legislation
- Demonstration Design
- Brief Overview of Demonstration Payment Structure
- Demonstration Status
- Comments

Independence at Home (IAH) Demonstration Legislation

- Mandated by Section 3024 of the Affordable Care Act
- To test a payment incentive and service delivery model that utilizes physician and nurse practitioner directed home-based primary care teams designed to reduce expenditures and improve health outcomes in the provision of items and services to applicable beneficiaries.

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Goal

- To test whether a model is accountable for providing comprehensive, coordinated, continuous, and accessible care to high-need populations at home and coordinate health care across all treatment settings, results in:
 - Reducing preventable hospitalizations
 - Preventing hospital readmissions
 - Reducing emergency room visits
 - Improving health outcomes
 - Improving the efficiency of care
 - Reducing the cost of health care services
 - Achieving beneficiary and family caregiver satisfaction

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Medical Practice

- Legal entity
- Comprised of an individual physician, nurse practitioner, or group of physicians and nurse practitioners that provide care as part of a team
- Experience providing home-based primary care to applicable beneficiaries
- Make in-home visits
- Available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week
- Furnishes care to at least 200 applicable beneficiaries
- Uses electronic health information systems
- Meets additional criteria as determined appropriate by the Secretary

IAH Demonstration Medical Practice

- The team includes:
 - Physicians
 - Nurses
 - Physician Assistants
 - Pharmacists
 - Other health and social services staff

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Applicable Beneficiary

- Entitled to Medicare benefits under part A and enrolled for benefits under part B
- Not enrolled in Medicare Advantage or the Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly
- Has 2 or more chronic illnesses
- Has had a nonelective hospital admission within the past 12 months
- Has received acute or subacute rehabilitation services within the past 12 months
- Has 2 or more functional dependencies requiring the assistance of another person
- Meets other criteria as determined appropriate by the Secretary

IAH Demonstration Quality Measures

- IAH Medical Practice shall report on quality measures for the monitoring and evaluating of the demonstration
- Incentive payments are subject to performance on quality measures

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Demonstration Design

- Mandated to begin no later than January 1, 2012 and to cover a 3-year period
- Preference
 - Located in high-cost areas
 - Have experience in furnishing health care services to applicable beneficiaries in the home
 - Use electronic medical records, health information technology, and individualized plans of care
- Demonstration is limited to not exceed the participation of 10,000 applicable beneficiaries

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Demonstration Design

- Evaluate each IAH Medical Practice under the demonstration to assess whether the practice achieved the results determined appropriate
- Monitor data on expenditures and quality of services after an applicable beneficiary discontinues receiving services through an IAH Medical Practice

IAH Demonstration Payment Methodology

- Spending Targets
 - Estimated annual spending target for the amount estimated that would have been spent in the absence of the demonstration for items and services covered under parts A and B furnished to applicable beneficiaries for each IAH Medical Practice
 - Determined on a per capita basis
 - Include a risk corridor
 - May also be adjusted for other factors as determined appropriate by the Secretary

IAH Demonstration Payment Methodology

- Incentive Payments
 - Subject to performance on quality measures
 - Eligible to receive an incentive payment if actual expenditures for a year for the applicable beneficiaries enrolled are less than the estimated spending target
 - Shall be equal to a portion of the amount by which actual expenditures for applicable beneficiaries under parts A and B for such year are estimated to be less than 5 percent less than the estimated spending target for such year

IAH Demonstration Status

- Mandated to begin January 1, 2012
- Current Status
 - Seeking stakeholder input on the demonstration design
 - IndependenceAtHomeDemo@cms.hhs.gov
 - <http://www.cms.gov/DemoProjectsEvalRpts/MD/itemdetail.asp?filterType=none&filterByDID=-99&sortByDID=3&sortOrder=descending&itemID=CMS1240082&intNumPerPage=10>

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