State Efforts to Control Total Health Care Costs

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Overview

• Two RWJF programs providing technical assistances to states
  • State Health Reform Assistance Network
  • State Quality and Value Strategies
• Lessons from state initiatives
State Health Reform Assistance Network

- RWJF-funded program providing technical assistance to states to maximize coverage expansions under ACA
- Theory of Change: focus on a diverse group of 11 states to develop successful implementation models and share lessons learned
- Technical assistance strategies:
  - Multi-disciplinary team - operational level technical assistance
  - Meet each state where they are
  - Deploy a team of technical experts outside state procurement
  - Facilitate peer-to-peer learning
  - Inform Federal policymaking
Diverse Group of States

Alabama
Colorado
Illinois
Maryland
Michigan
Minnesota
New Mexico
New York
Oregon
Rhode Island
Virginia
State Quality and Value Strategies

- New RWJF-funded program providing technical assistance to states to improve and build on quality and value initiatives
- Leveraging relationships from Aligning Forces for Quality (AF4Q) and the State Health Reform Assistance Network (State Network)
- Three areas of technical assistance:
  - Help states shape incentives through reforms in payment and purchasing
  - Help states gather, share and use data to promote quality and value
  - Help states engage stakeholders inside and outside of government
- Wrap around SIM grants and assist “have nots”
State Quality and Value Strategies

- State are using numerous approaches to improve quality and value
  - Multi-payer coalitions – Medicaid agencies, state employee benefit programs, and private sector stakeholder coalitions
  - Accountable care organizations and patient centered medical homes
  - Duals-focused initiatives and integrating with other state agencies
  - Reforming data collection and quality metrics
    - All-payer claims databases
    - Medicaid health information exchange
Lessons from State Reforms

Medicaid Reform Regardless of ACA

• Alabama – Regional Care Organizations

• New Mexico Centennial Care

• New York – Medicaid redesign

• Rhode Island waiver
Lessons from State Reforms

ACA as Catalyst

- Medicaid expansion as an impetus for system reform
  - Colorado
  - Oregon CCO’s
- Optional Medicaid expansion gives states new leverage
  - Virginia – reform before expansion
- Exchanges as a venue for improving quality and value
  - New opportunity to measure/harmonize quality standards
  - Move towards active purchaser model
Lessons from State Reforms

• New coverage continuum opens doors to multi-payer efforts
  • SIM
  • Duals Demos
  • Exchange/Medicaid plan standards (especially around continuity of coverage/care)

• Stakeholder engagement vital to success (must have buy-in)
  • OR Metrics and Scoring Committee
  • Plans and providers are active participants in generating the solutions
Thank you