Idaho Medicaid

Behavioral Health Integration in Primary Care Case Management
Healthy Connections - the foundation

- Idaho Medicaid’s primary care program
- Established 1993
- Focus on care management
- Recognition of the importance of care transitions
- Good access - 90% + of all primary care providers statewide participate
Healthy Connections - past

- “Gatekeeper” approach
- State focus on referral requirements
- Provider focus on fee for service payments and attribution methods
Healthy Connections - progression to Patient Centered Medical Home

- 2008 - Safety Net Medical Home Initiative
- 2010 - Governor’s Executive Order - Idaho Medical Home Collaborative
- 2014 - Health Homes Program
- 2015 - SHIP Grant
- 2016 - Patient Centered Medical Home Incentive program
Behavioral Health Integration Option

- Co-located or highly integrated models of behavioral and physical health care delivery
- Use the SAMHSA Integrated Practice Assessment Tool as a guide for qualification
- One of a number of options (community health worker, community health EMS, registry) for recognizing enhanced clinic care management capabilities
- Increased reimbursement ($7.00 - $7.50 PMPM) in addition to fee for service - increase of $4.00 PMPM from lower tier
- Informed by our work with NASHP technical assistance
Integrated Clinics in Idaho

• 7 locations participating in tier 3
  • 3 St. Luke’s Hospital Clinics
  • 4 Valley Medical Center locations in North Central Idaho
  • 14,200 patients served through those clinics

• 23 locations participating in tier 4
  • 23 additional community health center locations
  • Integrated care for about 20,000 patients
  • These CHC clinics are NCQA recognized and qualify for $9.50 - $10.00 PMPM
Medicaid Funding Strategies

- Idaho’s program is authorized using primary care case management (1932) authority
- Used Health Homes authority, then transitioned to single authority
- Enrollment is mandatory
- Some exemptions - dual eligible, Indians, children with special health needs may opt out
- Must have choice of primary care providers
- Changes effected through state regulations, state plan amendments, and updates to provider agreements
Other Medicaid Support

- Healthy Connections Representatives visit each location twice yearly
- Provide significant training and support - one of our staff has previous behavioral health background
- Concurrent changes to telehealth policy support reimbursement for tele-psychiatry
Future Plans

• Currently working to implement a provider dashboard
• Plan to display performance metrics for:
  • Acute phase depression therapy
  • Mental health follow up post inpatient discharge
  • ADHD treatment initiation
• These along with other measures will determine eligibility for shared savings opportunities for primary care providers and for regional care organizations
• Meeting with the Idaho Primary Care Association to discuss strategies to expand integrated approaches to care
Thank you

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