

Nursing Home Value-Based Purchasing Demonstration

Implementation and Evaluation

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Pre-Implementation Approach

- Two-stage solicitation:
 - CMS will select up to 4 host States
 - CMS will then solicit nursing homes within those States
- State Selection:
 - State Medicaid Agencies should submit a letter of invitation to:
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Nursing Home Solicitation

- Application Process:
 - Nursing homes will submit a 1-page application and complete a data collection form
 - Data elements include:
 - Contact information
 - Nurse staff payroll data
 - Resident census data
 - Nurse agency staff data
 - Staff influenza immunizations
 - Use of resident of care experience surveys

CMS Considerations for State Selection

- Welcome and endorse the demonstration
- Good survey and certification processes
- Anticipate that at least 100 nursing homes will apply
- Willing to conduct standard survey of demonstration homes every demonstration year
- Geographic diversity
- Status of QIS implementation

Quality Indicator Survey (QIS)

- QIS designed to identify a broader range of deficiencies than traditional survey
- Eleven States will be using QIS to some degree when the demonstration begins
 - Only one State has implemented QIS Statewide
- To assure a level playing field, demonstration nursing homes should be subject to the same survey process throughout the demonstration

Ongoing Design Considerations

- MDS 3.0
 - CMS will transition to MDS 3.0 - based quality measures as soon as they are available
- Improving Nursing Home Compare (5 Star)
 - CMS will align the demonstration design with the 5 Star design in most cases
- Additional quality measures

Evaluation

- Evaluation contractor: L & M Policy Research and Harvard Medical School
- Study Aims:
 - Examine organizational and patient characteristics for demonstration and control group nursing homes
 - Analyze impact of demonstration on nursing homes
 - Assess impact of demonstration on Medicare and Medicaid program expenditures
 - Assess feasibility of broader implementation

Evaluation: Analyzing the Impact on Nursing Homes

- Quantitative assessment
 - Performance outcomes
 - Financial outcomes
- Qualitative assessment
 - Management and operations
 - Care delivery
 - Culture

Projected Timeline

- State letter of invitation due to CMS: January 9
- CMS selects States: late February
- CMS begins nursing home solicitation: March
- Nursing home applications due to CMS: May
- CMS assigns nursing homes to demonstration groups: June
- Demonstration begins: July 1, 2009

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