Scaling up, Implementing, and distributing the Evidence-Based Collaborative Dementia Care Model across the Nation

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The Problem

- More than 3 million people with dementia experience cognitive, functional, behavioral and psychological disabilities

- Dementia generates significant financial and emotional stress for both the person with dementia and their unpaid caregivers:
  - Poor quality of life for both the person with dementia, and their unpaid caregivers
  - Higher emergency room utilization
  - More frequent hospital admissions
  - More days in nursing home facilities
  - $41,000 to $56,000 yearly total cost per person

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The Solution: Evidence-Based Collaborative Dementia Care Model

Unpaid Family Caregiver and Patient Counseling & Self-Management

Consultants: Memory Care and Mental Health Practitioners

Scalable Dementia Care Coordination team

Community Resources

Primary Care Physicians

Access, Coordinate, Deliver & Monitor

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Principals of Collaborative Care

• Population-Based Care
• Measurement-Based Treatment to Target
• Patient-Centered Collaboration
• Evidence-Based Care
• Accountable Care

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The Evidence Supporting the Solution

- More than 50 randomized controlled trials support the effectiveness of the collaborative care model in depression.
- Four randomized controlled trials support the effectiveness of the collaborative care model in people with dementia and their unpaid caregivers.
- Two academic health centers have converted the collaborative dementia care model into clinical programs (UCLA and IU).
- Four completed or undergoing CMMI supported demonstration projects are studying its implementation (UCLA, UCSF, UN, JH, IU).

Minimum Standard Specifications For the Collaborative Dementia Care Model

• Using practical and reliable tools to identify and monitor the person’s cognitive, functional, behavioral, and psychological needs and the unpaid caregiver’s stress.

• Development, implementation, continuous evaluation and modification of personalized dementia care plan.

• Implementation of psychosocial interventions aimed at preventing or reducing the dyad’s burden related to cognitive, functional, behavioral, and psychological disabilities.

• Supporting the Dyad’s need in navigating the health care system and the community.

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• Use evidence based medication management including de-prescribing of medications with adverse cognitive effects; prescribing FDA approved medications, and enhancing adherence to appropriate medications.

• Prevention and treatment of conditions superimposed on dementia (such as major or minor depression, generalized anxiety disorders and delirium).

• Coordination of transitional and other healthcare services across hospitals, nursing home facilities, ambulatory care providers and the entire community.

• Modification of the patient’s physical home environment as needed to compensate for cognitive and functional disability.

The Challenge: Distributing the Collaborative Dementia Care Model Across the Nation

- Scalable Discovery
- Packaging
- Distribution Network

Market Demand
Using the CMS Quality Payment Program to create
Market Demand =

Advanced Alternative Payment Model
+
Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
Dementia Care Management Benefit

1. Per Beneficiary Per Month base-payment for Comprehensive ongoing dementia care services:
   
a. Cognitive assessment and management, including creation and implementation of dementia plans that consider both medical and social support needs of patients and their unpaid caregivers.

b. Payment would be in addition to EM codes for non-dementia medical services and would replace the Cognitive Assessment (G0505), Transitional Care, and Chronic Care Management codes for patients receiving this benefit.

2. Annual dementia specific & quality-based Incentive payment
Let us start the conversation!

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