Transforming Health Care Delivery: The Role of Nurses in Health Plans

Part II

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Advancing Education Transformation

Removing Barriers to Practice and Care

Nursing Leadership

Interprofessional Collaboration

Diversity

DATA
• Highlight the links between nurses, health plans, the future of health care delivery, and the IOM’s recommendations.
• Describe the variety of ways that health plans are driving innovations.
• Demonstrate the value and impact nurses have on the quality and outcomes of healthcare delivery by sharing examples of specific programs from various health plans.
• Highlight the impact that nurses have on the overall consumer experience.
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Aetna Inc.
The Health Plans Work Team works to support the IOM recommendations by:

• Discussing implications regarding health plans
• Sharing the IOM’s report within respective organizations
• Brainstorming actions that health plans can take
• Collaborating where possible on actions
• Educating constituents on the various roles that nurses play in health plans, the linkage to the IOM’s recommendations and the future of health care delivery
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The model is designed to reduce health risk and boost member output:

- **Holistic Approach**: Sees the whole person and passionately supports them through their mind, body, and cultural values.
- **Integrated Medical Sources**: Comprehensive view of member data about each individual to determine an appropriate level of support.
- **Clinical Algorithm**: Effectively identifies and engages members earlier while capturing preferences around programs and services.
- **Single Nurse Model**: Designates a true single-point of contact offering a 360 degree view of each member’s needs.
- **Multi-Modal Support**: Engages members through our virtual support channels who have less urgent care needs and to supplement the one-on-one support.

- **More Engagement**
- **Continued relationship across care continuum**
- **Member-centric approach addressing Cultural needs**
A single **NURSE** point of contact serves as the **PRIMARY CARE MANAGER** for members’ health care needs and their families’ needs

### Benefits of Single Nurse
- Nurses are able to customize a personalized health strategy around the individual
- Fewer hand-offs permitting faster, simpler responses from someone members know and trust
- More relevant responses to members’ needs

### Sample Outcomes
- Assist members/families with preparing for a hospital stay or planning for recovery
- Educate members and families on how to make the best use of their benefits plan
- Provide tips to stay healthy
- Find resources through benefit plan or in local community
Members receive individualized care plans based on their health needs and what they need to be successful.

- Care plans are individualized based on member preferences.
- A variety of modalities are available to meet member needs – online, phone, e-mail, group/social networks, text, or chat.
- Member engagement tools put information at members’ fingertips so they can stay on top of their health needs.
A 60 year old female admitted to the emergency room with shortness of breath, weakness and nausea

Diagnosed with Atrial Flutter with A-V block

Co-morbid conditions included obesity, hypertension, hypothyroidism, hyperlipidemia, a torn medial meniscus of the left knee, and a new diabetes diagnosis
Clinical Support - *How we helped*

- Primary Care Nurse helping to manage care across care continuum
- Collaboration and communications with care providers
- Educational support to manage conditions
- Goal setting for weight loss and diabetes control
- Care coordination of resources across care needs
- Identification and removal of barriers to achieving goals and changing behaviors
Health Outcomes - *Measurable Change*

- Reduction in HbA1C
- Weight loss
- Behavior change
- Continued participation in diabetes classes
- Improved knowledge and understanding of managing chronic conditions and associated risks
Long-term Success - *A Better Outcome*

- Diabetes under control
- Weight loss
- Established partnership and relationship with Primary Care Nurse Manager
- Better informed and aware of managing conditions
- Actively engaged in prevention and maintenance of conditions
- Increased confidence in achieving goals
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Horizon Healthcare Innovations - Patient Centered Medical Home
Case Study #2 – Horizon Health Care Innovations
Patient Centered Medical Home

- Horizon Healthcare Innovations - Through collaboration, we are helping to create an effective, efficient and affordable health care system

- Achieving better health, better care at lower costs
Engaging & empowering patients is critical to providing better care at lower costs.
Patient-Centered Medical Home

- A Patient-Centered Medical Home…
  - Coordinates the right care, at the right place, at the right time
  - Customizes & personalizes care plans, wellness and preventive care
  - Immediate access for chronic and at-risk patients

- Focus is on **chronic and at-risk patients** but available to all Horizon members
  - Chronic conditions, behavioral health, transitions in care

- Scope of PCMH Initiative:
  - 22 practices covering 80,000 Horizon BCBSNJ members
  - Expand significantly throughout 2012
Patient-Centered Medical Home – Year One Results

Quality Measures
• 8% higher rate in improved diabetes control (HbA1c)
• 6% higher rate in breast cancer screening
• 6% higher rate in cervical cancer screening

Cost and Utilization Indicators
• 10% lower cost of care (per member per month)
• 26% lower rate in emergency room visits
• 25% lower rate in hospital readmissions
• 21% lower rate in hospital inpatient admissions
• 5% higher rate in the use of generic prescriptions
Five key elements to achieve sustainable results

1. Population Care Coordinators
2. Playbook & Learning Network
3. Better Health, Better Care, Lower Costs
4. Data & Technology
5. Payment Reform
6. Engage, Educate & Empower Patients
Population Care Coordinators (NURSES)

Population Care Coordinators

- Nurses who work within PCMH practices
- Help improve the coordination of care for patients
- Follow up with patients to address any of their needs
- Continuously update personalized health plans
- Proactively engage, educate and empower patients

Population Care Coordinator Education Program

- Created a nurse education program with Rutgers and Duke nursing schools
- Partnership will educate a minimum of 200 nurses over the next two years
- Building a transformed nursing role to support new care models
- Nurses will be deployed to PCMH and ACO programs throughout NJ
A full time population care coordinator (PCC) is expected to carry a full-time case load of approximately 150 high risk patients or approximately 2,500 to 3,000 patients

- PCC must be an RN with a valid nursing license in the State of NJ
- Must have at least 3 to 5 years of clinical experience and ideally have experience in discharge planning, case or disease management
- The PCC must be hired, educated through the new program and integrated within 6 months of joining the program
- The PCC leads key care coordination activities conducted by the practice
- Horizon funds the PCC Education Program
Data & Technology – sharing data to improve care

New data enables providers to focus on opportunity to improve care, reduce costs

Patient visits provider; clinical data collected

Provider shares relevant clinical data with HHI

Review findings with care teams during collaborative work sessions

Analyze data from provider and other sources of possible patient utilization

Sharing Data to Understand Patient Population & Take Action
### Data & Technology – Care Plan Tool

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Key Takeaways – Transforming Health Care System

• **Collaboration:** Nurses, physicians, hospitals, health plans, employers and other stakeholders must work together to transform the delivery system.

• **Population Care Coordinators:** These nurse leaders are key to driving improvement to deliver better care at a lower cost.

• **Patients in PCMH/ACO Programs:** Approximately 200,000 Horizon BCBSNJ members will be participating by Dec. 2012.

• **Program goals:**
  » Better Health Outcomes
  » Better Patient Experience
  » Lower Cost of Care
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Director of Clinical Innovations
Humana Cares
Humana Cares Model of Care

Linking *medical and behavioral* care with *social care* to combat the challenges of aging and chronic illness

Creates

- “Scorable Savings” year after year
- Measurable improvements in health
- Satisfaction for member and providers
- Measurable improvements in quality of life
- Transforms healthcare delivery
Acute Chronicity

- **Acute Chronicity**: A dynamic chain of good health days and bad health days. Interventions need to be flexible and responsive along the continuum of care.

- Humana Cares Managers respond to member needs and adjust levels of intervention to meet changing concerns. This, along with clinical judgment, drives the next steps and care pathways.
Why Complex Care Management?

Fragmentation of Care a Serious Problem in the Medicare Population

Members are seeing, on average about 13 providers per year...

They take on average 8-10 medications...
82% of seniors have a chronic condition – 62% have two or more chronic conditions.

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Costs double at each change in health status.

Poor Health Equals Greater Cost

Compared to Other People Your Age, How Would You Describe Your Health?

- Excellent or Good: 52%, $10,280
- Fair or Poor: 48%, $16,453

PMPY Total Costs
Principles of Care Management

Humana Cares

- Provides “life care” advocate in navigating confusing provider systems
- Supports client to remain independent and safe, for as long as possible, in their home
- Creates “one stop care” for medical and quality of life needs
- Encourages and supports the client, family and care givers to take an active part in their own healthcare
- Connects client to community resources and services
- Anticipatory guidance assists client in identifying and dealing with small problems before they escalate into major physical and financial problems.

“People do not care how much you know until they know how much you care”
Humana Cares - Model of Care Map

Humana Cares for You

Trust Humana Cares™ to work with you to improve your health. Here’s how we help you set and meet your health goals:

- Personal healthcare manager contacts you
- Gets to know you and your caregivers
- Feel sure about your health goals
- Connects you with community services
- Supports you after ER and hospital visits
- Partners with your doctor
- Helps you understand and manage your medicines
- Stays in touch

Reach your goals with your Humana Cares personal healthcare manager.
- Find out more about your health and how to take care of yourself
- Stay safe in your home
- Make the most of your doctor’s visits
- Understand which health screenings are important for you

Questions?
Call us toll-free at 1-800-662-9508 (TTY: 711). We’re available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time. Taking part in Humana Cares is your choice. If you want to stop hearing from us, just call to opt out of the program.
Majority of participants indicated they benefited from the program and the interaction with their Humana Cares Nurse.

Evaluations measuring traits of Humana Cares Nurses were outstanding. They said their nurses were knowledgeable and cared for them in an individualized, courteous, and supportive manner.

The program experience and working with the nurse produced anticipated positive outcomes in the future for most, evidenced by decreased utilization, improvement in health screening and clinical outcomes.

Two-thirds said they would make a change in how they take care of their health in the future as a result of working with the Humana Cares Nurse.

Nine out of ten said they would continue to work with their Humana Cares Nurse. A positive outcome, supporting the retention objective.
Mr. Simone, 73 year old male, diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes, hypertension, with history of heart attack, early dementia, depression, and prostate cancer, is married and lives with his spouse in a rented apartment.

Member enrolled in the HC Complex Care Management program since October 2010.

Areas of Concern

- Focus on chronic condition management (i.e. diabetes eye exam, depression)
- Difficulty sleeping due to anxiety r/t landlord threat of eviction; assessment uncovered issue of frequent urination
- Newly diagnosed prostate cancer
- Fall history
- Pain Management
- Eviction and housing needs
- Financial issues related to life transitions
Key Interventions

Health Education and Support
Preventive measures and health risk reduction support for diabetes management and tobacco cessation; sleep problems, fall risk reduction

Care Coordination
Post discharge support; Partnering with PCP and oncologist; Pain management

Chronic Condition Management
Member-driven action plans, care plans and care manager-guided coaching, and clinical interventions (i.e. cancer treatment, depression and dementia)

Advocacy and Care Navigation
Care navigator; caregiver support and connections to pharmacy assistance and community resources (i.e. HUD, Michigan Choice chore services)
Complex and chronic care management enhances the care continuum and extends reach beyond **case management and disease management**

*It’s more than the case or the disease ….*

*It is all about the Member, the Family/Caregiver, and Quality of Life*
Questions?
Next Steps

- Upcoming Webinars on Leadership:
  - September 24, 2012 - Sigma Theta Tau International Leadership Institute

- Archived webinars [www.championnursing.org/events](http://www.championnursing.org/events)

- Request Toolkit: Nurse Leaders in the Boardroom: The Skills You Need to be Successful on a Board
  [http://championnursing.org/nurse-leaders-resource](http://championnursing.org/nurse-leaders-resource)
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