

Coordinating State Roles for Effective Implementation of Federal Health Care Reform

Health Care Unscrambled – Georgians for a Healthy Future

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Presentation Outline

- State Roles Implementing Health Reform
- State Challenges
- Status of State Implementation

1. Be Strategic with the Insurance Exchange

Insurance Exchange

- Increases and structures choice in the small group and individual insurance markets
- Improved structure yields increased competition, reduced administrative costs, competition over the “right” things

Critical Exchange Choices

- Build one
- Statewide, sub-state, or multi-state
- Standards of plan participation
- Risk adjustment mechanism

2. Regulate the Commercial Health Insurance Market Effectively

Insurance Regulation

- Assures availability of products
- Structures product affordability
- Guides health insurance competition

Insurance Regulation Choices

- Not many
- Degree of scrutiny within and beyond federal standards

3. Simplify and Integrate Eligibility Systems

Eligibility Systems

- Tremendous simplification in Medicaid eligibility enables (theoretical) meshing with income-based subsidy eligibility
- Number processed through eligibility system will double
- Eligibility functions will change

Eligibility Systems Choices

- Relationship between Medicaid and Exchange eligibility systems
- Relationship between health and other social services

4. Expand Provider and Health System Capacity

Expand provider and health system capacity

- Coverage expansions will increase demand
- Particular challenges in
 - Primary care
 - Culturally competent and linguistically accessible care
 - Access to certain specialties
- Major changes for public systems

Provider Capacity Choices

- Scope of practice laws
- Tele-health
- Role of graduate medical education
- Workforce diversity
- Pursue various federal grants

5. Attend to Benefit Design

Benefit design

- Federal law creates four precious metal standards plus catastrophic coverage
- Potential for great variation within each coverage category

Benefit Design Choices

- State regulatory and purchasing role
- Pursuit of “Value Based Insurance Designs”
- Additional standardization of actual benefits
- Services beyond the federal core

6. Focus on Coordination of Care

Dually eligible

- People eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid account for 39% of total Medicaid spending in Georgia (compared to 46% national average)
- Frail elders and a subset of people with disabilities often experience poorly coordinated care and high costs

Coordination Choices

- Care coordination within Medicaid
- Coordination through transitions
- Renegotiate with Special Needs Plans
- Bolster Money Follows the Person Activities
- Ideas for new Office of Duals and/or Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation

7. Use Your Data

Data collection

- Myriad provisions in the law that call for the collection of new data
- Data elements include race, ethnicity, language, price and utilization, program enrollment, and quality metrics
- New data will be collected on, among other things, consumer complaints, wellness program, the prevalence of chronic diseases, and the health care workforce

Data Choices

- Invest in statewide analytic systems for price, quality, disparities, outcomes, etc.
- Integration of health and other data sources

8. Pursue Population Health Goals

Population health goals

- Population health goals create a bridge between public health and personal health
- Creation of the National Prevention, Health Promotion, and Public Health Council, which will coordinate federal strategy
- Large number of grants to address topics including surveillance, public health laboratories, childhood obesity, and racial and ethnic disparities

Population Health Choices

- Set a statewide priority topic
- Work across sectors on achieving the goals

9. Engage the Public in Policy Development and Implementation

Public Engagement Choices

- Identify a neutral convener
- Formal public roles in policy development
- Formal public roles in implementation oversight

10. Demand Quality and Efficiency from the Health Care System

To Do This States Need..

- Know the Legislation
- Executive Branch Leadership
- Strategic Plan
- Operational Plan
- Define Resource Needs
- Engage with the Federal Government
- Engage with Other States

State Challenges

- Fiscal capacity
- Personnel
- Uncertainty
- Opposition

Status Report

- Most states have coordinating bodies
- Analysis and plans for
 - Fiscal Implications
 - Exchanges
- Work underway on
 - Eligibility and enrollment
 - Provider capacity

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