



California Association of Health Facilities

Dual RFI Response Summary

Improving Care through Integrated Medicare and Medi-Cal Delivery Models

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California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF)

- Members--800 nursing facilities (NFs)
- NFs employ 100,000 people
- NFs beds have decreased since 1998, 113,000 beds to 95,000 beds
- 70% of NF patients are discharged within three months
- 47% of NF patients are discharged to home or residential care setting



NFs –Post Acute Care/Medicare

- 14% of patient days paid by Medicare
- Patients that require rehab services or complex medical care
- Extensive rehab/therapy services not available through Medi-Cal
- Lower cost setting than acute care
- Medicare reimbursement rates must be maintained



NFs-Long Term Care/Medi-Cal

- 67% of patient days paid by Medi-Cal
- With HCBS options, acuity in NFs has increased
- Patients have complex medical needs or severe behavioral issues
- AB 1629 Medi-Cal rates have provided stability and assured access to quality services
- AB 1629 rates must be maintained



RFI-Suggestions for Pilots

- Reduce re-hospitalizations
- Reduce emergency room visits
- Case management of specific diseases
- Drug management and utilization
- MDS, Section Q-would initiate a referral to the pilot, who arranges for HCBS
- 24-hour advice nurse



Specific Care Integration Challenges

- CAHF supports “opt in” for Medicare portion of enrollment
- Electronic Health Records
- Beneficiaries should be able to choose any willing NF provider
- Timely payment of NF rate increases
- Assuring access to services



Measures for Success

- Beneficiary and family satisfaction
- Financial savings should be based on changes in utilization not reimbursement reductions
- Reductions in expenditures and/or the trend in expenditures
- Quality measures
- Access-wait times, specialists, rehab



Information Needed from CMS and the State

- Expenditure data for duals for NFs both Medicare and Medi-Cal
- Re-hospitalization rates for NF duals
- Hospital expenditures for duals admitted from the community
- Hospital expenditures for duals admitted from NFs
- Number of ICF/DD clients that are duals