AltaMed Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Outpatient General Pediatrics

Pediatric Patient Centered Medical Home for
Children with Special Healthcare Needs (CSHCN):
A Primary Care Model

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- Community-based, Federally Qualified Health Centered, Outpatient General Pediatrics clinic located within a Tertiary Medical Center

- >17,000 children (ages 0-24 years)
- >70,000 patient encounters annually
- ~90% Medi-Cal insurance
- >3500 patients in Medi-Cal complex category (SPD)
  - Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) with 3 or systems involved (Tier 3)
  - ~20% of clinic population (*compared with 3-4% in leading academic centers)
  - 3/4 of these patients have at least 1 CCS condition
AltaMed CHLA Pediatric Patient Centered Medical Home for Children with Special Healthcare Needs: Program Review

- **Pilot Surveys:** September 2009-March 2010 (Dr. Larry Yin)
  - Modified Alameda Risk Assessment Survey Tool
  - Defined priority: Children with Special Health Care Needs

- **Launch of PPCMH:** July 2010
  - 1 physician program director (Dr. Mona Patel)
  - 4 FTE Clinical Care Coordinators 2 RN/2 LVN); 1 FTE MA

- **Current enrollees:** 882 patient families with CSHCN

- **PCMH Program:**
  - *Primary care pediatrician refers a family in need of coordination*
  - One hour intake scheduled with each family (Care Plan creation)
    - Initial 10 minutes -self-empowerment; Care plan creation; Goal setting
    - Care plan review q6mo; Phone check-in q3mo; appts as needed
    - M-F 8a-7p access to Case Management; 24 hr./7day access to access to live telephone triage (Licensed nurse/MD) with EMR documentation in patient charts
  - Evaluation: Medical Home Family Index; Provider Surveys
Role of Coordination of Care

- **Primary care coordination:** Nutrition, Social Work, Occupational therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Pediatric subspecialists, Community and state agencies, behavioral/mental health, foster system, DME/formula supplies; school systems; inpatient care coordination

- **Multidisciplinary Rounds:** Biweekly conference with case management team, PMD, nutrition, SW and palliative medicine

- **Development of Care Management Score system:** Review and create a system based on multifactorial needs of case management to efficiently stratify case coordination needs since resources are limited
  - 6 category scale: Primary care, specialty care; utilization rate; psychosocial factors; agency involvement; DME
  - Algorithm to allocate level of care coordination need for each patient

- **IT Coordination:** Documentation of visits; calls; referrals; ancillary staff coordination with EMR (tasks); access to inpatient charting, outpatient subspecialty charting/radiology/labs
Preliminary Data Review

Reductions in Utilization after one year enrollment into PPCMH

Reductions in Utilization Among the Top 10 Utilizers as a Result of the Medical Home Program*

• 5 year review (1/1/2010 – 12/30/2014): Top Ten Utilizers*
  • ED Visits: Pre-PCMH: 1.0 ED visit/mo → Post-PCMH: 0.3 ED visit/mo; (*Seizure, GJT malfunction, respiratory distress/cardiac); average 6 subspecialty
  • Admissions: Pre-PCMH: 0.43 admit/mo → Post-PCMH: 0.53 admit/mo (*→ most Post-PCMH were unpreventable surgical admits); average 9 subspecialty
CCS Redesign Goals

• Implement Patient and Family Centered Approach
  – Patient and Family engagement at every level

• Improve care coordination through an Organized Delivery System
  – True medical home with primary care and subspecialty care provided at same location; integrated resources including behavioral health

• Maintain Quality
  – PCP and specialists are all CCS-paneled and maintain the same level of excellence expected by those caring for this population

• Streamline Care Delivery
  – Large population of patients with CCS, we are very familiar with the CCS system and work closely with the CCS medical directors and nurse managers.

• Build on Lessons Learned
  – Co-pilot with LA CCS; embed and share care coordination resource

• Cost Effective
  – Inclusion of IPA insurance model allows better coordination of referral needs and oversight of utilization patterns
Reproducibility of our PCMH model

- Reproducible at facilities dedicated to taking care of the population that qualifies for CCS who are largely sick and poor
- Challenges in setting up a similar model at sites with limited Medi-Cal exposure

- **Urban**: Unique connections with CCS-paneled subspecialists
- **Rural**: Create rural area partnerships with Rural Health Centers (RHCs) to help with funding models
Summary of Triumphs and Challenges of AltaMed CHLA PCMH

Triumphs

* Greatest success: We are an actual medical home where we coordinate primary care, subspecialty care, as well as community resources and mental health

* Care of the whole child and their family rather than qualifying condition which are narrowly defined

* Creation of a central access point for management of complex patients with integrated subspecialty, nutrition, behavioral health, care coordination and primary care

* Offer same services to patients who have exact needs as those who qualify for CCS but do not meet eligibility criteria

* Negotiated FQHC rate to allow model building as low capitation rates in managed care are insufficient to provide care for the complex needs patients

Challenges

* Full and accurate data on utilization patterns to improve our ability to better study costs

* Large geographic area our patients come from since they often have difficulty obtaining services close to their homes
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**Thank you to our patients and families who allow us to care for them**

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