

# 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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# AltaMed CHLA General Pediatrics



- AltaMed Health Services + Children's Hospital Los Angeles Medical Group - 9/2005
- 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



- 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

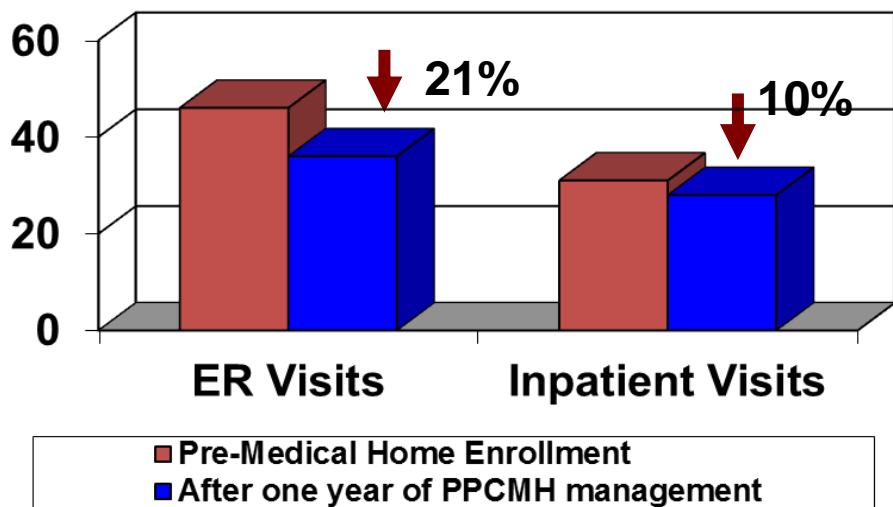


- **Primary care coordination:** Nutrition, Social Work, Occupational therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Pediatric subspecialists, Community and state agencies, behavioral/mental health, foster system, DME/formula supplies; school systems; inpatient care coordination
- **Multidisciplinary Rounds:**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

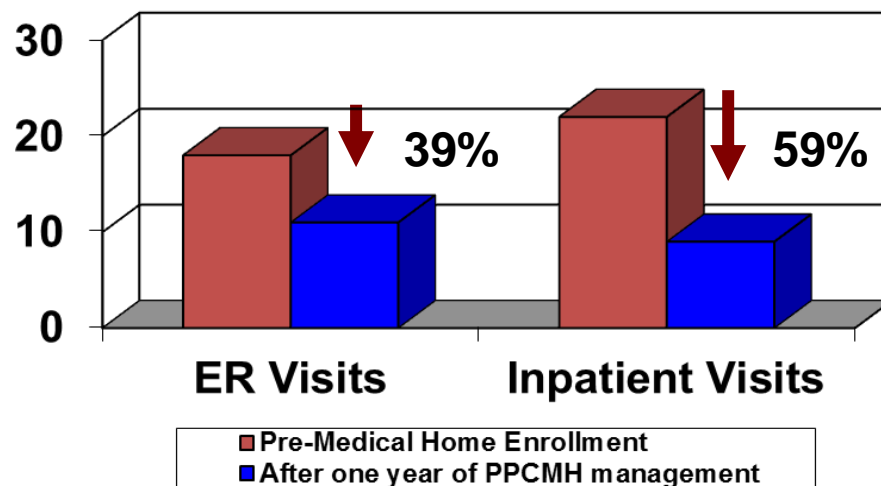
# Preliminary Data Review



## 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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