Achieving Affordable Health Care

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ACOs – boom or bust?

- ACOs aren’t working – except where they are
- Preparation is all-thorough research and planning
- Physician-led team-leadership and imagination
- The long view
- Flexible, adaptable, always learning
- No one-size-fits-all

- Rio Grande Valley ACO Health Providers – network of individual practices of ACO professionals
Other models?

- Administrator may plant a seed-capture physician’s imagination
- Physician sees value/possibility
- Change in mindset
- Physician leader/champion is key
- PCMH, CPC+, APM-what design will work best, fit the culture and resources

➢ South East Texas Medical Associates PCMH founded in 1995 with four practices and 21 employees; now 40 providers with 250 employees
Other models...

- S1549 Care Planning Act of 2015 - “testing of innovative payment and service delivery models to reduce Medicare and Medicaid expenditures while preserving or enhancing the quality of care”
- H.R. 3306 – Telehealth Advancement Act of 2013-health home, medical home, ACO; “targeted, accessible, continuous and coordinated care”
- H.R.2725 - 21st Century Care for Military and Veterans Act – “use of a telecommunications system”
- CPC+ - Comprehensive Primary Care Plus: regionally based, multi-payer care delivery and payment model; access and continuity; care management; comprehensiveness and coordination; patient and caregiver engagement; planned care and population health
A shared EHR?

- If only....
- Savvy partner/employee
- Vendor selection-what you are buying and why
- Interoperability
- Safeguards
- Built on a foundation of precision, accuracy and timeliness
S.320 - Medical Innovation Act of 2015-to require certain drug manufacturers to make payments to fund research supported by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

- FDA: advance regulatory science
- NIH: research that fosters radical innovation, advances fundamental knowledge, is related to diseases that disproportionately account for federal health care spending, and early career scientists.

S.2141 – TRUST IT Act - To amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to health information technology

- Interoperability The term ‘interoperability’ means the ability of 2 or more health information systems or components to exchange clinical and other information and to use the information that has been exchanged using common standards to provide access to longitudinal or requested information to health care providers, patients, and other authorized users when such persons need such information in order to facilitate coordinated care and improved patient outcomes.”
Thank you