Show Me The Evidence!
Librarian-Supported Collaborative Work Groups for Healthcare Improvement

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BACKGROUND

• Established in 2011 by the Washington State Legislature to give our community the opportunity to improve health care quality, outcomes, and affordability in Washington State.

• Identify three health care services with high variation in care delivery, high cost and poor outcomes, or patient safety issues annually.

• Focused on creating bundled payment models to tie payment to an entire episode of care including potential complications resulting from poor care.

• Form multidisciplinary, expert workgroups with clinicians, health plans, quality improvement experts, community groups, patients, and others.

WA House Bill 1311 established the Dr. Robert Bree Collaborative (2011)

Governor appoints members: Employers, Hospitals, Health Plans, Public Purchasers, Physicians, QI

Identify need to tie health care payment to value – goal to develop bundled payment models

Four-cycle evidence-based care pathway model, bundled payment model, and warranty

Physician-Librarian partnership for comprehensive evidence research and first level appraisal; publish evidence table

Convene expert workgroup of clinicians, surgeons, purchasers, patients, and quality experts

Public comment to evaluate and adjust evidence selection and appraisal, and bundle model elements

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What is a Bundled Payment?

Bundled payment models make one payment for an entire health care service or episode, like a knee replacement. All the separate parts of the service – including pre-operative and post-operative care – are included.

OUTCOMES and BENEFITS

• Four-cycle bundled payment model, quality metrics, and a warranty includes:
  • Appropriateness standards to make sure surgery is actually needed and that patients are fit for surgery.
  • Best practice recommendations for conservative care and surgeries.
  • Post-operative care and return to function.
  • Warranty against readmission for specific complications

  o Adopted Bundles:
    o Total Knee and Total Hip Replacement
    o Lumbar Fusion Surgery
    o Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery
    o Bariatric Surgery (in public comment stage)

Healthier patients
Better care outcomes
More affordable health care

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