# **Bundled Payment**

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- Fixed payment per episode
  - Span site of care
  - Span time

#### **Current initiatives**

- Public
  - Medicare
  - Arkansas
- Private
  - Numerous private initiatives with varying scope
    - Prometheus Payment
    - IHA Bundled Episode Payment (with Aetna)
    - United Healthcare: 5 medical oncology groups throughout the country
    - Humana, partnered with 21<sup>st</sup> Century Oncology: radiation therapy services
    - Anthem BCBS: two providers in WI, surgical procedures
    - Harvard pilgrim: group of orthopedic surgeons in MA

### Medicare

- Bundled payment for care improvement (BPCI)
  - Link payments for multiple services during one care episode
  - 4 payment models:

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Episode	All acute patients, all DRGs	Selected DRGs, hospital plus post- acute period	Selected DRGs, post-acute period only	Selected DRGs, hospital plus readmissions
Services included in bundle	All Part A services paid as part of the MS-DRG payment	All non-hospice Part A and B services during the initial inpatient stay, post-acute period and readmission	All non-hospice Part A and B services during the post-acute period and readmissions	All non-hospice Part A and B services (including the hospital and physician) during inpatient stay and readmissions
Payment	Retrospective	Retrospective	Retrospective	Prospective

## **Arkansas Summary**

- Multi payer
- Episodes: upper respiratory infections, total hip and knee replacements, congestive heart failure, ADHD, pregnancy, and development disabilities
- Based on Principal Accountable Provider
- 2 sided risk
- Built on FFS chassis

## **Arkansas Payment Initiative**

1. Same as current FFS

Patients seek care



Providers submit claims



Payers reimburse providers via FFS

2. Episode bundled payments for 12-month performance period

Payers review claims to identify Principal Accountable Provider (PAP)



Payers
calculate
average cost
per episode for
each PAP



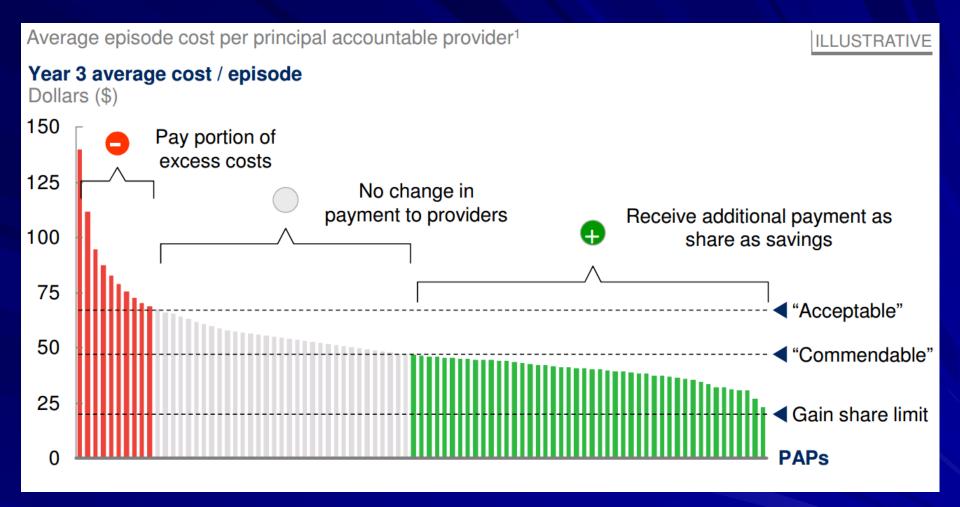
PAP
performance
compared to
average
episode costs
across all
payers



OR
PAP pays
additional costs
based on
performance
comparison

Payers pay

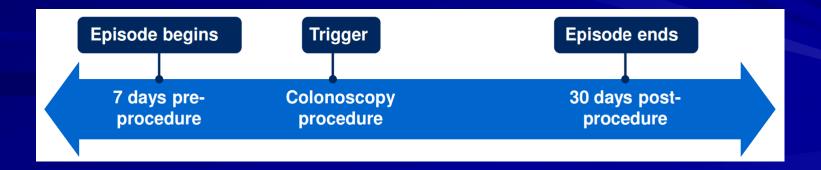
shared savings



- Risk sharing capped:10% of total reimbursement from each payer
- Shared savings also capped

#### Arkansas colonoscopy episode

- Definition
  - Includes related services 7 days prior to and 30 days after colonoscopy procedure (i.e., Labs and imaging, any services related to complications)
  - Exclusions (i.e., patients younger than 18 or older than 64)
- Adjustments
  - Risk factors (i.e., diabetes, renal failure)
  - Additional procedures
- Quality metrics factored into shared savings payment



### **Private Initiatives**

- 2014: 0.1 percent of payments flowed through bundled payment models
- Prometheus Payment: HCI3 payment initiative
- IHA Bundled Episode Payment and Gainsharing Demonstration:
  - Evaluated bundled payment for orthopedic surgery in CA

### Diffusion slow

- Prometheus Payment: HCI3 payment initiative
  - 3 years into the initiative, none of pilot sites had made bundled payments or executed new payment contracts
- IHA Bundled Episode Payment and Gainsharing Demonstration:
  - Potential savings not high enough to justify admin costs to health plans to automate claims
  - 3 of 6 health plans dropped out; 6 of 8 hospitals dropped out

#### Literature review

- Bundled payment programs have reduced health care spending and utilization
  - Spending decline of 10% or less
  - Utilization decline (measured as reduction in length of stay or use of specific services) of 5%-15%
- No effect on quality

# Challenges

- Multiple episodes
  - Chronic disease
- Number of episodes may increase
- Coordination of providers
- Updating
  - Different rate of increase across episodes
  - 10% of episodes accounted for 82.5% of spending growth
  - Within episode spending growth ranged from -75% to +323%

Rosen, Allison B., et al. "Policy makers will need a way to update bundled payments that reflects highly skewed spending growth of various care episodes." Health Affairs 32.5 (2013): 944-951.

