

# ***How the Accountable Care Organization is Transforming Value Based Care***

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# The Healthcare Crisis by the numbers

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**45% of American  
adults fear**

**48 million people  
can't afford**

**44 states now spend more**

**\$420 Million  
per hour**

**1.44x \$\$**

**\$810 Billion spent  
this year**

**17.8%**

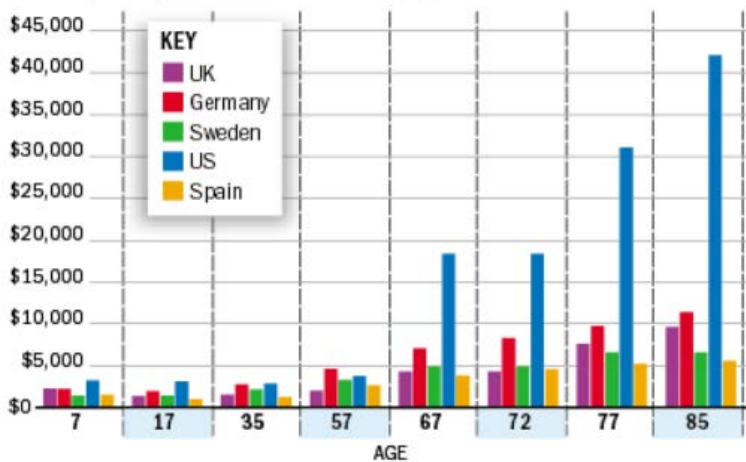
**\$12 Trillion**

# US Health Care Costs are increasing: International Comparison

The US far outpaces the international community in Healthcare costs

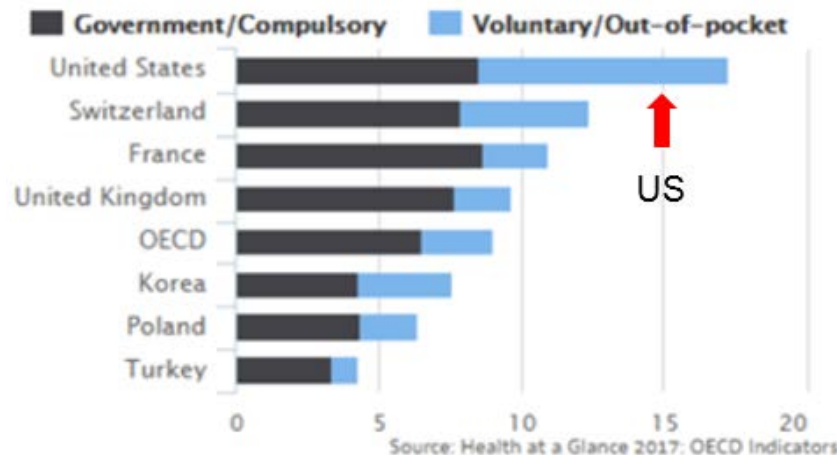
## Health care costs: U.S. spends more for elderly

Annual per capita healthcare costs by age



Source: Paul Fischbeck, Carnegie Mellon University James Hilston/Post-Gazette

## Health expenditure as a % of GDP (2016)



Source: Health at a Glance 2017: OECD Indicators

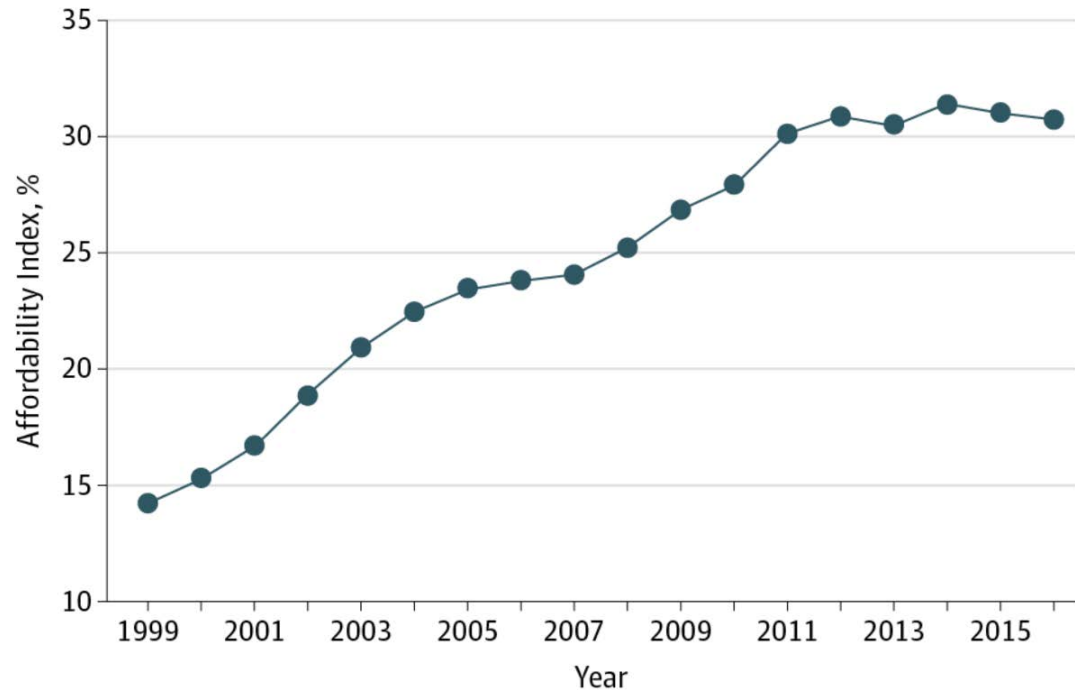
# Affordability of Healthcare

## The Country's "Most Urgent Health Problem"

*57% of individuals report that they worry "a great deal" about "the availability and affordability of healthcare."*

### Affordability Index

Ratio of the mean cost of an employer-sponsored family health insurance policy to median household income.

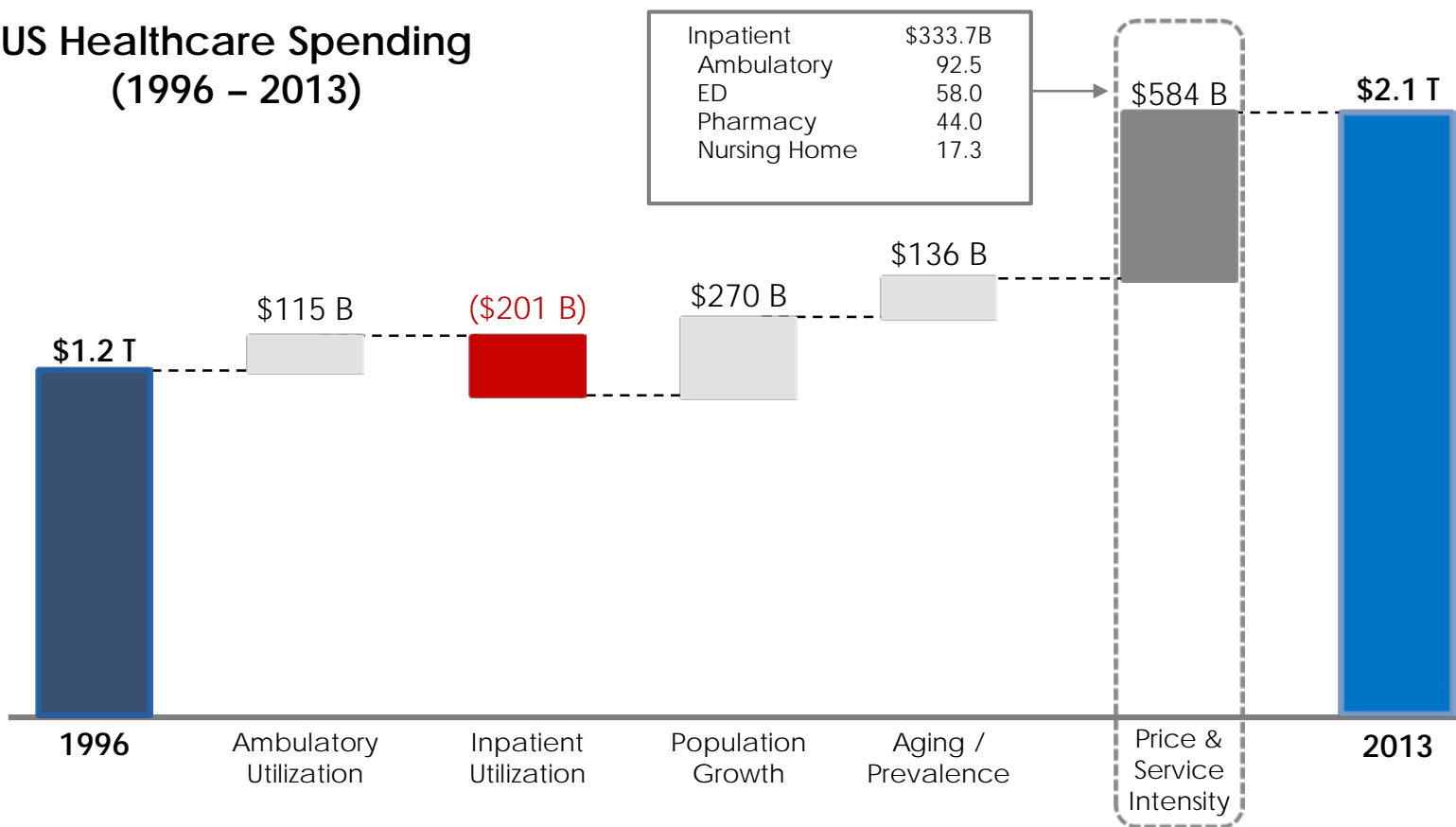


**More than a quarter of patients have postponed care due to cost**

**Affordability = Access = Improved Outcomes**

# Why is Total Cost of Care increasing so much?

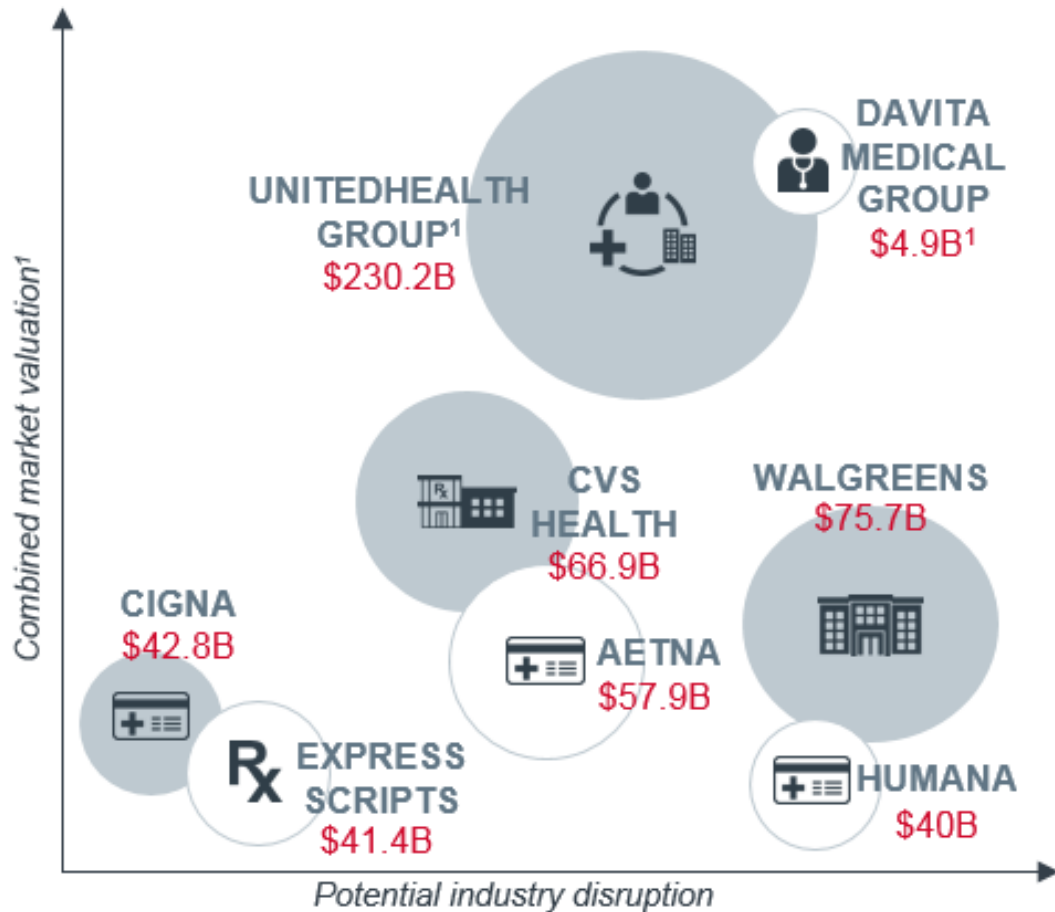
US Healthcare Spending  
(1996 – 2013)



Source: Innosight Analysis; JAMA Factors Associated With Increases in US Health Care Spending, 1996-2013

# The Healthcare Landscape is Responding Rapidly

Unprecedented mega-mergers claiming the spotlight



Credit: The Advisory Board

## Healthcare Technology



“*The New York Times*  
 “Hearing **Amazon’s** Footsteps, the Health Care Industry Shudders”

*Forbes*

“Be Afraid: Health Care Feels the **Amazon** Effect”

## Emergence of ACO's and CIN's

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**Clinically Integrated Network**: a collection of healthcare providers, such as physicians, hospitals, and post-acute care treatment providers (e.g SNF's), that come together to improve patient care and reduce overall healthcare cost.

**Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)**: groups of doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers, who come together voluntarily to give coordinated high quality care to their. Concept outlined in 2009 ACA, advanced through Medicare payment models

Committee on the Cost of Medical Care released a landmark study recommending the *“integrated practice of medicine rather than autonomous individual sets of practices.”*

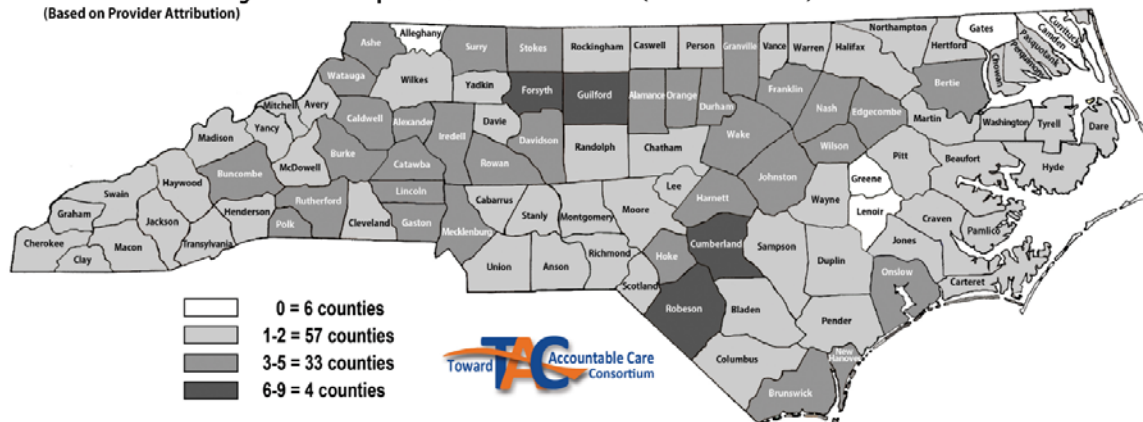
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# Growth of ACO's and CIN's Nationally and in North Carolina

> 1200 ACO's nationally covering > 33 million Americans

NC is home to 30 Medicare ACO's (Next Gen and MSSP)

Accountable Care Organizations Represented in North Carolina (MSSP & NextGen)  
(Based on Provider Attribution)



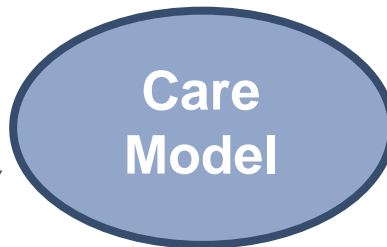
Health Affairs 2/2019  
North Carolina: The New Frontier For  
Health Care Transformation



the most rapid and broad-based shift to population-based care and payment models in the country



# Key Components of an ACO



- Integrate Clinically
- Address key drivers of health
- Population Management



- Patient attribution
- Financial Benchmark for the population
- Quality Benchmarks
- Shared Savings and Risk Arrangement



- High Value network
- Provider engagement

Data and Analytics

## Example of a ACO/CIN: UNC Health Alliance



A Clinically Integrated Network (CIN) built on an Integrated Delivery System platform including a nationally recognized Academic Medical Center and leader in primary care and large community hospital and community based provider networks:

- 11 hospitals, 13 SNF's, 8 Home Health agencies
- 5000 providers: 2/3 employed and 1/3 independent
  - 2/3 Specialists and 1/3 Primary Care Providers
- Geographic spread throughout rural, suburban and urban areas
- 220K lives covered under APM's 2019

# What does good look like?

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## **Successful Alternative Payment Models align the right mix of incentives, motivation, and feasibility**

- combine incentives with two other key behavioral drivers: professional motivation and feasible targets.
- restore the link between economics and the professional motivation to deliver patient-centered, high-quality care
- show a feasible path for providers to deliver higher-value care.

# ACO Strategies for Transitioning to Value Based Care

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## Strategies

- 1. Increase cost awareness among physicians**
- 2. Engage patients in improving their own health**
- 3. Increase coordinated management of highly complex patients and high cost patients to improve their outcomes**
- 4. Reduce avoidable hospitalizations**
- 5. Control cost and improve quality in SNF's**
- 6. Address Behavioral Health needs and social determinants of health**
- 7. Utilize technology to increase information sharing among providers**

*Office of the Inspector General US DHHS*

*'ACO's Strategies for Transitioning to Value-Based Care: Lessons from the Medicare Shared Savings Program' July, 2019*

# ACO's – Do They Work?

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## **Affordability:**

- CMS ACO's saved \$1.5B in 2017 - 2018
- Next Generation ACO Model alone saved CMS \$100M in 2016
- Cigna CAC \$424M in savings between 2008-2016
- BCBS North Carolina reduces premiums for ACA by 25% over 2 years

## **Quality:**

- MSSP quality = 91% on average 2012-2016
- High risk patients may fare better

## **Experience:**

- Limited data however these models have introduced new patient centered services
- Very limited data on providers' experience



OneCareVermont -- an all payor experiment

# Can ACO's Catalyze Transformation to Value?



**Introduce and Scale Population Management strategies**



**Integrate Data and Analytics to drive improvement**



**Integrate and coordinate care across care providers and care settings: Right care, right time, right place**

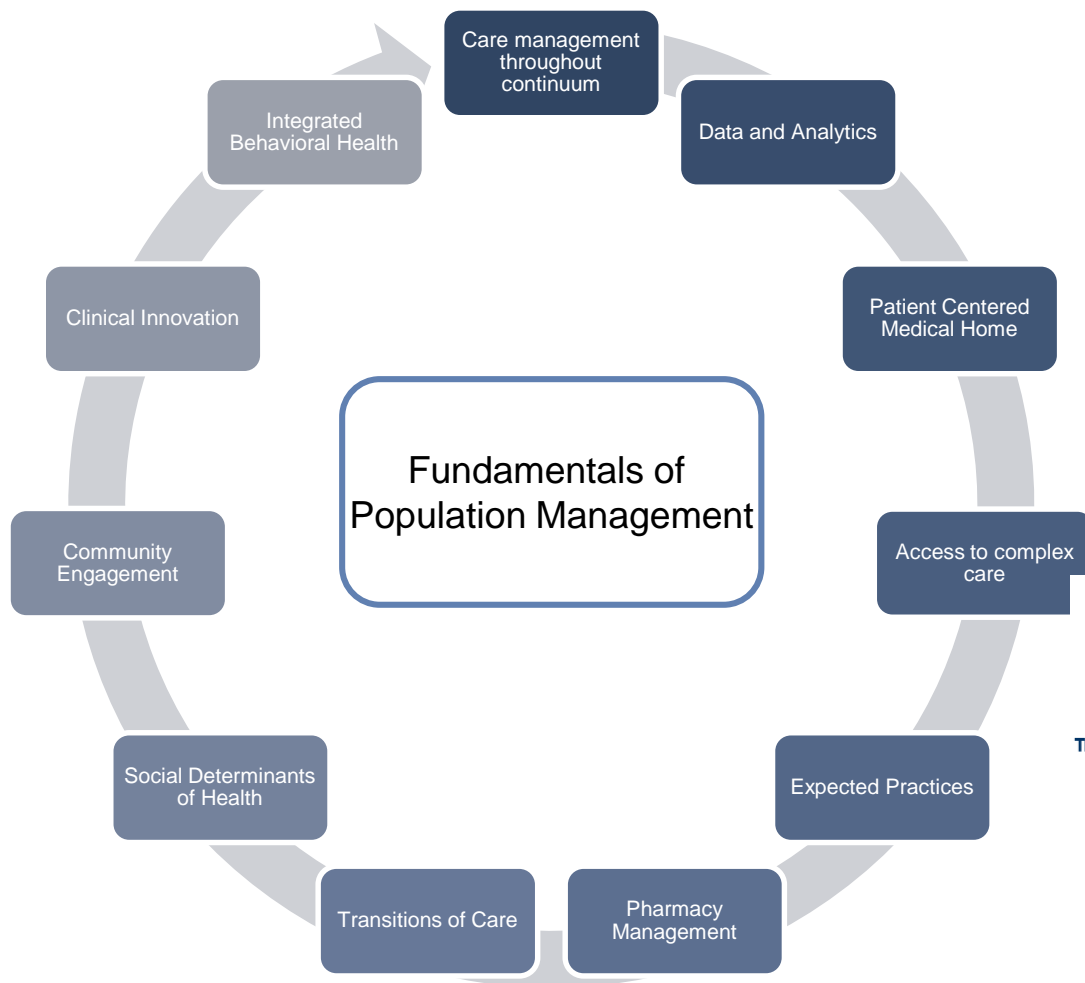
*Alternative Payment Models*



**New Math: Change the economics of healthcare, revenue becomes cost.**

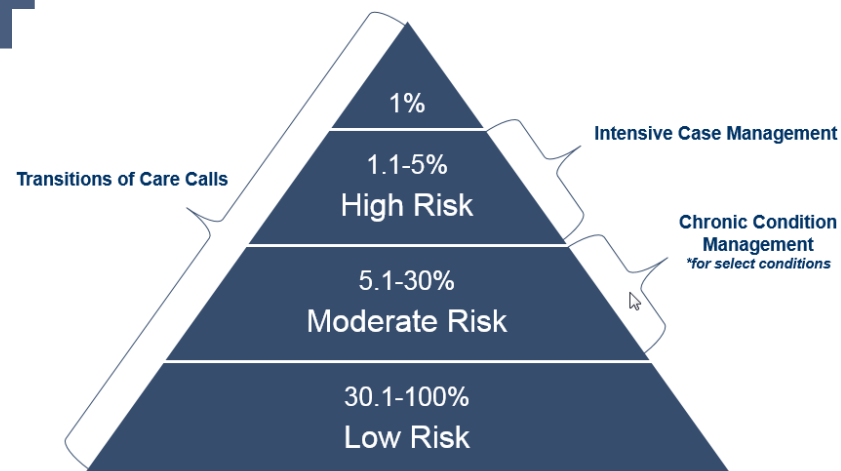
**Identify and address real drivers of Health  
Primary Care at the Center**

# Introduce and Scale Population Management strategies



## Population Health Services

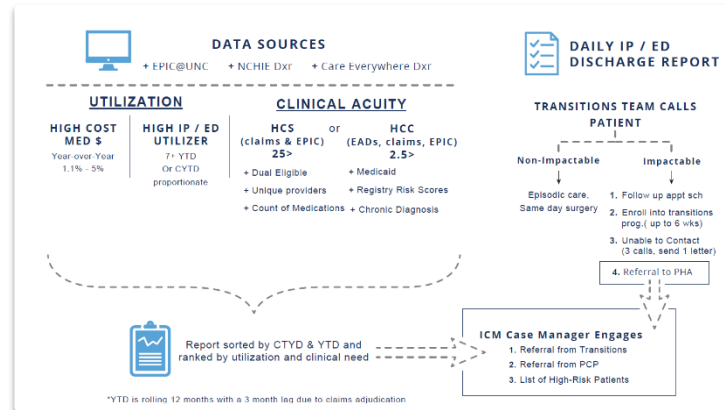
- Risk Stratification
- Population Segmentation
- Clinical Services



# Integrate Data and Analytics to drive improvement

## *Multifactorial approach to identifying high risk patients*

### Risk Stratification and Prediction Algorithm



Patient Cohorting: JHG

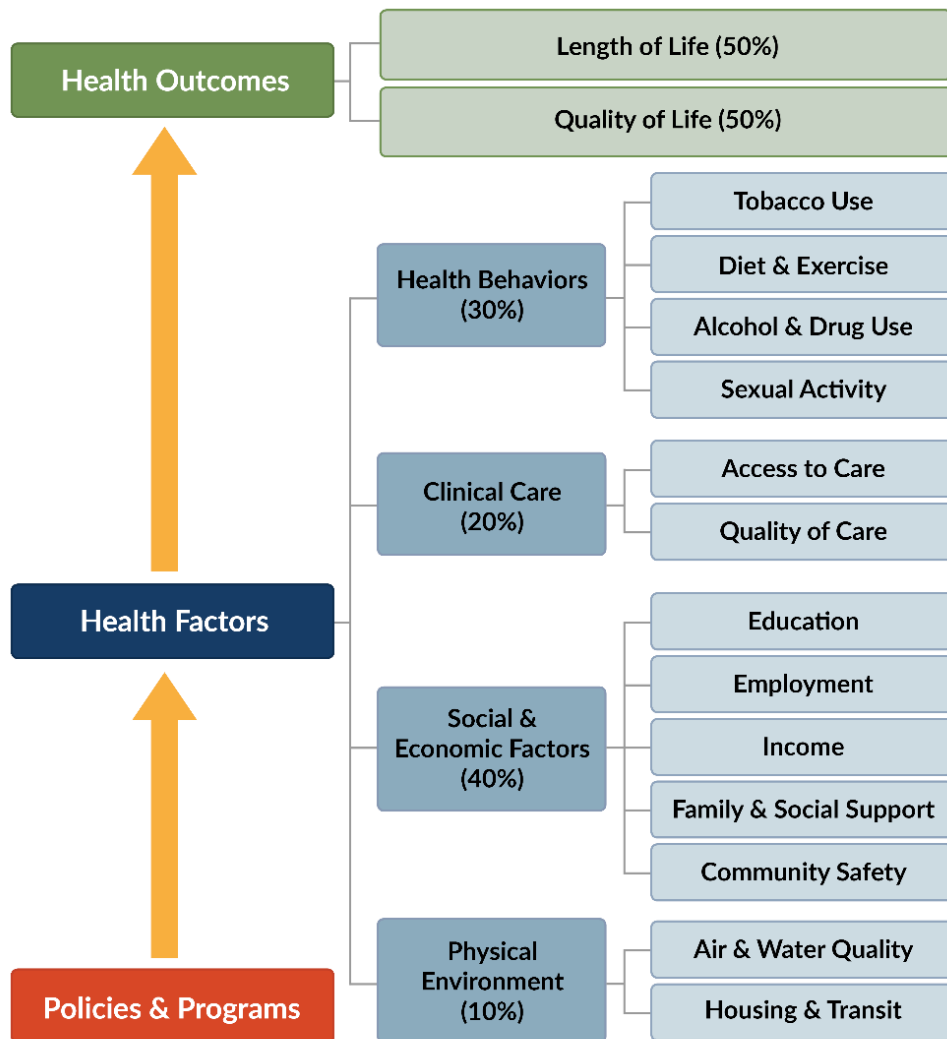
- Home based technology
- NCCare360: SDOH screening and engagement with community resources
- Claritas American Community Service (ACS) census data (NSS7)
- Propensity to Pay scoring (ACA)

Leveraging multiple data sources to identify patients needing additional support



# Looking Beyond Clinic Walls to Understand Health Influences

**Excellent clinical care alone is not enough to help patients achieve their optimal health**



County Health Rankings model © 2014 UWPHI

# Coordinating Care Across Care Settings

## NEMT Transportation

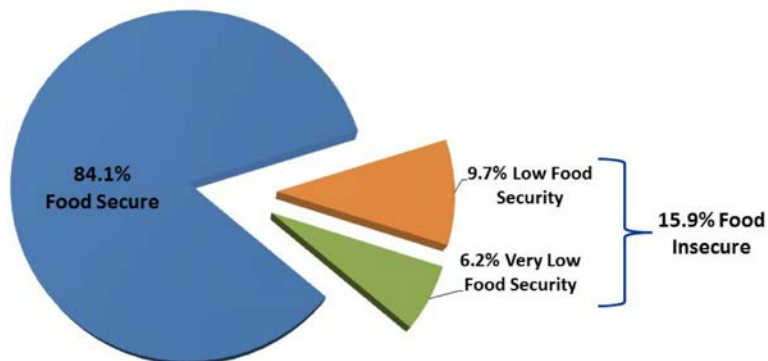


- 1) Patients identified with transportation as their key barrier to care
  - Case management ID
  - No-Show predictive data
  - Specific conditions: ESRD
- 2) Care Coordinators manage transportation through Circulation
  - Uber, Lyft, Taxi

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## Addressing food insecurity across communities

North Carolina is the 8<sup>th</sup> Hungriest Place in the US  
Households by levels of food security



- Coordinate funding sources
- Coordinate community resources

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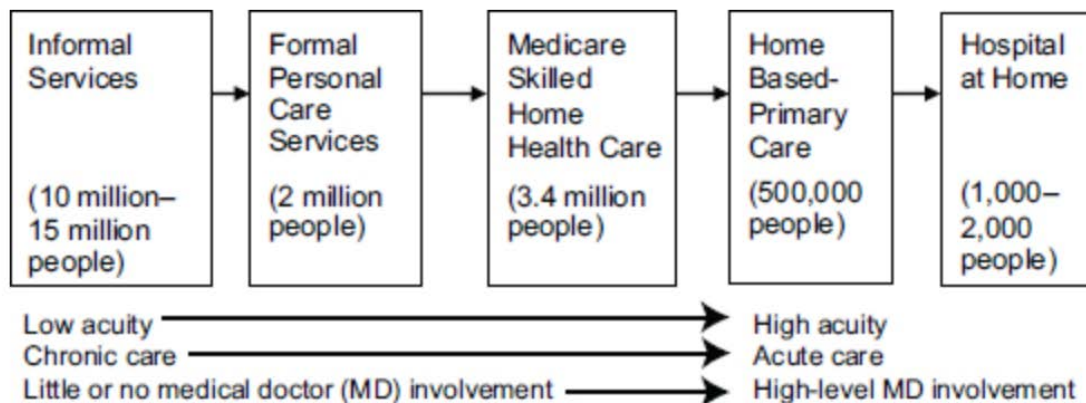
## Collaborative Management of Post-Acute Services



### Skilled Nursing Facility preferred network

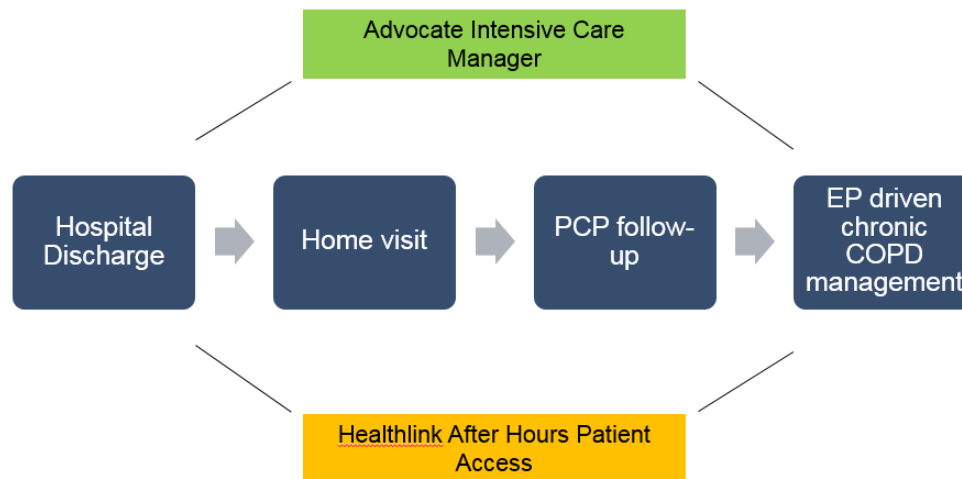
- Transition Planning
- Care Pathways
- Care management and Care Coordination
- Collaborative Quality Improvement

### Home Care Spectrum



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## Regional Care Redesign for COPD

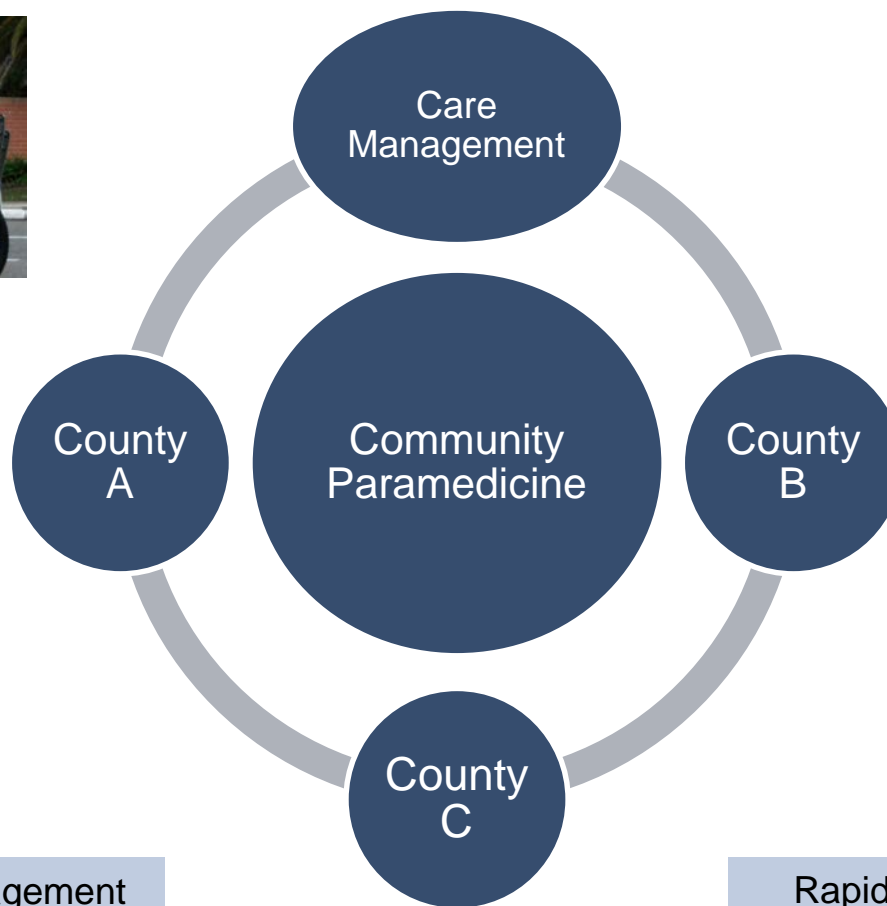


### Key components of redesigned care in a rural region:

- Identify COPD as key driver of ED utilization
- Align incentives across the care continuum
- Convene Geographic Service Area Counsel
- Standardize management of COPD – Expected Practices
- EMR redesign to support standardized work

# Coordinating Care Across Care Settings

## *Integrating with Established Community Partners*



Standardized management of Chronic Disease

In home management of mild disease

Rapid access to PCP or Specialty care

Virtual access to clinical care team (pharmacist, LCSW)

# New Math – Changing the Economics of Healthcare

## Alternative Payment Model (APM) Framework

- Move payment away from Fee For Service
- Generate accountability for quality and total cost of care
- Support population payment models: Capitation
- Align Incentives - Historic revenue becomes cost

What is serious? The answer is a... In fact, we could be more serious... the number one mission is to keep... of the hospital. We've focused on... such management, as opposed to the... for service medicine. To instead... the's instead and investment... care that's continuous and... much of it outside of the traditional...  
 These tremendous emphasis on wellness... programs designed to help people stop smoking... lose weight and battle obesity, lower their blood... pressure and reduce the risk of a heart attack. By... being as proactive as possible, patients can better... maintain their health and avoid disease.  
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