







## New roles for CL Psychiatrists



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- John A. Hartford Foundation
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- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
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- American Red Cross (RAND)
- California HealthCare Foundation
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Hogg Foundation for Mental Health
- Henry M. Jackson Foundation / DOD

#### **Contracts**

- Community Health Plan of Washington
- King County Department of Public Health

#### Consultant

- AARP Services Incorporated (ASI)
- National Council of Community Behavioral Health Care (NCCBH)
- RAND Corporation

#### Advisor

- Carter Center Mental Health Program
- Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI)

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# AIMS CENTER

Advancing Integrated Mental Health Solutions

Building on 25 years of Research and Practice in Integrated Mental Health Care

### Overview

### **New roles for CL Psychiatrists**

- Collaborative care vs 'co-located' care
- Outpatient CL Psychiatry
- Consultation & caseload-based supervision
- Financing
- Job descriptions

# Integrated Mental Health Care

### 'Beyond the Tipping Point'

- 25 years of NIMH Research on Collaborative Care <u>www.nimh.nih.gov</u>
- John A. Hartford Foundation: IMPACT Program (<a href="http://impact-uw.org">http://impact-uw.org</a>).
- MacArthur Initiative on Depression and Primary Care: RESPECT study and 3CM Model <u>www.depression-primarycare.org/</u>
- HRSA Bureau of Primary Care Health Disparities Collaboratives (over 100 FQHCs)
   <a href="http://www.hrsa.gov/mentalhealth/">http://www.hrsa.gov/mentalhealth/</a>
- RWJ Program: Depression in Primary Care—Linking Clinical and System Strategies
- NCCBH Collaborative Care Learning Collaboratives <a href="http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/">http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/</a>
- California Endowment : Integrated Behavioral Health Project (IBPB) <a href="http://www.ibhp.org/">http://www.ibhp.org/</a>
- CiMH <a href="http://www.cimh.org/Initiatives/Primary-Care-BH-Integration.aspx">http://www.cimh.org/Initiatives/Primary-Care-BH-Integration.aspx</a>
- CAL MEND <u>www.calmend.org</u>
- Hogg Foundation for Mental Health Integrated Mental Health Initiative in Texas (<a href="http://www.hogg.utexas.edu/programs\_ihc.html">http://www.hogg.utexas.edu/programs\_ihc.html</a>)
- REACH-NOLA Project in New Orleans <a href="http://reachnola.org/">http://reachnola.org/</a>
- VA, US Air Force, HMOs (Group Health, Kaiser Permanente), Cherokee, Washtenaw County (WCHO)
- Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative: <u>www.pcpcc.net</u>
- Collaborative Family Healthcare Association: <u>www.CFHA.net</u>
- AAFP's National Research Network <u>www.aafp.org/nrn/ccrn</u>
- National Business Group on Health: "An Employer's Guide to Behavioral Health Services": www.businessgrouphealth.org/benefitstopics/topics/purchasers/fullguide.pdf

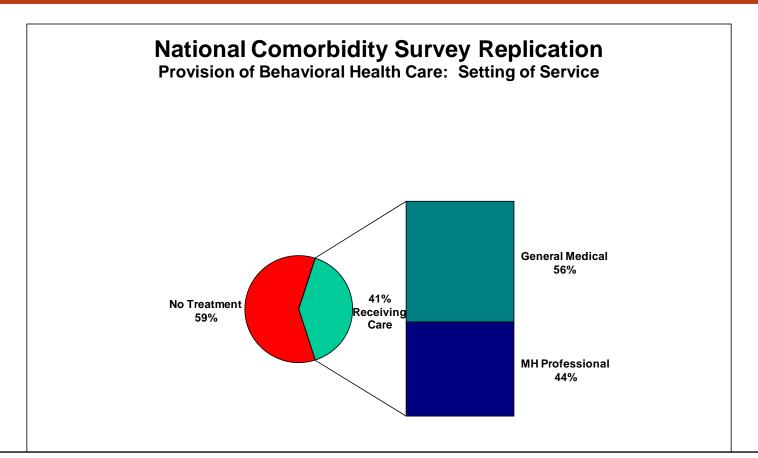
## The Case for Integration

Mental health in primary care:
 Primary care is where the patients are.

 PC is the 'de facto' health care system for common mental disorders.

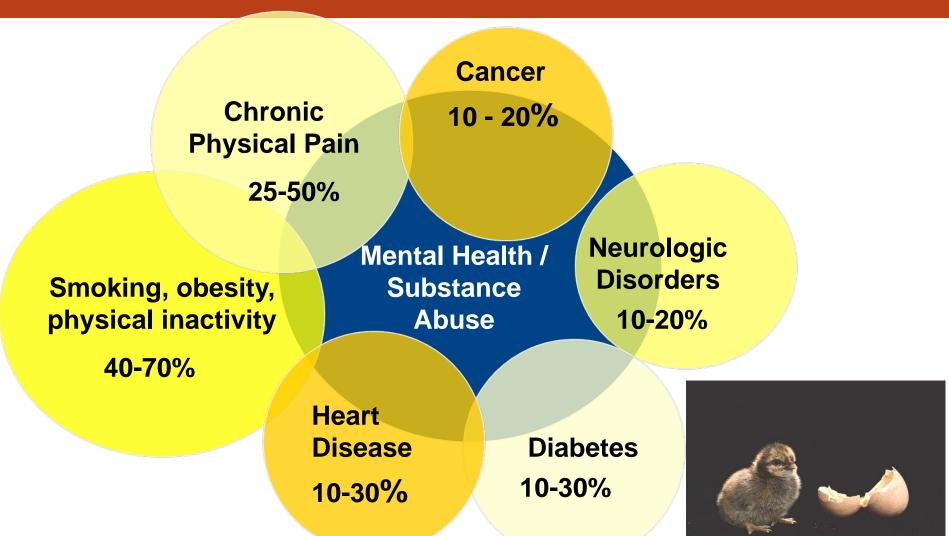
Medical care in mental health care settings:
 Patients with severe mental disorders (SMI)
 receive poor medical care and die on average 25 years earlier than those without SMI.

# Primary Care is the 'de facto' mental health system



Wang, Philip S., et al, Twelve-Month Use of Mental Health Services in the United States, Arch Gen Psychiatry, 62, June 2005

# Mental Disorders are Rarely the only Health Problem



## **Moving Towards Integrated Care**

### **IDEAL**

**Collaborate Effectively** 

### A GOOD START

Co-locate Services

### **TYPICAL**

**Refer for Consultation** 

### **WORST CASE**

Compete

# Roles for Psychiatrists

### **Traditional Consultation**

- Limited access
  - 66 % of PCPs say they have poor access
- PCPs experience psychiatry consultation as a 'black box' (little feedback)
- Expensive:
  - all MH visits require full intakes, often leaving little time and energy for follow-up or 'curbside consultation'.
- Works best for one-time or acute issues that don't need follow-up.

# **But 66% of PCPs Report Poor Access to Mental Health Care for Their Patients**



"We couldn't get a psychiatrist, but perhaps you'd like to talk about your skin. Dr. Perry here is a dermatologist."

Cunningham PJ, Health Affairs 2009;28(3)490-501

### Liaison / co-location

- Psychiatrist comes to primary care.
- Fewer no shows but this is still a problem.
- Opportunity for interaction / curbside consultations
- Better communication (often same chart) and better 'transfers' back to primary care.

### **BUT:**

- Not available in many settings (e.g., rural).
- Access still problematic: new slots fill up quickly; little capacity for follow-up.
- Limited ability to make sure recommendations are carried out.

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## **Outpatient Liaison Psychiatry** at UW Medicine

#### University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC):

- Family Medicine\*
- General Internal Medicine\*
- Womens' Clinic\*

#### UWMC Specialty clinics that provide primary care and / or serve patient populations with significant behavioral health care needs:

- Diabetes Care Center\*
- MICC\*
- Neurology Clinic\*
- MS Clinic
- Virology
- Seattle Cancer Care Alliance\*
- Pain Center\*
- Transplant Clinic(s)\*

#### Harborview Medical Center (HMC):

- Adult Medicine\*
- Family Medicine\*
- Pioneer Square\*
- International Clinic\*
- Pediatrics Clinic

#### HMC Specialty clinics that provide primary care and / or serve patient populations with significant behavioral health care needs

- Madison Clinic (HIV)\*
- Rehabilitation Medicine Clinic\*
- Neurology Clinic/Epilepsy Clinic
- Hepatitis-Liver Clinic
- Chronic Fatigue Clinic\*
- Pediatrics Clinic
- Woman's Clinic
- Senior care Clinic\*

#### **UWPN Neighborhood Primary Care Clinics (7)\***

Hall Health Student Health Center \*

### **Collaborative Care**

Effective multidisciplinary practice

Shared workflows with PCP, care manager, and consulting psychiatrist

Efficient use of limited resources

Psychiatry focuses on patients who are not improving / challenging.

Population-focus

Planned, caseload-focused care (vs) 'Psychiatric Urgent Care'

Measurement-based care

Systematic use of evidence-based treatments guided by clinical outcomes.

'Treatment to target' ... similar to good care for diabetes or hypertension.

# Psychiatry in Collaborative Care

- Psychiatrist works closely with a care manager who manages a caseload of patients in a primary care clinic
- Indirect consults are majority with fewer direct patient visits
  - Can provide input on 10-20 patients in a half day as opposed to 3-4 patients in other two models.
- Better access and more patients covered by one Psychiatrist
- Patients get input on their mental health condition in a week versus 2-3 months in other two models.



# The IMPACT Study

(1,801 participants in 18 clinics / 5 states) http://impact-uw.org



Funded by John A. Hartford Foundation California Healthcare Foundation Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Hogg Foundation for Mental Health



## **Integrated Mental Health Care**



PCP supported by Behavioral Health Care Manager

Effective Collaboration

**Practice Support** 



Informed, Active Patient



Measurement



Caseload-focused psychiatric consultation



**Training** 

## **IMPACT** Doubles Effectiveness of **Care for Depression**

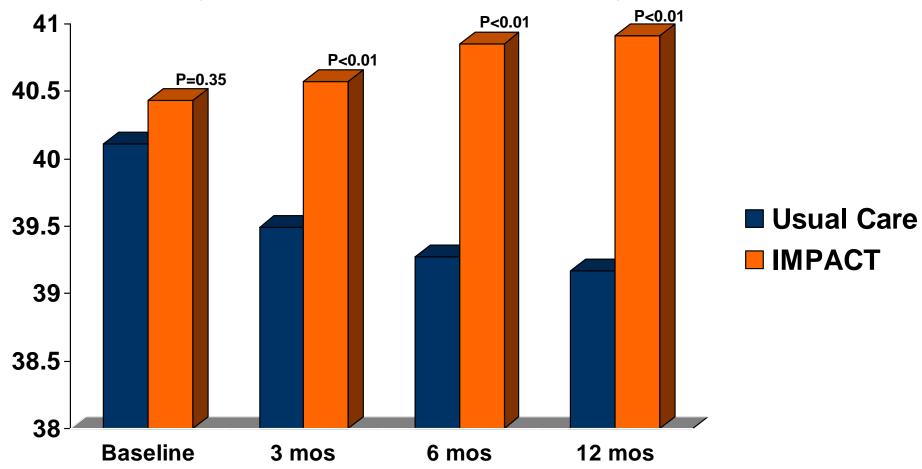
50 % or greater improvement in depression at 12 months





## **Better Physical Function**





Callahan et al, JAGS 2005; 53:367-373.

# **Long-Term Cost Savings**

Cost Category	4-year costs in \$	Intervention group cost in \$	Usual care group cost in \$	Difference in
IMPACT program cost		522	0	522
Outpatient mental health costs	661	558	767	-210
Pharmacy costs	7,284	6,942	7,636	-694
Other outpatient costs	14,306	14,160	14,456	-296
Inpatient medical costs	8,452	7,179	9,757	-2578
Inpatient mental health / substance abuse costs	114	61	169	-108
Total health care cost	31,082	29,422	32,785	-\$3363

Savings

Unützer et al. Am J Managed Care 2008.

## **IMPACT** Replication Studies

Patient Population (Study Name)	Target Clinical conditions	Reference
Adult primary care patients (Pathways)	Diabetes and Depression	Katon et al, 2004
Adult patients in safety net clinics (project Dulce; Latinos)	Diabetes and Depression	Gilmer et al, 2008
Public sector oncology clinic	Cancer and Depression	Dwight-Johnson et al, 2005
County hospital oncology clinic (Latino patients)	Cancer and Depression	Ell et al, 2008
HMO patients	Depression in primary care	Grypma et al, 2006
Adolescents in primary care	Adolescent Depression	Richardson et al, 2009
Older adults	Arthritis and Depression	Unutzer et al, 2008
Acute Coronary Syndrome patients (COPES)	Coronary Events and Depression	Davidson et al, 2010

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### **Endorsements for Collaborative Care**

- Presidents New Freedom
   Commission on Mental Health
- IOM Report
- National Business Group on Health
- CDC consensus Panel
- Annapolis Coalition
- Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease
- AHRQ Report (2009)
- SAMHSA
  - National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP)



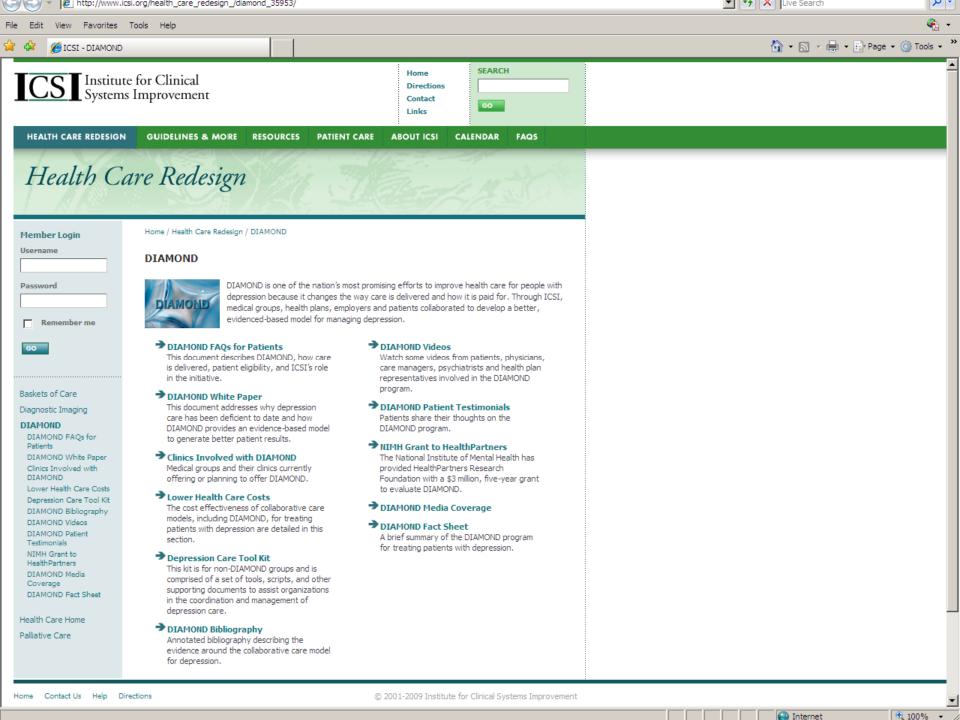
# ~ 4,000 providers trained in evidence-based integrated care



### **DIAMOND** Initiative

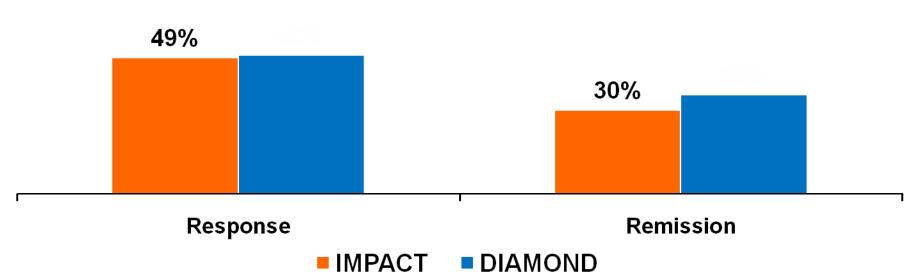
### Depression Improvement Across Minnesota: a New Direction

- Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI)
- 9 health plans in Minnesota
  - Monthly billing code for evidence-based depression care management in primary care includes psychiatric consultation
    - Primary Care clinics purchase consultation
  - Regular reporting of depression outcomes to ICSI and Minnesota Community Measurement
- 25 medical groups with ~ 90 primary care clinics



### DIAMOND

# 6-month outcomes from the first 10 implementing clinics



Korsen & Pietruszewski, J Clin Psychol Med Settings, 2009.

# Moving beyond common mental disorders

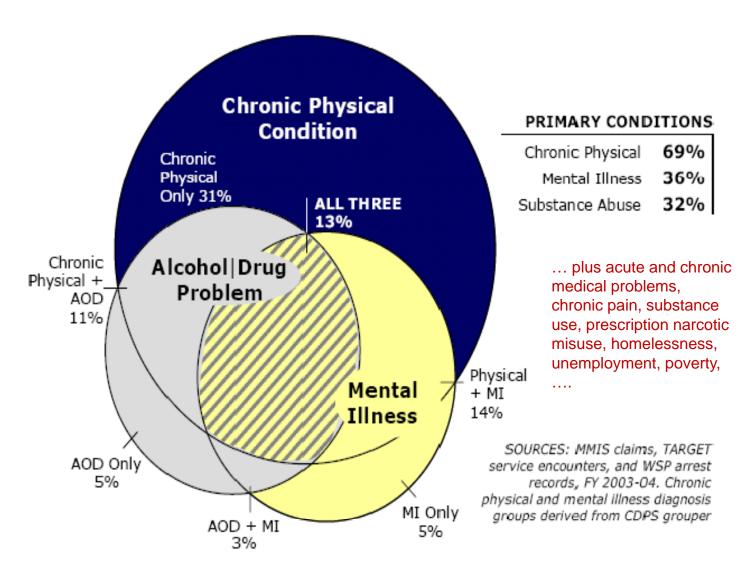
# Comorbidity is common in safety net populations

DSHS | GA-U Clients: Challenges and Opportunities August 2006

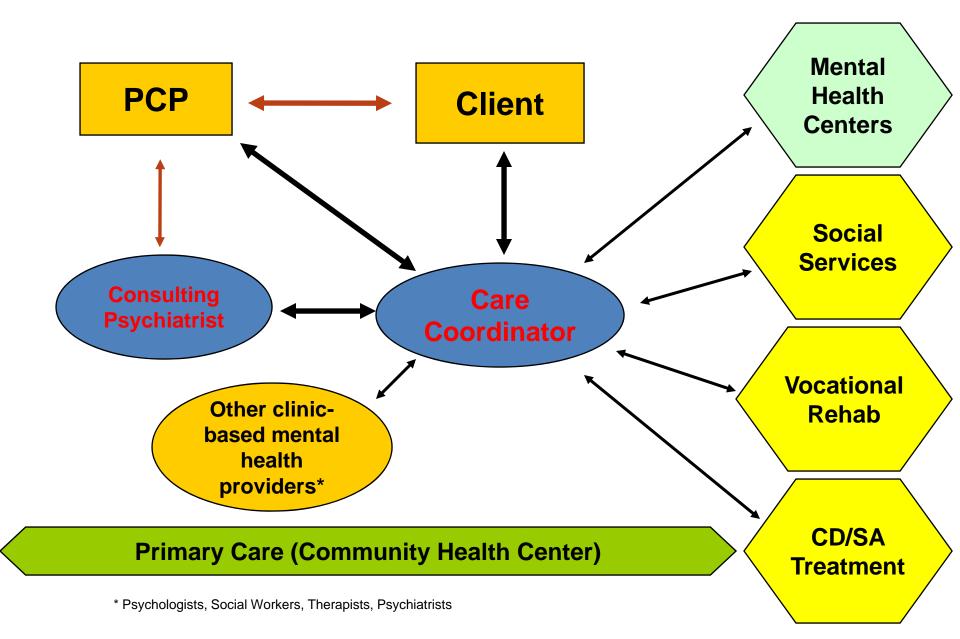
Co-occurring Diagnoses and the GA-U Population

52 percent had substance abuse or mental illness identified

> 31 percent had a chronic physical condition only



### **WA State MHIP Program**



#### MHIP for Behavioral Health

Mental Health Integration Program



Login Operations | Login Clinical

Home

Map

**Partners** 

The Model

Training

**Evaluation** 

Stories

News









A Partnership to Promote Patient-Centered Collaboration

Community

Collaboration

Compassion-

Care

Cost-effective

What is MHIP?

http://integratedcare-nw.org

#### Integration & Collaboration

The Mental Health Integration Program is a state-wide, patient-centered, integrated program serving clients with medical, mental health, and substance abuse needs. The program provides:

- · High quality mental health screening and treatment
- An evidence- and outcome-based model of collaborative stepped care to treat common mental disorders

#### Results-oriented

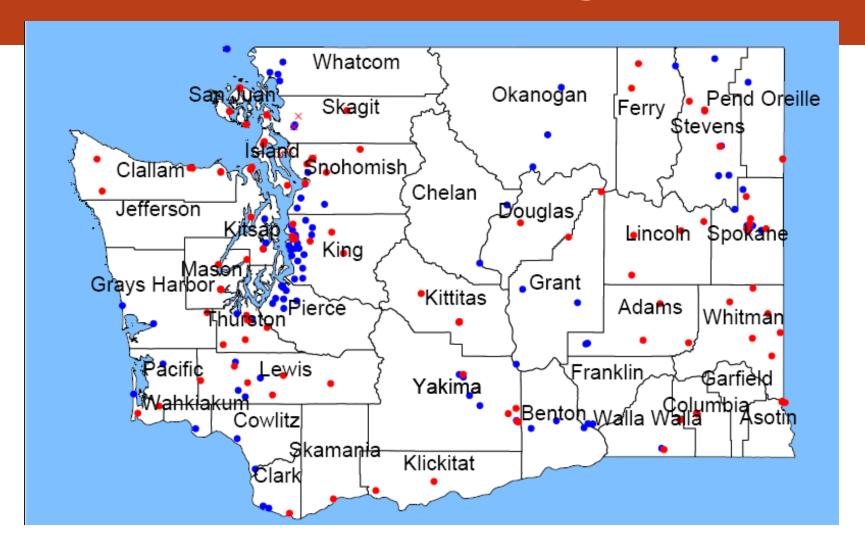
Since the start of the program in January of 2008, MHIP has helped over 10,000 clients, ages 0-100. Ongoing evaluation has shown substantial improvements in coordinated care and mental health outcomes.

#### Funding

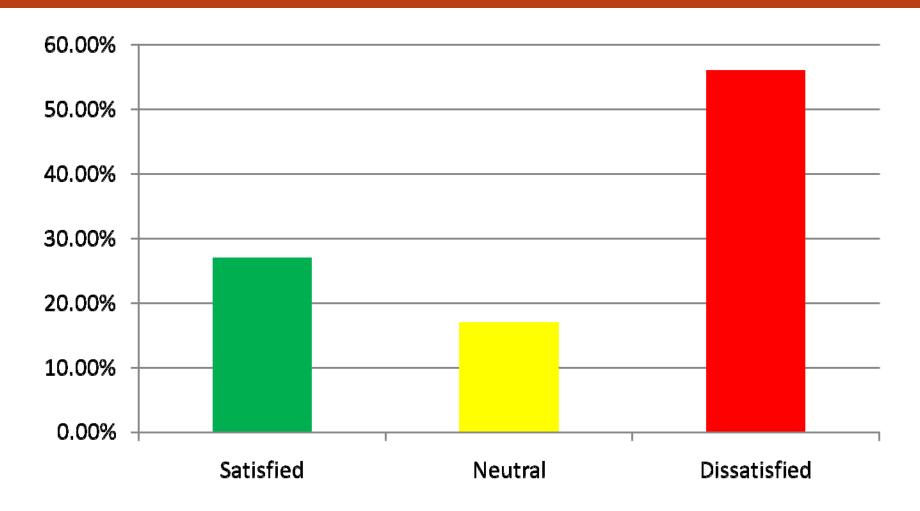
- The Washington State Legislature provides dedicated funding to Community Health Plan of Washington to provide mental health services to clients on Disability Lifeline (formerly GA-U) around the state;
- In King County, the King County Veterans and Human Services Levy, Children's Health Initiative, and the Mental Illness & Drug Dependency (MIDD) Action Plan increase access to MHIP through community health centers, public health centers, and other safety net clinics



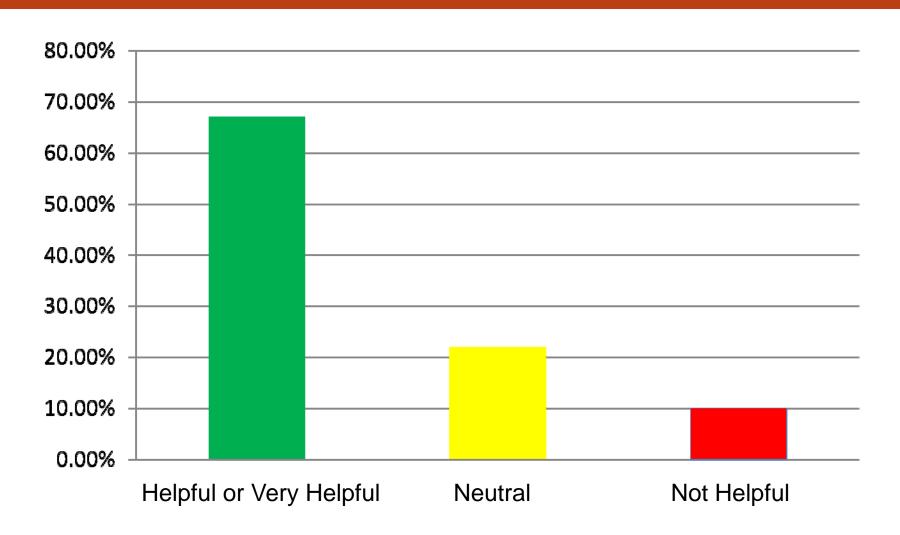
## MHIP across Washington State



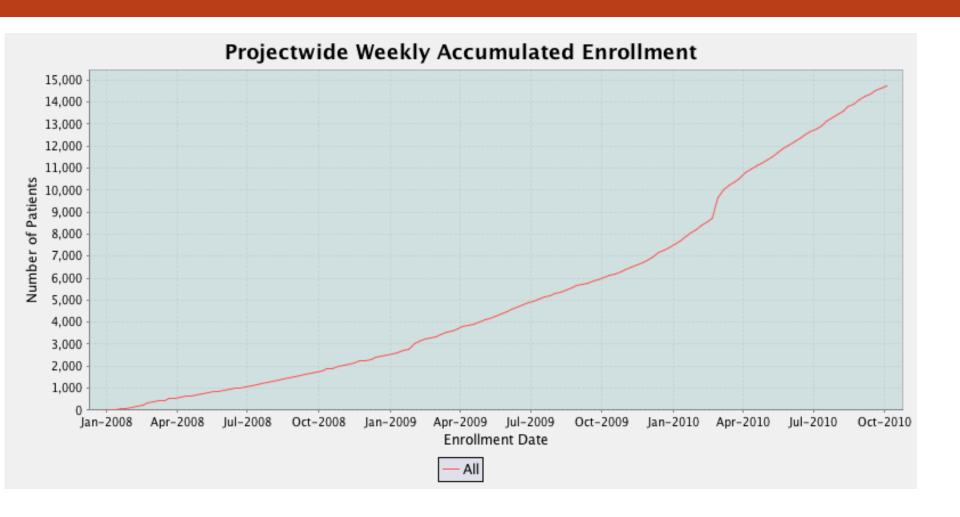
# PCP satisfaction with resources available to treat MH for patients not in MHIP (n=48)



# PCP Satisfaction with MHIP Psychiatric Consultation (n=48)



## MHIP: 15,000 clients served



# **Client Demographics**

	Mean or %	Range across clinics
Men	52 %	
Women	48 %	
Mean Age	40	1-100
Challenge with Housing	29 %	3% - 52 %
Challenge with Transportation	21 %	10 %- 50 %

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## Common Client Diagnoses (L1)

Diagnoses	%
Depression	71 %
Anxiety	48 %
Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)	17 %
Alcohol / Substance Abuse	17 %* (likely underreported)
Bipolar Disorder	15 %

... plus acute and chronic medical problems, chronic pain, substance use, prescription narcotic misuse, homelessness, unemployment, poverty, ....

## Thoughts of suicide

# 45 % of clients report thoughts of death or suicide on PHQ-9 depression screen

- ❖10 % (~ 1,500 clients to date) report being bothered by such thoughts most days of the week.
- ❖10 % of L1 clients have records of 'active safety concerns' (e.g., history of prior suicide attempt)

## MHIP Clinic Example

Population	Mean baseline PHQ-9 depressi on score (0-27)	Follow- up (%)	Mean number of contacts	% with psych consultat ion	% with significant clinical improveme nt
DL (GA-U)	17.0	96 %	12.7	82%	50 %
Uninsured	17.0	93 %	10.6	90%	53 %
Older Adults	16.0	92 %	14.3	89%	54 %

### Successful Implementation

- 1) Systematic assessment of needs and resources
  - a) Treatment 'volume': visit diagnoses and Rx data
  - b) Current staffing and workflows
- 2) Systematic Team building process
  - a) Four-step team building process / worksheets
  - b) Job descriptions
- 3) Staff Training and Implementation Support
  - a) Established training program / materials
  - b) Psychiatric Consultation
- 4) Web-based registry: 'real time' process and clinical outcomes data

# Integrated Care Team Building Process

Conditions for which you plan to provide clinical care (select all that	BEHAVIORAL HE	AIMS CENTER									
Depression   Substance Abuse  Anxiety (e.g. PTSD)   Other Mental Disorders					STAFF SELF-ASS	SESSI	/IENT		en dese en en	rated Mental Healt	
Anxiety (e.g. PTSD)  Other Mental Disorders						Your Ora	anization's	Your L	evel of	Would Y	
Integrated Care Tasks	Is Th Priority		Is This Role I		If No, Whose Role?	Capacity	with This sk?			Training to This T	Perform
Identify and Engage Patients	Yes	No	Yes	No		High I	Med/Low	High	Med/Low	Yes	No
Identify People Who May Need Help											
Screen for Behavioral Health Problems Using Valid Measures											
Diagnose Behavioral Health Disorders											
Engage Patient in Integrated Care Program											
Initiate and Provide Treatment	Yes	No	Yes	No		High I	Med/Low	High	Med/Low	Yes	No
Perform Behavioral Health Assessment											
Develop and Update Behavioral Health Treatment Plan											
Patient Education about Symptoms & Treatment Options											
Prescribe Psychotropic Medications											
Patient Education about Medications & Side Effects											
Brief Counseling, Activity Scheduling, Behavioral Activation											
Evidence-based Psychotherapy (e.g. PST, CBT, IPT)											
Identify and Treat Coexisting Medical Conditions											
Facilitate Referral to Specialty Care or Social Services											
Create and Support Relapse Prevention Plan											
Track Treatment Outcomes	Yes	No	Yes	No		High I	Med/Low	High	Med/Low	Yes	No
Track Treatment Engagement and Adherence using Registry											
Reach out to Patients who are Non-adherent or Disengaged											
Track Patients' Symptoms with Measurement Tool (e.g., PHQ-9)											
Track Medication Side Effects & Concerns											
Track Outcome of Referrals and Other Treatments											
Adjust Treatment if Patients are Not Responding	Yes	No	Yes	No		High I	Med/Low	High	Med/Low	Yes	No
Assess Need for Changes in Treatment											
Facilitate Changes in Treatment / Treatment Plan as needed											
Provide Caseload-Focused Psychiatric Consultation											
Provide in Person Psychiatric Assessment of Challenging Patients											
Other Tasks Important for Our Program (add tasks as needed)	Yes	No	Yes	No	<i>a</i> .	1	Med/Low		Med/Low	Yes	No
Coordinate Communication Among All Team Members / Providers											
Administrative Support for Program (e.g., Scheduling, Resources)											
Clinical Supervision for Program											
Training of Team Members in Behavioral Health											
1.											
2.											
3.											

## **Program Staffing** in Diverse Clinic Settings

Clinic Population (mental health needs)	% of clinic population with need for care management	Typical caseload size for 1 FTE Care Manager	# of unique primary care clinic patients to justify 1 FTE CM		ersonnel ent for 1,000 imary care
				FTE Care Manager	FTE Psychiatrist**
Low need (e.g., insured, employed)	2%	100	5000	0.2	0.05 (2 hrs / week)
Medium need (e.g., comorbid medical needs / chronic pain / substance abuse)	5%	75	1500	0.7	0.07 (3 hrs / week)
High need (e.g, safety-net population)* ©2010 University of Washington	15%	50	333	3	0.3 (12 hrs / week)



#### Job Description: University of Washington Consulting Psyc Mental Health Integration Program (MHIP)

#### JOB SUMMARY

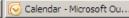
The consulting psychiatrist is responsible for supporting mental health care provided by primar and care coordinators treating MHIP patients in participating community health centers (CHCs care clinics.

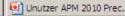
#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

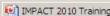
- Provide regularly scheduled (usually weekly) caseload consultation to assigned care coordi These consultations will primarily focus on patients who are new to treatment or who are expected.
- Provide telephonic consultation to primary care physicians (PCPs) as requested, focusing o CCs caseload.
- Work with the assigned CCs to track and oversee their patient panels and clinical outcome based MHITS care management tracking system.

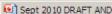


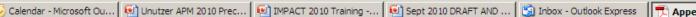














# UW Web-based Care Management Tracking System (CMTS)

Supports efficient and effective behavioral health workflows

In use in WA State MHIP program and in 8 other major behavioral health integration programs in Minnesota, Texas, and Canada

#### Registry function

> prevents patients from 'falling through the cracks'

#### Care management functions

- >Structured templates facilitate efficient sessions
- ➤ Individual and caseload reports facilitate
  - >measurement-based care / treatment to target
  - >efficient psychiatric consultation on challenging

#### CASELOAD STATISTICS L1

Site: (Switch to PCP-stat) (Switch to Clinic-stat)
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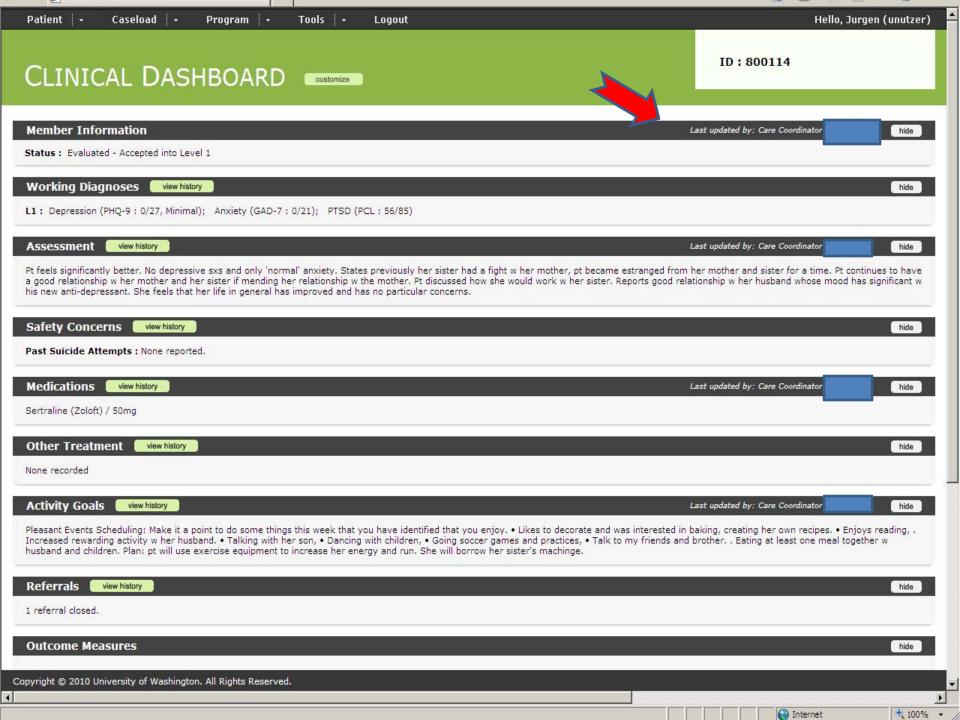
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со	P.	#	MEAN PHQ	MEAN GAD	# OF P.	MEAN #	MEAN # CLINIC	MEAN # PHONE	MEAN PHQ	MEAN GAD	MEDS	MEDS	C/C	# REQ'D	# w/ P/N	# w/ P/E	Рно	GAD
LCSW	70	68 (97%)	15.1 (n=61)	12.8 (n=52)	62 (91%)	6.7	5.5 (82%)	1.2 (18%)	11.0 (Δ=28%)	8.8 (Δ=31%)	50 (77%)	3 (4%)	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	42 (60%)	0 (0%)	19 (49%) (n=39)	16 (41%) (n=39)
LCSW	86	86 (100%)	15.9 (n=86)	14.2 (n=84)	79 (92%)	12.4	6.4 (52%)	6.0 (48%)	11.4 (Δ=28%)	10.5 (Δ=26%)	63 (75%)	2 (2%)	2 (2%)	<b>0</b> (0%)	62 (72%)	0 (0%)	34 (68%) (n=50)	28 (56%) (n=50)
All	156	154 (99%)	15.6 (n=147)	13.6 (n=136)	141 (92%)	9.9	6.0 (61%)	3.9 (39%)	11.2 (Δ=28%)	9.8 (Δ=28%)	113 (76%)	5 (3%)	2 (1%)	1 (1%)	104 (67%)	0 (0%)	53 (60%) (n=89)	44 (49%) (n=89)

C/C = Continued Care Plan, P/N = Psychiatrist Note, P/E = Psychiatric Evaluation

Population(s) included: 🔽 GA-U 🔽 Uninsured 🔽 Veterans 🖾 Veteran Family Members 🖾 Moms 🔽 Children 💆 Older Adults Reload

#### Caseload summaries help manage

- -Clinical productivity
- -Quality improvement





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Past Suicide Attempts: None reported.

rent Psychiatric Medications : Sertraline (Zoloft) / 50mg, 1 tablet once a day

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ivity Goals : Pleasant Events Scheduling: Make it a point to do some things this week that you have identified that you enjoy. • Likes to decorate and was interested in baking, creating her own recipes. bys reading, . Increased rewarding activity w her husband. • Talking with her son, • Dancing with children, • Going soccer games and practices, • Talk to my friends and brother. . Eating at least one me ether w husband and children. Plan: pt will use exercise equipment to increase her energy and run. She will borrow her sister's machinge.

Week in Treatment (0 = Clinical Assessment) PHQ-9 — GAD-7

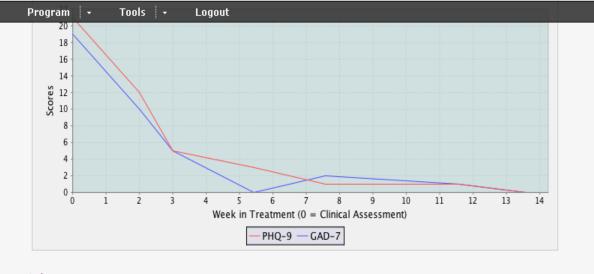
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Safety Concers: Past Suicide Attempts: None reported.

Patient

Caseload

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Referrals: None recorded

#### **Psychiatrist Note** Last updated by: Consulting Psychiatrist (

35 year old woman with most recent PHQ9 = 21, PCL 56/85,

MDO negative and GAD7 = 19.

Who presents with: The pt. c/o of progressively worsening depression x 2 months. History of being molested as a child - with recent re-experiencing of flashbacks (that didn't start at all until 5 years ago).

Current medications: Sertraline 50mg, recently begun (10/19/09).

Prior medication trials include [none known] Medical Problems: Allergic rhinitis, Onychomycosis, Left renal cyst, Migraine HA

Substance Use: ETOH: Use: social drink, every Friday 1 - 3 glasses. Does not like to drink.

Safety Concerns: None

Assessment: Depression with remote trauma that may be surfacing in an PTSD-like condition.

Treatment recommendations: At next visit, please check in with another PHO - if the depression is not substantially improved, consider increasing Zoloft to 100mg per day.

The above treatment considerations and suggestions are based on consultation with the patient's care coordinator and a review of information available in the Mental Health Integrated Tracking System (MHITS), I have not personally examined the patient. All recommendations should be implemented with consideration of the patient's relevant prior history and current clinical status. Please feel free to call me with any questions about the care of this patient.

Hello, Jurgen (unutzer)

# Program Financing: 'no one size fits all'

- Different Settings
- Different Payment Mechanisms
- Different Opportunities, Challenges, Questions

### **Start-up Costs**

#### **Cost categories**

- Program Leadership and Coordination
- Hiring & Training PCP, CM, Psychiatrist
- Support for practice change and change in workflows
- Support for Billing, Registry, EHR / IT

## Costs vary based on size of program and experience with practice change / implementation

 Range from \$5,000 (small clinic) to \$100,000 (large medical group with multiple clinics)

Similar to comparable quality improvement programs

## **IMPACT Operating Costs**

#### **Cost components**

- Care manager time and salary
  - 75 100 active cases for each FTE CM
- Consulting psychiatrist time
  - 0.1 FTE for each FTE CM
- Program materials
  - Educational video / brochure
- +30% overhead

### \$ 750 per participant for 12 months of care\*

\*(IMPACT costs adjusted to 2010 dollars)

## **IMPACT Costs Per Insured Beneficiary (PMPM)**

% of patient population using depression care management	Approximate clinic population / FTE care manager	Cost per participant (12 months)	PMPM (cost per member per month)
3 %	5,000	\$ 750	\$ 1.88

## Financing IMPACT Care

## 7 funding mechanisms for depression care management

- Practice-based, fee-for-service
- Practice-based, health plan contract
- Global capitation
- Flexible infrastructure support
- Health-plan-based
- Third-party-based under contract to health plan
- Hybrid models

Bachman et al, Gen Hospital Psychiatry 2006

### **Examples**

#### Capitated (HMOs)

 Mental Health and Pharmacy Benefit carved-in (KP, GHC, VA) vs. carved-out

#### **Case Rate**

DIAMOND Program in Minnesota

#### P4P

Mental Health Integration Program in WA (MHIP)

#### **Fee For Service**

- Reimbursement rules vary by insurer, provider

# FFS Billing Goldberg & Oxman, 2004

Table 1. American Medical Association CPT Codes and Medicare Fee Schedule for Depression-Relevant Diagnosis and Management<sup>a,b</sup>

		Time	Allowable	Medicare
Code	Description	(min)	Fee	Payment
Psychiat	ry codes			
90801	Initial evaluation	N/A	\$144.31	\$115.45
90804	Counseling	20 - 30	\$66.22	\$33.11
90805	Counseling and medical evaluation and management	20–30	\$72.60	\$36.30
90806	Counseling	40 - 50	\$99.09	\$49.55
90807	Counseling and medical evaluation and management	40–50	\$105.40	\$52.70
90862	Pharmacologic management	N/A	\$52.25	\$26.13
General	office evaluation and managemen	t codes <sup>c</sup>		
99204	Initial evaluation: comprehensive	45	\$136.44	\$109.15
99212	Straightforward follow-up	10	\$37.86	\$18.93
99213	Low complexity follow-up	15	\$53.07	\$26.53
99214	Moderate complexity follow-up	25	\$82.80	\$41.40
99215	Complex follow-up	40	\$120.99	\$60.49

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Data from the American Medical Association. <sup>4</sup>

Effective care management program may optimize -billing by PCPs -Incident to physician billing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup>Medicare fees are regional. Listed fees in this table are for Rhode Island; other states will vary.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup>Time is the controlling factor when counseling comprises > 50% of the visit.

Abbreviations: CPT = Current Procedural Terminology, N/A = not applicable.

## **Medicare Does Pay For**

Two Visits on the same day

Incident too visits

Behavioral health providers in health centers

## **Medicare Does NOT Pay For**

**Excluded services** 

Not medically necessary services

Services denied as bundled or included in basic allowance of another service

Claims denied as "unprocessable"

# **CPT Codes for Behavioral Health Services in Primary Care**

- 96151 Re-assessment 15 minutes
- 96152 Health and Behavior Intervention each 15 minutes face-toface with patient
- 96153 Group (2 or more patients)
- 96154 Family (with patient present)
- 96155 Family (without patient present)
- 96151 Re-assessment 15 minutes
- 96152 Health and Behavior Intervention each 15 minutes face-toface with patient
- 96153 Group (2 or more patients)
- 96154 Family (with patient present)
- 96155 Family (without patient present)

#### **Health and Behavior Codes**

# Most insurance companies covers for 96150

- Some on contract
- Some as part of initiatives
- Listed for use with smoking cessation, sbirt

Some insurance companies might require a pre-authorization

#### **Other CPT Codes**

Interdisciplinary team conferences (99366, 99367 and 99368)may be used to support team conferences that address complex comple

Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention (99408 and 99409)

But all of these codes need to be adopted by Medicaid agencies and commercial plans, in order to bill against them—for example, only a handful of state Medicaid agencies have implemented the SBI codes

#### **Medicaid Reimbursement**

- In many states BH is carved out
- Contractual arrangements and eligible providers vary
- Biggest documentation / coding problems in BH relate to 'medical necessity',
  - esp. with 'incident to' services / billing
  - Integral part of physician's professional practice
  - Generally not itemized separately on bill
  - Commonly furnished in physician's office or clinic
  - Furnished under physician's direct personal supervision
- E&M (992xx) and Therapy (908xx) cannot be billed on same day to some Medicaid programs

## HRSA Medicaid Guide, 2003

Codes?	E&M New Est'd 99201 99211 thru thru 99205 99215	Initial Assessment  90801 90802 Insight Interactive	Psychotherapy 90804 20 90805 90806 90807 90808 90809 80 Min.	Behavioral Assessment 96150 thru 96155
Where?	Medical Office or other O/P Facility	Behavior Health Office or other O/P Facility	Behavior Health Office or other O/P Facility	Behavior Health Office or other O/P Facility
What?	Medical Visit that can include Counseling 10 10 60 40 Min. Min.	Psychiatric Interactive Diagnostic Dx. Interv. Interview Using play Exam Equip., etc.	Individual Individual Psychoth. Psychoth. Insight w/ medical Oriented mgmt. Face-to-Face W/patient	Used to identify the psychological, behavioral, emotional cognitive and social factors important to physical health. Patients not diagnosed with mental illness.
Who?	Physician, NP, Other Medical Clinicians	Psychiatrist, LCSW, CP, NP, Other (Payer criteria)	All	Clinical Psychologist, NP, Other for Medicare
Service Emphasis	Medical	Behavioral Health Initial Assessment	On-going Individual Psychotherapy	Biopsychosocial factors important to Physical Health problems and treatments

## **Medicare Advantage**

# Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) Payment Methodology

- HCC Code 55 (Depression) adds ~ \$300 to monthly payment for typical Medicare Advantage patient
- Additional revenue can easily outweigh the typical program cost of ~ \$1.88 PMPM

### Reimbursing Medical Home

#### Fee-for-service

Face to face services

#### Per-member/per-month management fee

Medicaid

#### **Quality incentive**

- Pay for performance fee
- HMOs

#### **Oversight**

 Essential to the ultimate success of patient centered medical systems of care

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- HRSA Provider Reimbursement Technical Assistance Materials: http://www.hrsa.gov/reimbursement/TA-materials.htm

#### **Additional Resources**

## SAMHSA Report on Reimbursement of Mental Health Services in Primary Care Settings:

http://download.ncadi.samhsa.gov/ken/pdf/SMA08-4324/SMA08-4324.pdf

#### Mental Health and Substance Abuse Procedure Codes:

http://hipaa.samhsa.gov/hipaacodes2.htm

## Examples of State Billing Codes for Mental Health Services:

http://hipaa.samhsa.gov/pdf/Table\_MH\_Codes\_Payers.pdf

#### **Patient Centered Medical Home website:**

http://www.pcmh.ahrq.gov

Additional Resources provided by Shelagh Smith, SAMHSA

