

The Safety Net Medical Home Initiative

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The Idaho Safety Net Medical Home Initiative

- Goals
 - Convene a state-wide learning collaborative of safety net clinics to develop the patient-centered medical home model
 - **Reduce policy barriers and advocate for reimbursement reform to support medical home services**
 - Sustain and spread the patient-centered medical home



Idaho Medical Home Collaborative (IMHC)

- Evolved from and replaced SNMHI ‘Stakeholders Group’
- Merged the efforts of that group with private physicians
- Formally established by Executive Order of Governor in September 2010
- Co-chairs include a physician and a payer



Goals and Purpose of the IMHC

- Create qualifications and eligibility criteria for PCMH practices
- Identify appropriate common payment formulas for providers
- Engage patients, employers and providers in the successful implementation of the PCMH
- Develop guidelines for care coordination and case management



Goals and Purpose of the IMHC (cont.)

- **Establish procedures for electronic data exchange to evaluate quality, cost, and utilization**
- **Determine quality metrics for monitoring and reporting**
- **Design and implement a demonstration pilot for private practices based on the SNMHI model**



Membership of the IMHC

- **Four major payers – Medicaid, Blue Cross of Idaho, Regence, PacificSource Health Plans**
- **State Officials including Governor’s Office, Dept of Insurance, Office of Rural Health**
- **Physician Groups – Idaho Academy of Family Physicians, Idaho Chapters of: American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Physicians, and the VA Medical Center**
- **State Associations – Idaho Medical Assn., Idaho Hospital Assn., IPCA**
- **Elected officials – Sen. John McGee, Rep. John Rusche**
- **Patient representative**
- **Employer representative**



Key Accomplishments to Date

- **Sept 2010 – Governor’s Executive Order signed**
- **Oct 2010 – first IMHC face-to-face meeting**
- **Nov 2010**
 - **Established charter for IMHC**
 - **Defined Medical Home for Idaho**
 - **Established payment reform and practice transformation work groups**



Key Accomplishments

- Dec 2010 – Governor established Idaho Health Care Council and included IMHC as key partner/advisory body
- Working with Medicaid on Sec. 2703 Planning Grant for Health Homes – Collaboration between Medicaid and IMHC
- Recommendation from Practice Transformation work group to use NCQA as third party evaluator for PCMH



Challenges

- Practice transformation – PCMH a fundamental change
- Challenge to align SNMHI model with private practice transformation
- Payment reform
- Resources (financial, staff support, practice coaches) for private practices to do the clinical transformation
- Improving health outcomes, achieving cost savings, formulating procedures to exchange data...
- ... and involving and collaborating with myriad stakeholders

