



# Improving Care and Managing Costs: Team-Based Care for the Chronically Ill

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**High Cost Beneficiaries: What Can States Do?**  
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# Chronically Ill: Opportunities and Challenges to Achieving Better Outcomes at Lower Costs

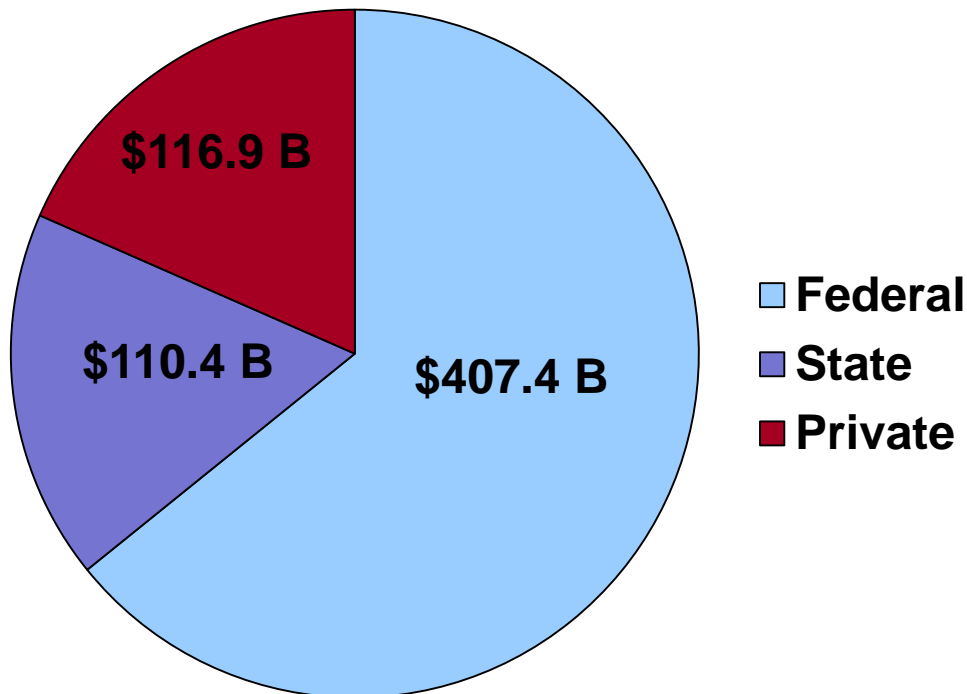
- **Complex-chronically ill account for a high proportion of national spending**
- **Care needs span health care system**
  - **Diverse population groups: risk groups**
  - **Cared for by multiple clinicians, sites of care**
  - **Need for patient-centered care “teams”**
- **Potential to improve outcomes and lower costs**
  - **Teams and information systems**
  - **More integrated systems with accountability**
- **Affordable Care Act has elements to build on**



# Chronically Ill Complex and Expensive: Care Often Spans Multiple Providers and Sites of Care

## Estimated 30% of National Spending

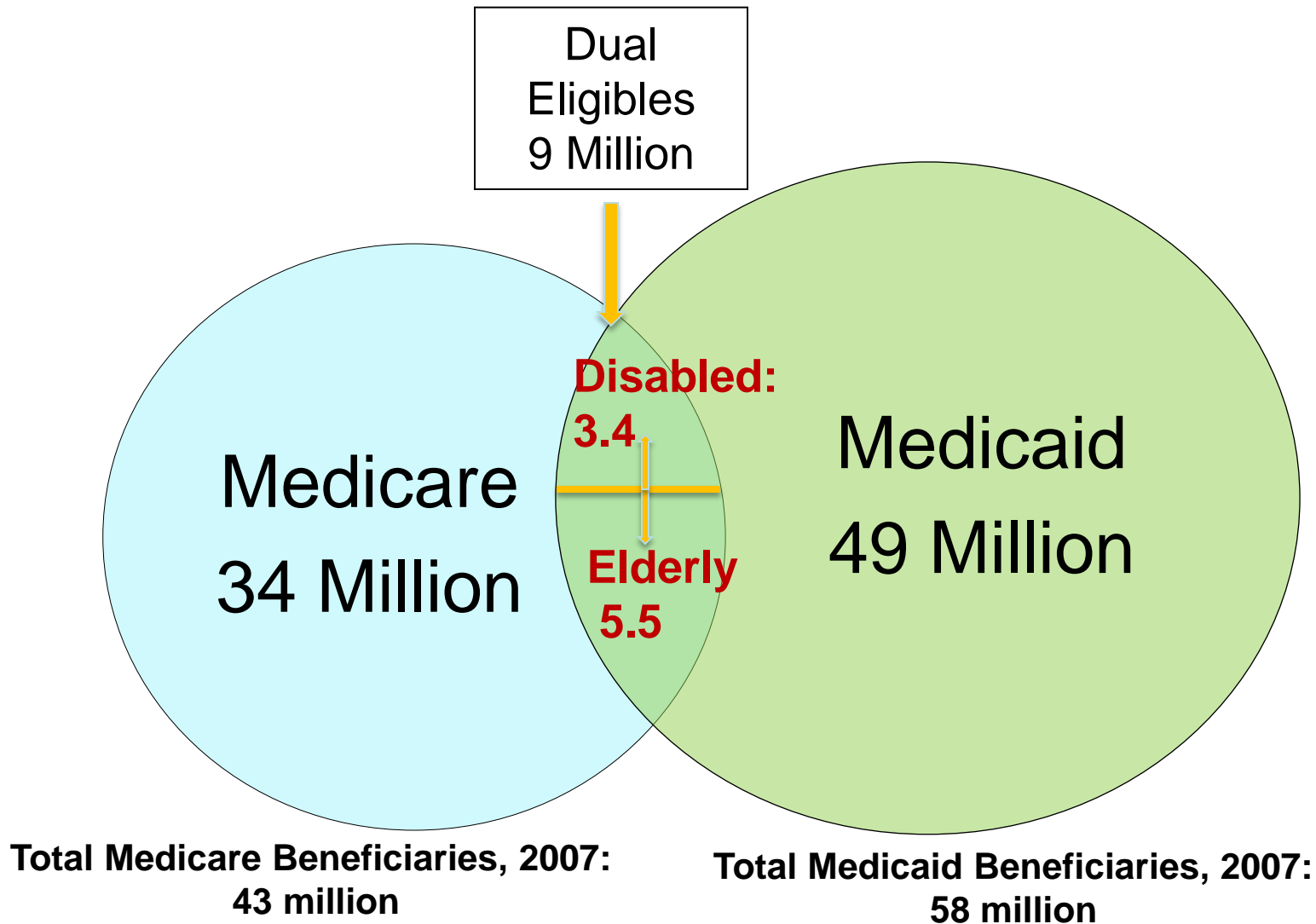
**Total \$635 Billion Spending on disabled and chronically ill, 2010**



- **Duals – Medicare: \$164.2B**
- **Non-dual Medicare with 5+ Chronic Conditions: \$145.3B**
- **Medicaid Duals: \$140.3B**
- **Medicaid Non-dual Disabled: \$116.5B**
- **Employer Coverage: \$68.4B**



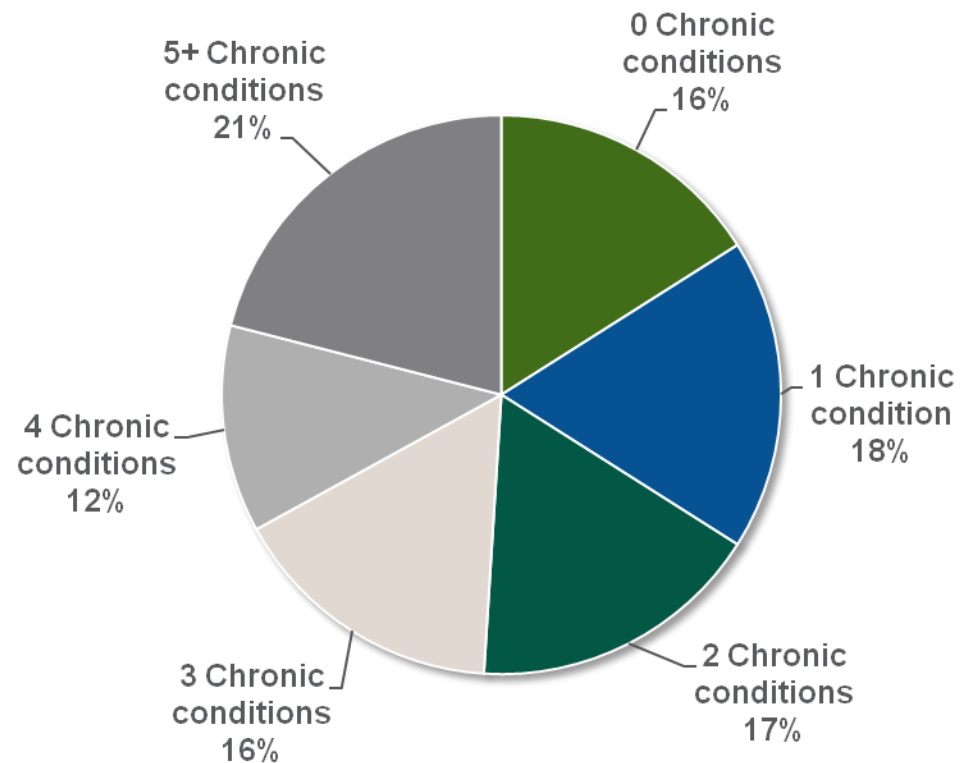
# Nine Million People Are Covered by Both Medicare and Medicaid: 10% of Total Population = 38% Total Spending



# High Share of Health Care Spending Is on Behalf of People With Multiple Chronic Conditions

- Eighteen percent of spending is for the 22 percent of the population that has only one chronic condition.
- Seventeen percent of spending is for the 12 percent of the population that has two chronic conditions.
- **Sixteen percent of spending is for the 7 percent of the population that has 3 chronic conditions.**
- **Twelve percent of spending is for the 4 percent of the population that has 4 chronic conditions.**
- **Twenty-one percent of spending is for 5 percent of the population that has 5 or more chronic conditions.**

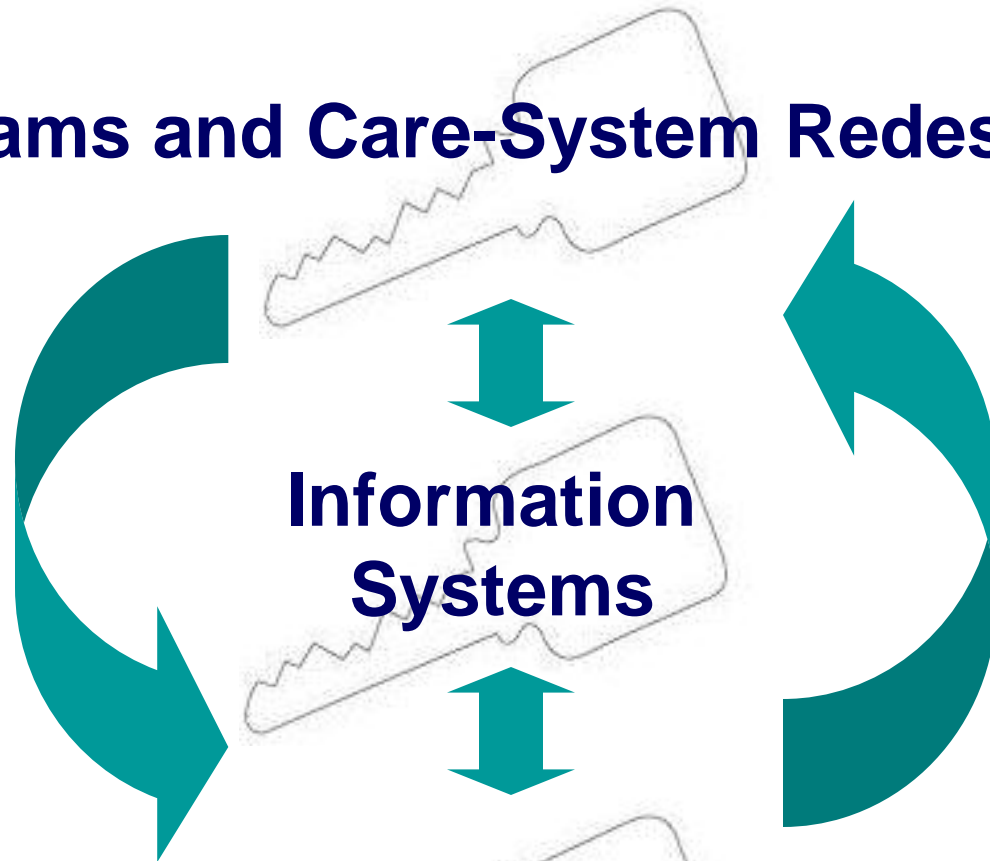
Percentage of Health Care Total Spending by Number of Chronic Conditions



Source: Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, 2006

# Keys to Rapid Progress

**Teams and Care-System Redesign**



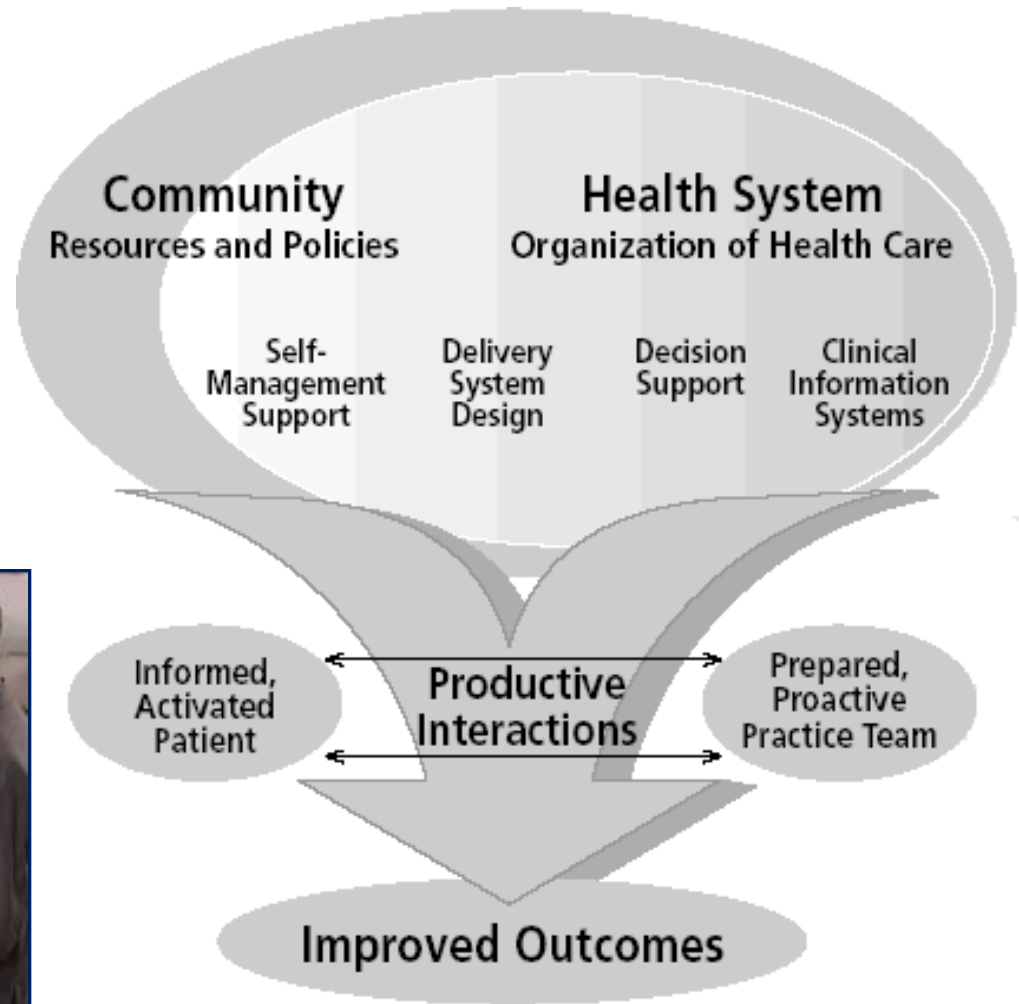
**Payment Reform: Value**

# Payment, Teams and System Innovation Key to Better Outcomes and Lower Costs

- **Payment**
  - Patient-centered health “homes”: payment for team
    - Move away from “visits” alone: pay for value
    - Care from multi-disciplinary teams, time and skills for high risk patients
    - Multiple access points: e-mail/web, phone, tele-health
  - More bundled payments: accountability for transitions
  - Sharing savings to reinvest, with accountability
- **Multi-payer coherence and aligned incentives**
- **Teams that span sites of care, with accountability**
  - Multiple models; including “community” shared teams
- **Information systems to communicate, inform, guide**
  - Registries and Electronic Health records
  - Feedback information from payers/claims



# Accessible Patient-Centered Primary Care Foundation – Teams Connected to Care System





# Multiple Models Exist: Opportunity to Spread and Learn



Cambridge Health Alliance



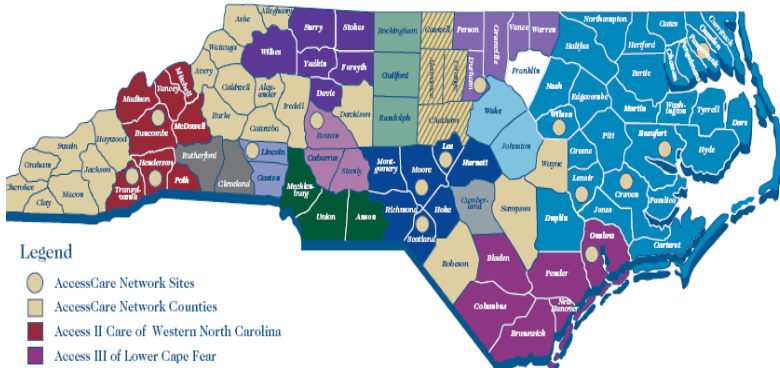
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# Examples of Cost and Quality Outcomes: High Cost Care, Primary Care Teams and Care Systems

## Geisinger Health System (Pennsylvania)

- 18 percent reduction in all-cause hospital admissions; 36% lower readmissions
- 7 percent total medical cost savings

## Mass General High-Cost Medicare Chronic Care Demo (Massachusetts)

- 20 percent lower hospital admissions; 25% lower ED use
- Mortality-decline: 16 percent compared to 20% in control group
- 7% net savings annual

## Guided Care - Geriatric Patients (Baltimore, Maryland)

- 24 percent reduction in total hospital inpatient days; 15% fewer ER visits
- 37 percent decrease in skilled-nursing facility days
- Annual net Medicare savings of \$1,364 per patient

## Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound (Seattle, Washington)

- 29% reduction in ER visits; 11% reduction ambulatory sensitive admissions

## Health Partners (Minnesota)

- 29% decrease ED visits; 24% decrease hospital admissions

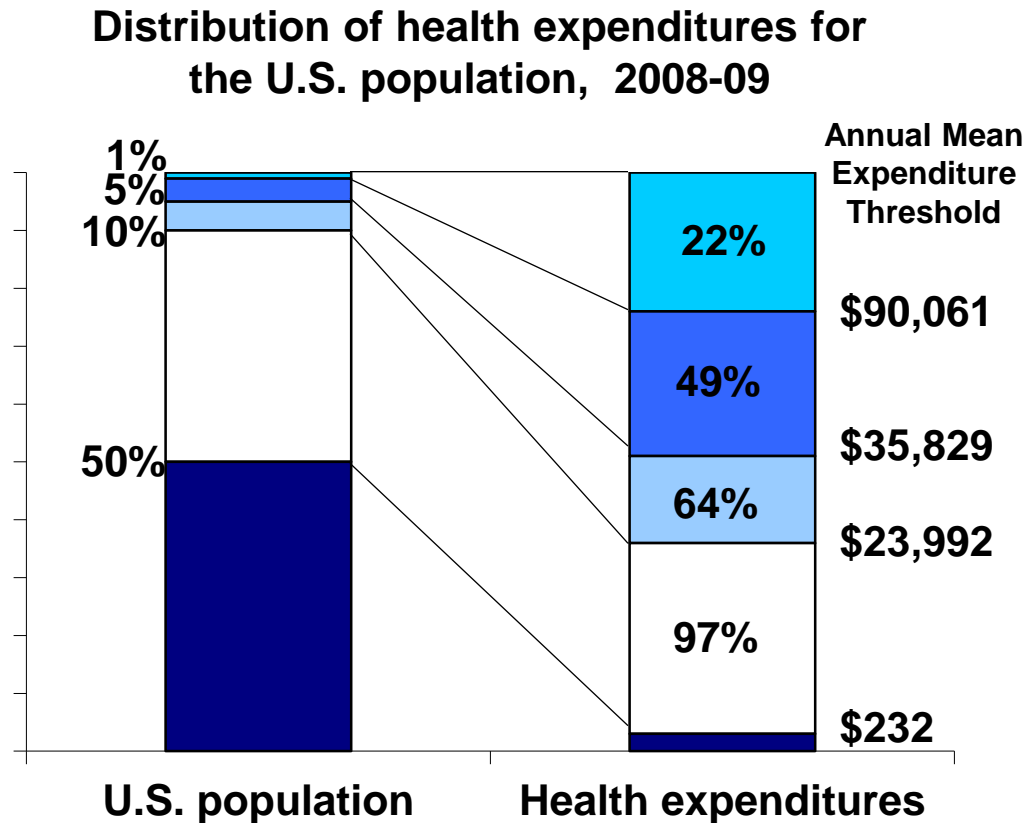
## Intermountain Healthcare (Utah)

- Lower mortality; 10% relative reduction in hospitalization
- *Highest \$ savings for high-risk patients*



# Focusing on High-Cost Patients

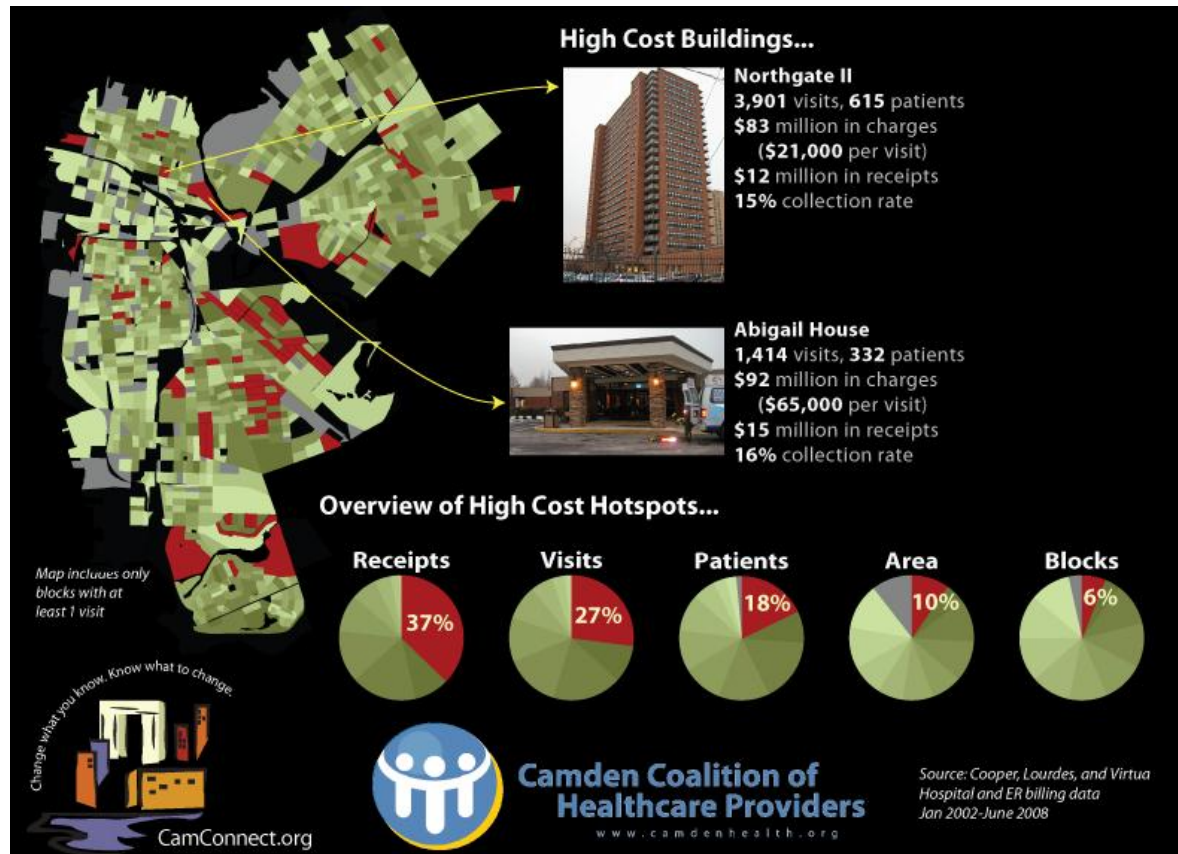
- Atul Gawande – The Hot Spotters, *New Yorker*, January 24, 2011
- 10% of patients account for 64% of costs
- Focus efforts on patients with highest costs including frail elderly and disabled
- Population-based payment
- New teams and care management focused on highest-risk patients
- Across sites of care



Source: D. Blumenthal, *The Performance Improvement Imperative*, The Commonwealth Fund, forthcoming; chart drawn from S. Cohen and W. Yu, *The Concentration and Persistence in the Level of Health Expenditures over Time: Estimates for the U.S. Population, 2008-2009*, (Washington: AHRQ, January 2011).



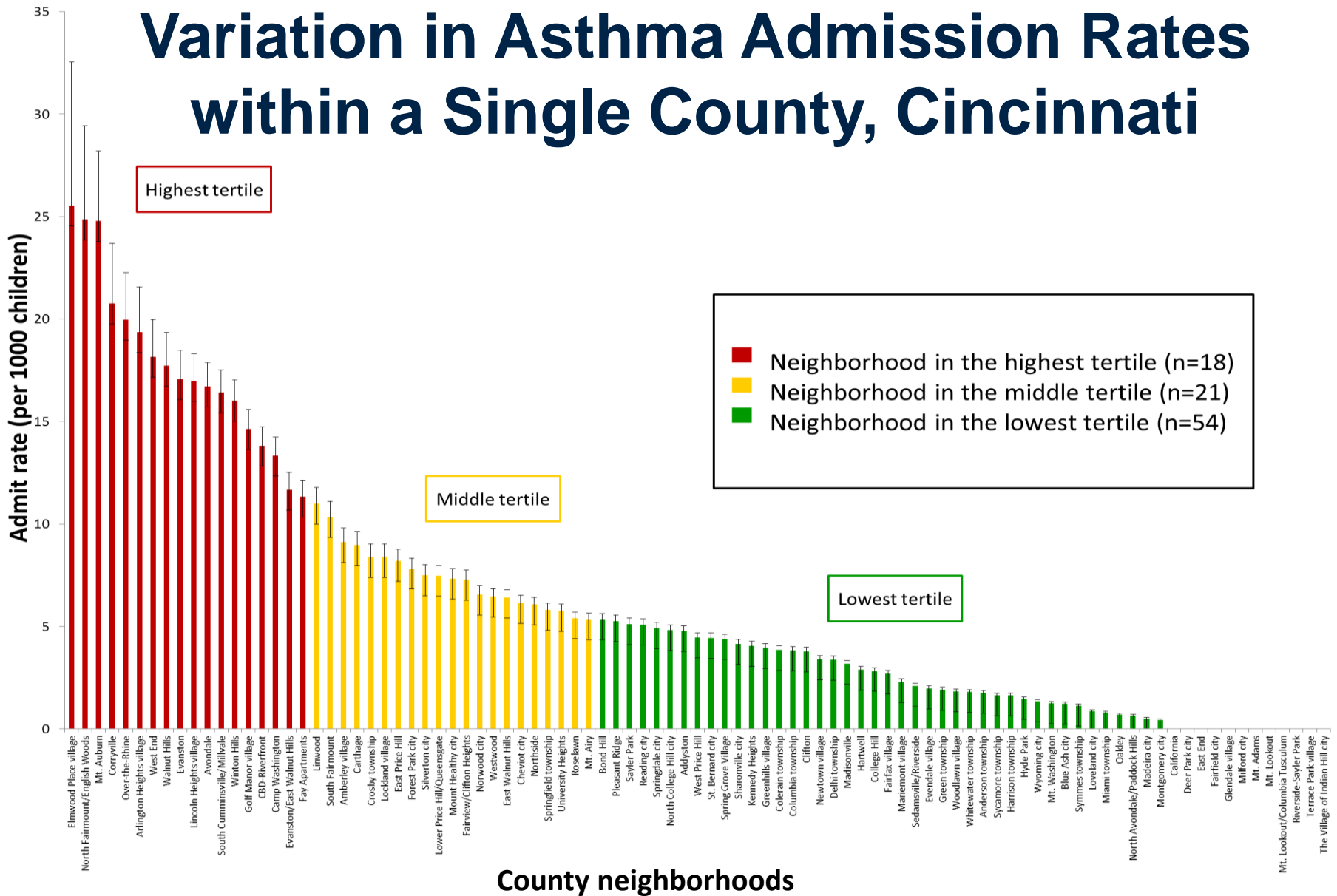
# Health Care Cost Hotspots in Camden, NJ



- New clinics located in buildings where high-utilizers reside (led by Nurse Practitioners)
- Outreach teams to high utilizers
- Medical home based care coordinators
- Same day scheduling (e.g., “open access”)
- Medicaid ACO eligible for shared savings



# Variation in Asthma Admission Rates within a Single County, Cincinnati




# Electronic Health Records: Meaningful Use


## Cincinnati Children's Hospital

### Social/Environmental (Questions to ask family during visit)


Child lives with  


\* Are you having problems receiving WIC food stamp, daycare vouchers, medical card, or SSI?  
  

**Benefits**

\* Housing problems (overcrowding, roaches, rodents, utilities, mold, lead)?  
  

**Housing**

\* Threatened with eviction or losing your home?  
  

\* Over the past 2 weeks, have you felt down, depressed or hopeless?  
  

**Depression**




\* Over the past 2 weeks, have you felt little interest or pleasure in doing things?

\* Do you feel that you and/or your children are unsafe in your relationships?

\* Would you like to speak with a social worker or legal advocate in the clinic about these issues?

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Child Help (Health Law Partnership) <-12/13/2011 Office Visit Gen Ped CCM

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**Child Help (Health Law Partnership) (Order 32946709)** Date: 12/13/2011  
**Nursing** Ordering User: Robert S. Kahn, MD  
 Order: 32946709 Department: Ccm Gen/Commun Peds

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**Order Information**

Order Date/Time	Release Date/Time	Start Date/Time	Enc
12/13/2011 4:23 PM	None	12/13/2011	Nor

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**Order Questions**

Question	Answer	Comment
Reason for referral?	Section 8 about to expire, has a new housing application pending but afraid will lose SEc 8; child has bad asthma and current home has mold, roaches and dirty carpets per mom	
Guardian's name(s)?	MT	
Guardian's primary phone?	513-xxx-xxxx	
Guardian's secondary phone?	513-xxx-xxxx	

**Order Details**

Smart choices. Powerful tools.



- A foundation of medical homes and community health teams that can support coordinated care and linkages with a broad range of services
- Multi Insurer Payment Reform that supports a foundation of medical homes and community health teams
- A health information infrastructure that includes EMRs, hospital data sources, a health information exchange network, and a centralized registry
- An evaluation infrastructure that uses routinely collected data to support services, guide quality improvement, and determine program impact





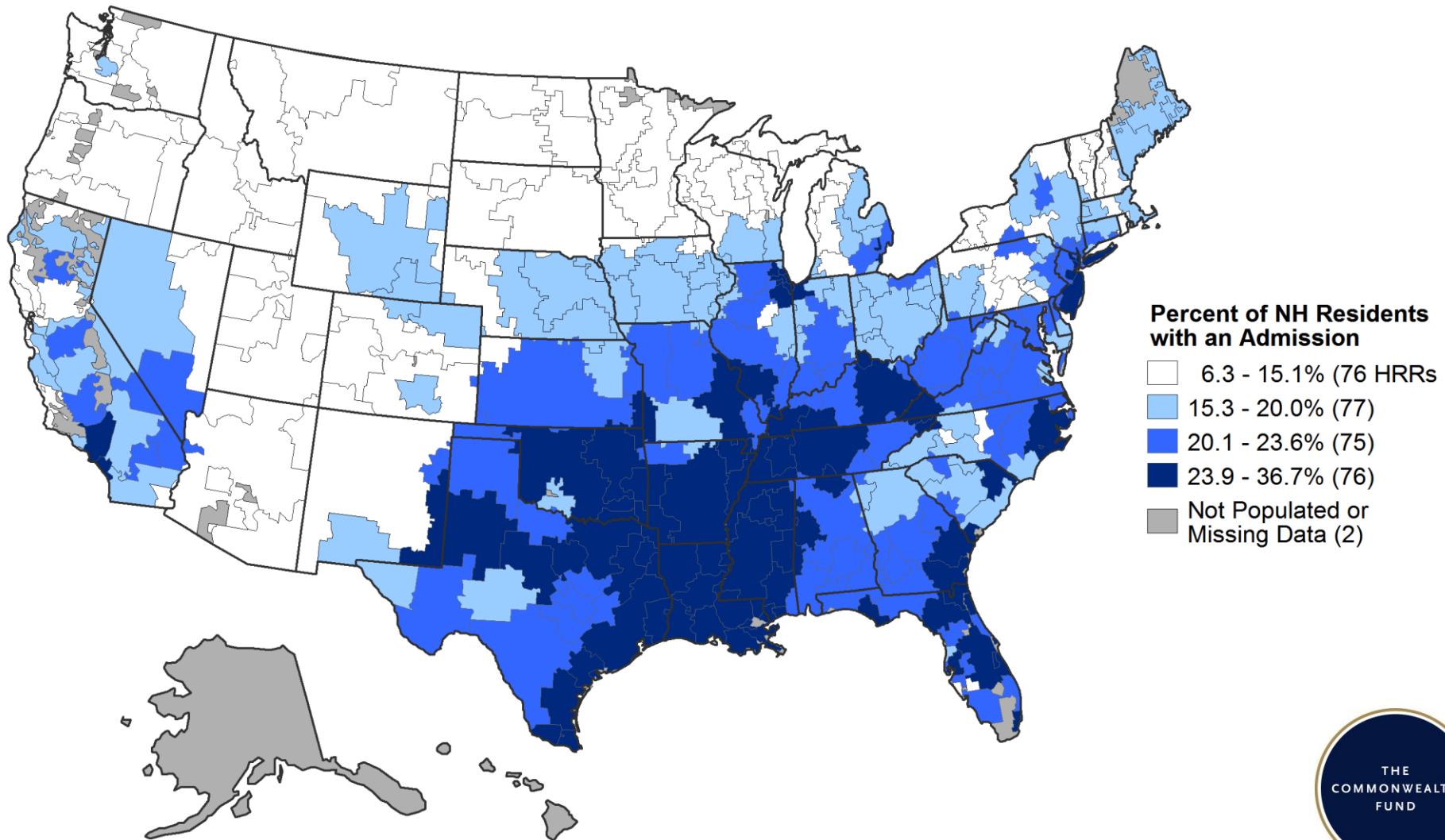
# MGH Care Redesign

	Longitudinal Care	Episodic Care	
	Primary Care	Specialty Care	Hospital Care
Access to care	Patient portal/physician portal		Hospital Access Center
	Extended office hours		Reduced admits/1000
	Non face-to-face visits		
Design of care	Defined process standards in priority conditions (multidisciplinary teams)		
	High risk care management	Shared decision making	Re-admissions
	100% preventive services	Appropriateness	Hand-off standards
			Continuity visit
	EHR with decision support and order entry		
	Incentive programs		
Measurement	Variance reporting/performance dashboards		
	PMPM, HCI, ACSH, Pharmacy	Clinical and Patient Reported Outcomes	LOS, CMAD, HACs, Re-Admits





# Long-Stay Nursing Home Residents Hospitalized within a Six-Month Period





# INTERACT Collaborative Quality Improvement for Nursing Homes

**Interventions to Reduce Acute Care Transfers (INTERACT) helps nursing-home staff manage residents' health status**

- **17-25% decline in hospital admissions in pilot**
- **Spreading to 300+ homes**
- **Three strategies:**
  - **Identify, assess, communicate, document, and manage conditions to prevent hospitalization**
  - **Manage selected conditions, such as respiratory and urinary tract infections, in the nursing home itself**
  - **Improved advance care planning**

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**What is INTERACT?**  
 INTERACT (Interventions to Reduce Acute Care Transfers) is a quality improvement program that focuses on the management of acute change in resident condition. It includes clinical and educational tools and strategies for use in every day practice in long-term care facilities.

**INTERACT Curriculum**  
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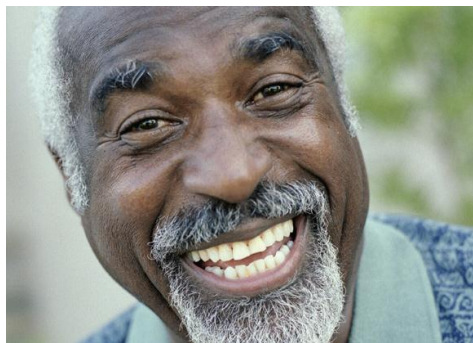
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# Visiting Nurse Service New York Health Plans

## Patient-Centered Care Teams for High-Cost Chronically Ill Medicare and Medicaid – Special Needs and Long Term Care

- Interdisciplinary teams; home and community care; transition care
- Care and assist with navigating complex health care systems
- Patient-centered: targets and customizes interventions
- Strong health information technology and EHR; Support team
- Positive results
  - Improved primary care access; high quality and patient ratings
  - Reduce hospital admissions, readmissions, ER use (17 to 27%)
  - Links primary, specialist and long term care
  - Patient and family preferences



# Tele-Health and Electronic Communication



## Enhanced Access and Care Teams

- Veteran's Administration: serving 31,000 frail at home; aim to serve 92,000 by 2012
  - High patient-ratings; Link to care teams – home visits
  - 40 percent reduction in “bed-days” (nursing home and hospital) by 2010 compared to start
- U. Tennessee Memphis: Remote specialist consultations with patients, local clinicians. Center serves 3 state region
  - Reduce heart failure admission and readmissions by 80%
  - “real-time” diabetic retinopathy (digital) report results
- Primary care to Specialist e-consultations and referral
  - Mayo, SF General, Group Health Puget Sound
- Kaiser: Web access, e-visits/consultation - outreach

# Opportunity and Challenges

- **Requires multi-payer approach to hold care-systems accountable and provide incentives to innovate**
  - **Need to partner Medicare to span care-continuum**
  - **Collaborative care-systems**
- **Care-systems and teams take time to develop**
  - **Teams: flexibility and multi-discipline approach**
  - **Feedback data on performance**
  - **Policies to hold accountable for outcomes**
- **Vulnerable populations: health and income**
  - **Capitation puts at risk; Need to monitor – risk-adjust**
  - **Requires robust data-systems and benchmarks**
  - **Criteria for care-teams eligible for new payment**
  - **Provisions for “exit” if fail to perform**



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## Health Reform Resource Center: *What's in the Affordable Care Act? Use the timeline and tool below to find out.*

View the timeline below for an overview of the Affordable Care Act's major provisions or use the "Find Health Reform Provisions" tool to search for specific provisions by year, category, and/or stakeholder group. Also see related Commonwealth Fund content and links to regulations as they become available.

**NEW: state health insurance exchange regulations.**

A PDF version of this timeline is available [here](#).

Overview Timeline | Find Health Reform Provisions

### Major Provisions of the Affordable Care Act

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<p><b>Coverage for young adults:</b> Parents will be able to keep their children on their health policies until they turn 26.</p> <p><b>Small-business tax credits:</b> Small businesses (fewer than 25 employees and average wages under \$50,000) that offer health care benefits and contribute at least 50 percent of the premium will be eligible for tax credits of up to 35 percent of their premium costs for two years. The credit rises to 50 percent of their premium costs in 2014.</p> <p><b>Preexisting Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP):</b> People with preexisting conditions who have been uninsured for at least</p>			<p><b>Workforce improvements:</b> Student loan programs for those training in primary care, nursing, and pediatrics will be expanded and a new National Health Care Workforce Commission will make recommendations for further action.</p> <p><b>Quality improvement:</b> An Interagency Working Group Health Care Quality will issue a report to Congress with recommendations for improved collaboration between federal departments and agencies and the alignment of public and private initiatives.</p>		

## Rising to the Challenge

RESULTS FROM A SCORECARD ON LOCAL HEALTH SYSTEM PERFORMANCE 2012

THE COMMONWEALTH FUND COMMISSION ON A HIGH PERFORMANCE HEALTH SYSTEM  
MARCH 2012

## Raising Expectations

A State Scorecard on Long-Term Services and Supports for Older Adults, People with Physical Disabilities, and Family Caregivers

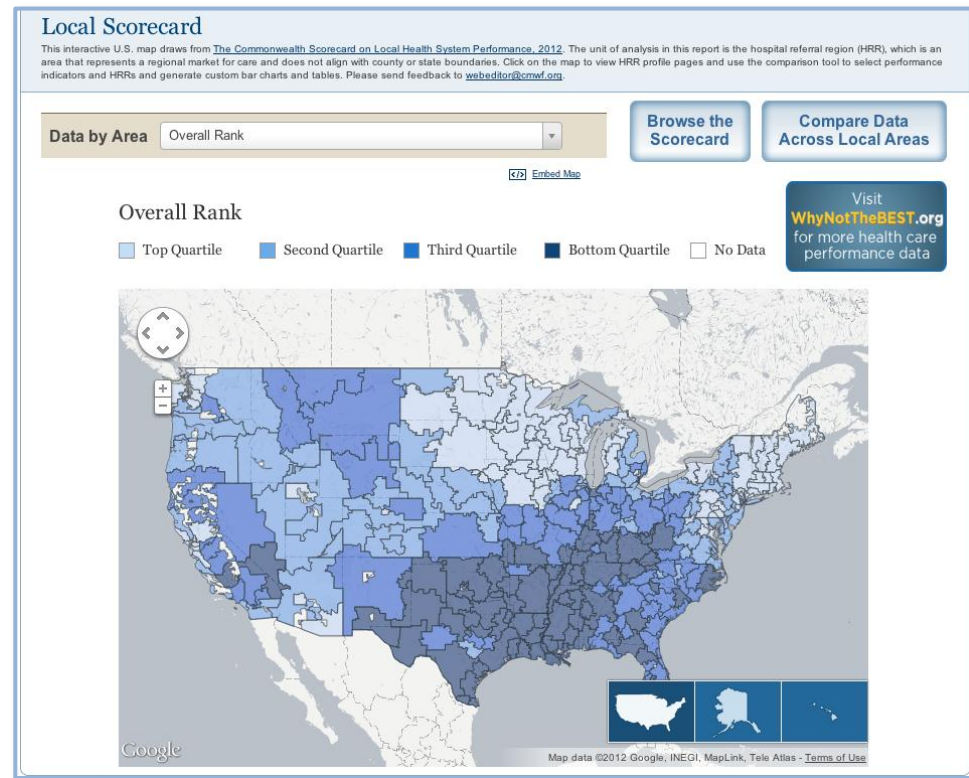
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- Rising to the Challenge: Scorecard on Local Health System Performance, 2012
- Raising Expectations: Performance, State Scorecard on Long Term Services and Support, 2011
- Aiming Higher: State Scorecard on Health System Performance, 2009
- Also [www.WhyNottheBest.org](http://www.WhyNottheBest.org) Website



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