CMS Demonstration at Dartmouth-Hitchcock

In this ACO Model Who Are Our Patients?

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- Dartmouth- Hitchcock clinic
- Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital
- Dartmouth Medical School
  - The Dartmouth institute
- VA Medical Center in White River Junction
- New England Alliance for Health
Assignment Methodology

• Assignment is done retrospectively upon completion of a year of care, and after all claims runout is complete – about 15 months after care is provided

• Members are assigned on an agreed upon methodology on the preponderance of outpatient E & M billed care that is agreed to in the algorithm

• Key selection criteria may include:
  – Number of assigned patients out of the potential total number of patients possible
  – The percent of the E & M allowed charges that our provided by your group
  – The characteristics and core clinical competencies of your group, ie: What care do you manage and provide at the highest value
  – “Stayers”
Alternative Algorithm Examples

- Method 1: Simple plurality of all E & M visits provided.
- Method 2: Plurality of primary care E & M visits, with primary care defined as Internal Medicine, Family Practice, General Practice, Geriatric Medicine, Cardiology, Nephrology, Endocrinology, Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant.
- Method 3: Plurality of primary care E & M visits with an expanded definition of Primary Care: General Practice, Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Geriatric Medicine,
Alternative Algorithm Examples

• Method 4: Method 2, if no primary care visits Method 1
• Method 5: Method 3, if no primary care visits Method 1
• Method 6: Expand E & M visits to include visits not just in physician offices, but include visits in SNF, Home Health and Hospice and Method 4
• Method 7: Expanded E & M visits and Method 5

• How did Dartmouth Decide?
• Discussion and Questions