

The Oncology Care Model: What is it and What Does It Mean?

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The Big Picture

- 1. U.S. healthcare is regularly criticized as being fragmented, inefficient, inaccessible and terribly expensive
- 2. As a result, we are mandated to transform from "volume-based" care to the notion of "value-based" care
- 3. This transformation is being catalyzed in large part by federal health reform -- the Affordable Care Act ("ACA")
- 4. Cancer care, as a high cost service with high variability in terms of both outcome and cost, is subject to particular scrutiny
- 5. A variety of alternative payment model (APM) initiatives are crystallizing the transformation. CMMI's new Oncology Care Model (OCM) is an APM initiative for the benefit of Medicare

Today's Focus

- 1. Where does OCM fit in the context of oncology alternative payment?
- 2. What are the key features of OCM?
- 3. What are the economics of OCM?
- 4. Where is all this headed?
- 5. What can you do about it?



Chronology of Alternative Payment in Oncology

Circa	Description	
1990	Medicare bundled price for BMT - DRG 481	
2008	Health Plan-initiated drug pathways programs	
2009	United Healthcare "episodes" pilot	
2010	Oncology Medical Home – demonstrated ability to reduce the overall cancer spend	
2012	Oncology ACO – add hospital to oncology medical home	
2013	Bundled pricing – procedure specific or cancer type specific	
2014	2 nd Generation Health Plan Initiatives - Anthem CCQP; Aetna OMH; United Healthcare 2.0	
2015	CMMI Oncology Care Model (OCM)	



Family Tree of Alternative Payment in Oncology



CMMI-Oncology Care Model

- Purpose is to: Create incentives to furnish efficient, high quality care by enhancing services for Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries undergoing chemotherapy treatment for cancer
- And to: Demonstrate reduced overall Medicare expenditures for the care of those beneficiaries
- Eligibility: Physician practices that provide care for oncology patients undergoing chemotherapy for cancer (both private and hospital-affiliated practices are eligible)
- Participation: Applications: June 2015. Acceptance: Dec 2015.
 About 100 practices expected (out of 450 letters of intent filed)
- Commences: Spring 2016. 5-year program: 2016-2021



CMMI-Oncology Care Model

- Targeted Cancers: Covers "high volume cancers", which will include at least: breast, prostate, lung, colorectal, lymphoma, leukemia, ovarian, pancreatic
- Multi-Payer Program: Intended to involve commercial health plans running parallel with their own OCM-like programs. LOIs: Aetna, Anthem, Capital BC, Health Partner Plans, UPMC HP
- Unit of Measure: Total cost of care during a 6-month "episode" commencing with initiation of chemotherapy
- Two Part Payment Approach: Per beneficiary per month (PBPM)
 care management fee of \$160 plus performance-based payment
 calculated as savings against target price (OCM payments are in
 addition to standard Medicare fee-for-service payment)

CMMI-Oncology Care Model

- Included expenditures: Includes all Medicare Part A, Part B and certain Part D expenditures during the six-month episode of care. Includes expenditures associated with co-morbidities.
- Practice requirements: Six basic practice requirements
- Quality & performance metrics: 32 quality and performance improvement metrics (similar to what is measured/reported in various quality programs currently)
- Risk option: One-sided risk for first two years with option to convert to two-sided risk thereafter



OCM Practice Requirements

- 1) Patient access 24/7 to clinician who has real time access to practice's medical record
- 2) Attestation and use of ONC-certified EMR
- 3) Utilize data for Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)
- 4) Provide core functions of patient navigation
- 5) Document care plan in accordance with IOM
- 6) Chemotherapy treatment consistent with nationally recognized clinical guidelines



OCM Quality Measures

Quality measure domains:

- 1) Clinical quality of care
- Communication and care coordination
- Person and caregiver centered experience and outcomes
- 4) Population health
- 5) Efficiency and cost reduction
- 6) Patient safety

Data sources:

- 1) Practice-reported
- 2) Medicare claims
- 3) Patient surveys

List undergoing refinement — to be finalized prior to practices signing agreements



OCM Economics for a 10 Oncologist Practice

Description	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Est. avg. overall expenditure/episode	\$41,800	\$41,800	\$41,800
Est. Medicare FFS chemo pts/year	450	450	450
Care mgt fees (\$160 x 6 = \$960 x 450)	\$432K	\$432K	\$432K
Benchmark expenditures (\$41,800 x 450)	\$18.8M	\$18.8M	\$18.8M
Less: CMS discount (4% off Benchmark)	\$752K	\$752K	\$752K
Practice's Target Price (Benchmark-Discount)	\$18M	\$18M	\$18M
Expenditure savings target (off Benchmark)	8%	9%	10%
Est. actual exp. (include care mgt fees)	\$18M	\$17.9M	\$17.3M
Gain (target price less actual expenditures)	\$0	\$100K	\$700K



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Description	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Gain (target price less actual expenditures)	\$0	\$100K	\$700K
Times "performance multiplier"	80%	85%	90%
Performance based payment	\$0	\$85K	\$665K
Add back care management fees paid	\$752K	\$752K	\$752K
Estimated total OCM pmts to practice	\$752K	\$837K	\$1.47M
Less: OCM-specific staffing	\$225K	\$225K	\$225K
Less: OCM-specific IT programming	\$75K	\$0	\$0
Net margin to practice from OCM	\$452K	\$612K	\$1.2M
Estimated payments from multi-payer (Anthem, Aetna, United, etc.)	\$120K	\$145K	\$160K



Tipping Point

May 2014	Anthem Cancer Care Quality Program	\$350 per treatment patient per month for pathway + care coordination. Now in 13 states
June 2014	UHC episode findings published	Saves \$33M in total spend = 11% savings per year over 3 years. Small "n" = 810
Oct 2014	Aetna Oncology Medical Home Program	Enhanced generic drug fees; "S" codes; shared savings
Dec 2014	MD Anderson – UHC	Bundled prices for head & neck cancers. All care for one year. May add lung, prostate
Feb 2015	CMMI - OCM	Per episode care management fee plus performance-based pay (shared savings)
Apr 2015	Medicare Access & CHIP Reauthor Act (MACRA)	Mandates PFS transition from value-based to merit-based pay (MIPS) - 2017
June 2015	ASCO Value Framework	Starts the comparative effectiveness dialogue: clinical benefit-toxicity-cost
July 2015	Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CCJR)	MANDATORY hip & knee bundled pricing in 75 markets – mandate as harbinger of future?

Where is it Likely to be Headed?

- 1. Cat 's out of the bag: if you do pathways compliance + pro-active care management + disciplined advance care planning (the core features of Oncology Medical Home), you can cut the cancer spend by about 12%
- 2. Market forces will continue to drive the transition from volume-based to value-based care
- 3. Health Plans will continue selective experimentation with alternative payment models continued migration to value-based care
- 4. Continued interest in selective/narrow networks consisting of providers who can demonstrate a differentiating value proposition
- 5. CMS will learn from OCM and will likely push for assumption of 2-sided shared savings risk in OCM year 3 2019
- 6. This all could be a precursor to shift of financial risk to providers
- 7. In oncology risk is likely to be translated into bundle/episode pricing
- 8. Timeframe: ability to engage and influence the outcome next 12-18 months; the rest plays out over next 3-5 years



What Can You to Do About It?

- 1. Step up and take ownership of driving the transformation locally
- 2. Market assessment. Are there any motivated health plans or other key players (ACOs, IDNs, employers/coalitions)?
- 3. Organizational assessment. Cultural and operational.
- 4. Carve out your scope of services. What are you good at/what can you deliver consistently? How will you control variation avoid cost outliers?
- 5. Economic analysis. Profile total expenditures for your particular scope of service what's included in your "bundle." Historic claims analysis and accounting of true cost. Is there a pony in there somewhere an arbitrage opportunity?
- 6. Impact analysis. Financial and operational impact on the practice. What, if anything, is the risk of doing nothing just waiting it out?
- 7. "GO/NO GO" decision time
- 8. Negotiate, implement, monitor, refine/course correct



Questions?

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- Thank you for your interest

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