

# PrimeWest Health

A “county-based purchasing” managed care organization (MCO) serving 37,000 public insurance program participants (Members) in 13 rural Minnesota counties since 2003.

- MCO
  - Risk-based health plan
  - Pay for and manage covered services, care and health of Members
- Public Insurance Programs
  - Medicaid, dual eligible Medicare Advantage (low-income seniors and disabilities populations), State Basic Health Plan, Elderly Waiver
  - All high risk populations – multiple social determinants present

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PrimeWest is much like where you are heading with accountable care, value-based reimbursement and achieving Triple Aim

- Rural – and all the complexities associated with rural delivery
- High proportion of high risk patients (Medicaid, Medicare)
- Responsible for total cost of care (TCOC) for a set patient population - Upside and downside financial risk
- Achieving quality of care and population health benchmarks
- Infrastructure to proactively address patient's health care and wellness management needs across the health care, wellness and human services continuum.
  - **Care management and care coordination**

# Motivation for Care Coordination

*Your organization's motivation (reasons) for care coordination determines your target population(s) which then shapes the focus, scale and intensity of your care coordination model(s)*

## **PrimeWest's motivation**

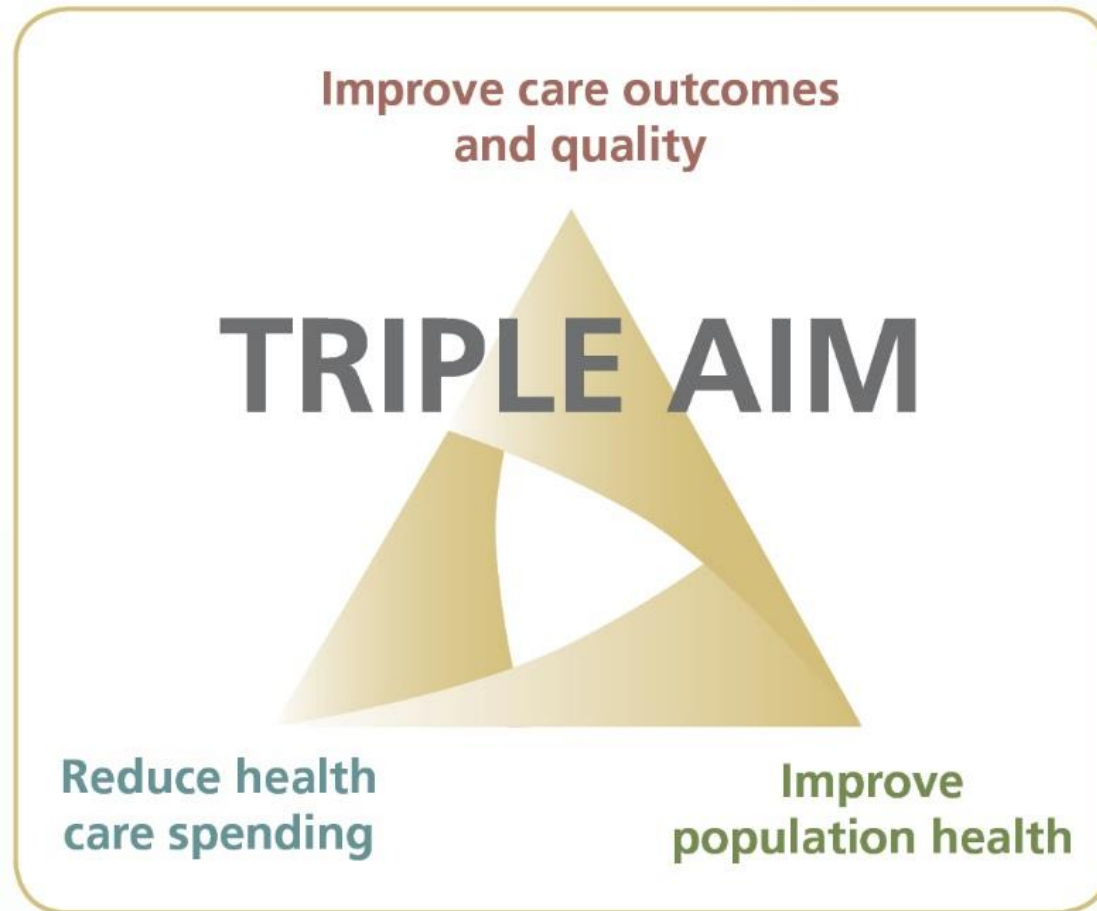
- The right thing to do
- Community-based integrated service delivery mission
- Total cost of care (TCOC) risk-based contracts with CMS and the State for all our members
  - High risk populations served
- CMS, State and NCQA quality requirements and performance-based incentives

**What are your reasons for care coordination?**

# Care Coordination Program Goal

*To achieve Triple Aim through coordinating members' timely access to and delivery of care and services by providers across the health and human services continuum.*

# Outcome Expectations





# Care Coordination Models

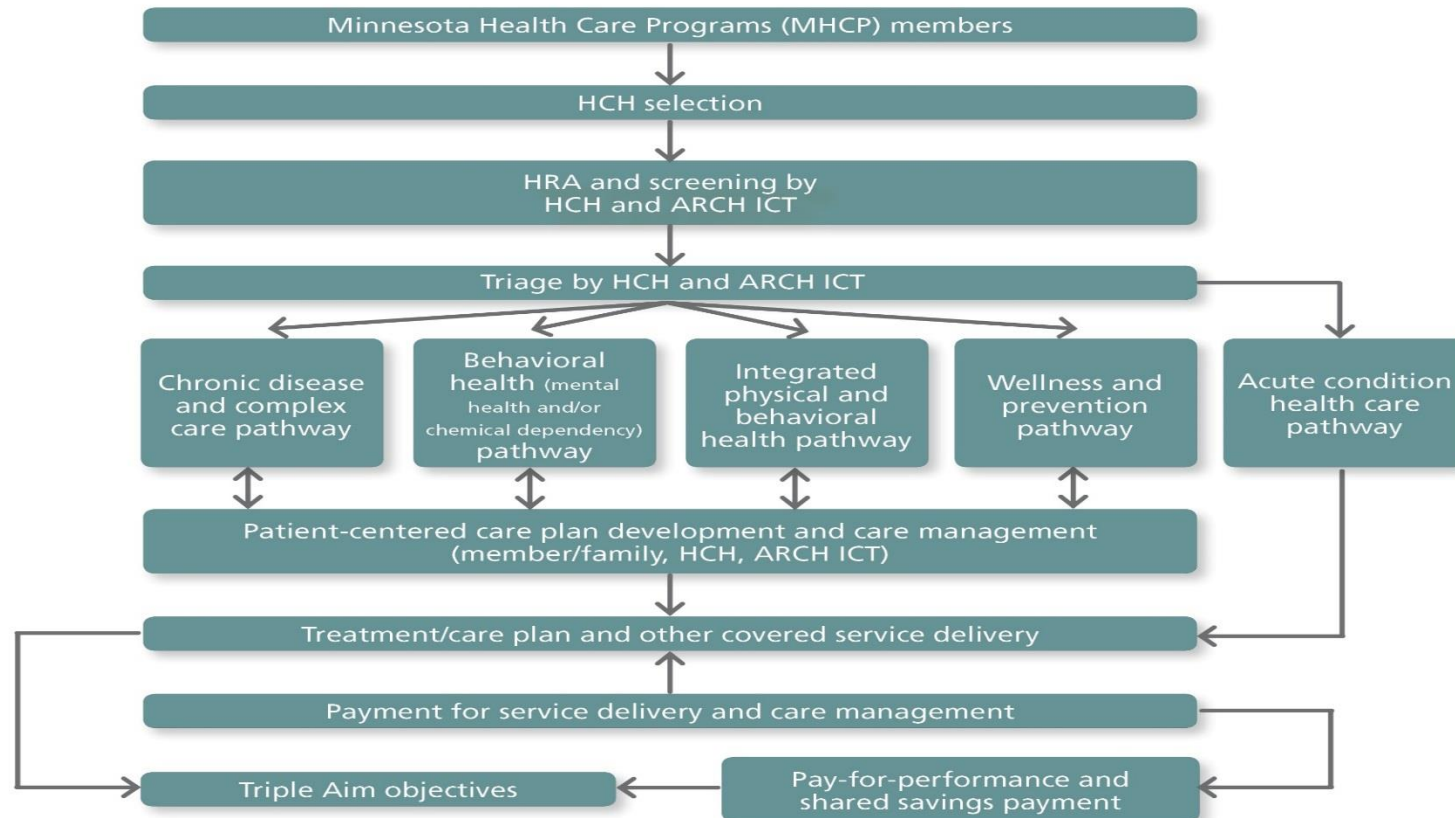
PrimeWest uses two care management platforms:

1. Health plan-based (PrimeWest)
2. Provider-Based (ARCH model)

Within each platform there are five core care coordination or management models

Only difference is who leads effort

## Accountable Rural Community Health (ARCH) Process Overview



### LEGEND

HCH = Health Care Home  
HRA = Health Risk Assessment  
ARCH ICT = ARCH Interdisciplinary Care Team

# Care Coordination Models

## Inside PrimeWest's Care Coordination Pathways

- Wellness
- Acute Care Management
- Complex Care Management
- Chronic Disease Management (and co-morbid variants)
- Mental Health
- Mental Health Targeted Case Management
- Chemical Dependency
- Co-occurring Chronic Medical and Mental Health Care Management
- Behavioral Health Dual Diagnosis (mental health and CD)
- Prenatal Care Management



# Care Coordination Modeling

An effective care coordination model follows a standardized, logical workflow that is applied to ALL patients

However, the scope and intensity of a person-centered care coordination model must be adaptable based on patient's assessed needs and care pathway.

# Care Coordination Work Flow

1. Individualized needs assessment
2. Triage
  - Prioritizing and stratifying based on assessed needs
3. Care management pathways assignment
  - Preferably patient's primary care provider determination based on assessed need
4. Person-centered Care planning
  - Patient participation-based
  - Interdisciplinary Care Team (ICT)
  - Individualized Care Plan

# Care Coordination Work Flow

5. Coordinating individual patient care
  - Monitoring individual care/Tx plan compliance
  - Managing negative individual behaviors with appropriate intervention
6. Coordinating population care across continuum
  - Monitoring patient population health care utilization
  - Intervening on an individual patient basis as needed.
7. Evaluation – Individual and population

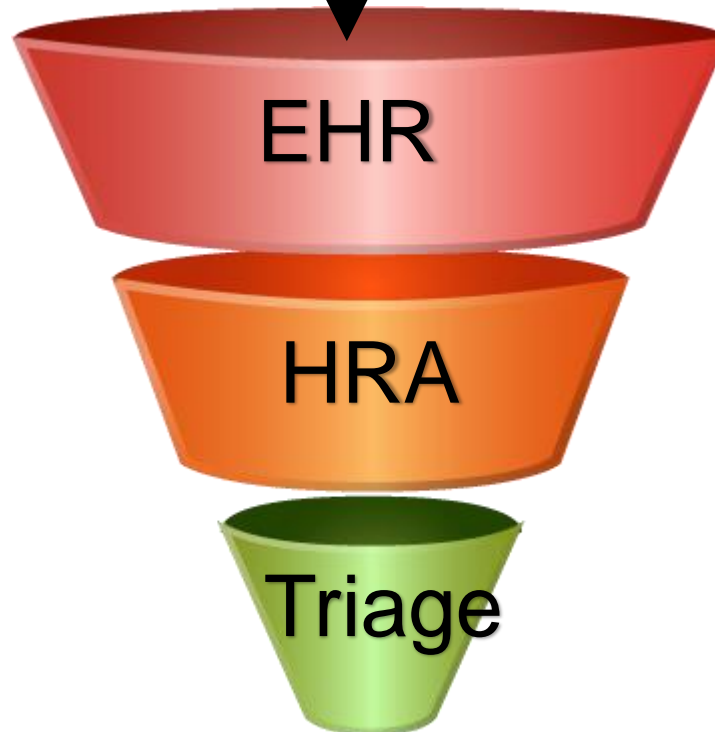
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## Presentation #3



# Identifying Target Population (for Care Coordination)

**Total patient population**



**Care Coordination Population**



# Assessing Need

PrimeWest uses multiple methods for identifying members appropriate for care management and care coordination:

- Referrals
  - Member self-referral
  - Provider Referral and Provider Assessments
  - Health information/nurse line referral
- Claims or encounter data (our own payer data\*)
- Pharmacy data
- Utilization management data such as hospital discharge data, service authorizations (our own payer data\*)
- Data supplied by health care providers

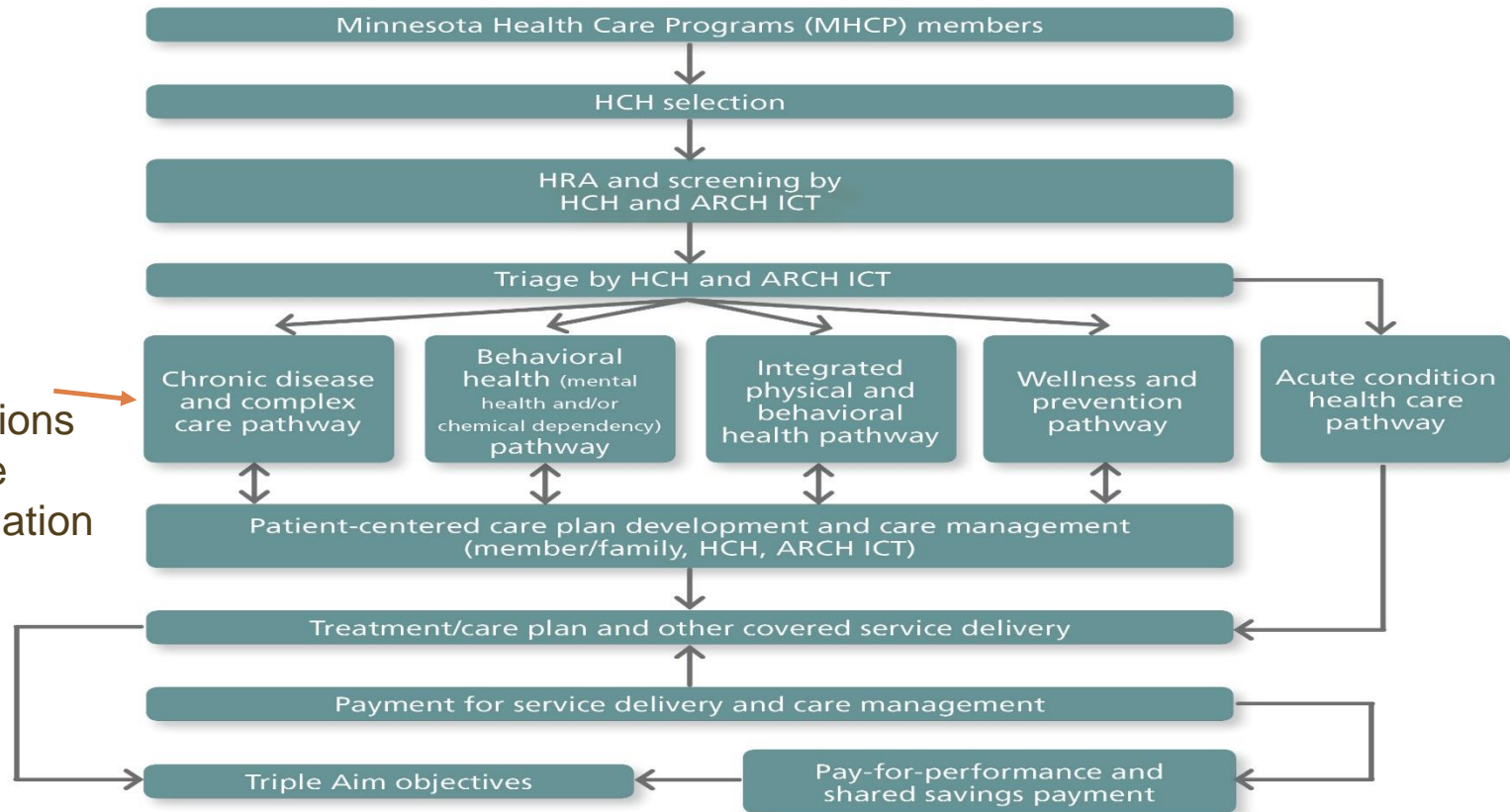
# Assessing Need

## Needs Assessment tools used by PrimeWest

- Health Risk Assessments
- PraPlus
- Long-Term Care Consultation (LTCC) and MnCHOICES
- Developmental Disability (DD) Screen
- Skilled Nursing Facility Comprehensive Assessment
- TRALE
- ALERE Health Risk Assessment
- Complex Case Management Assessment
- Mental Health Specific Assessments
- Chemical Dependency Assessments
- Diagnostic Assessment, Functional Assessment
- Civil Commitment information

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Target  
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# HIT's Role in Needs Assessment

## Electronic Health Records (EHR)

- Help identify target populations within your total patient population appropriate for care coordination.
  - EHR can help identify patients with:
    - Chronic disease, especially co-morbid physical conditions and chronic physical-mental health co-morbidity
    - Patterns of preventable use of health care services, particularly costly services
    - At-risk populations (i.e., lab values)
    - Good and poor therapy compliance patterns (Rx)
  - Creating electronic **Patient Registries**
  - Baseline health status data

# HIT's Role in Needs Assessment

## Electronic Health Risk Assessments

- Does not require clinic visit to complete
- Extensive scope of health areas covered
- Fills information gaps in EHR, particularly valuable for patients not recently seen in clinic and under-utilizers of care, including preventive
  - Easily aggregates current self-reported health status and conditions of patients
- Triage level of risk
- Recommends various evidence-based health management activities
- Repeated annually or after sentinel health events (to compare against baselines)



# HIT's Role in Needs Assessment

## Electronic data warehouse

- Payer data – utilization and cost
- EHR data
- Data mining and analytics
- Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP)
- Allow you to pull data real time

Ideally, you would like to create an all-payer database since health conditions warranting care coordination do not recognize payer source.

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## Presentation #5



# Person-Centered Care Plan

- Patient participation in care plan development
- Based on individual patient's assessed needs
- Accounts for medical, behavioral health, wellness and human services needs (social determinants)
- Incorporates existing care and Tx plan information
- Components
  - Goals and objectives
    - Medical, psychosocial, functional, cognitive, mental health, utilization and health metrics
  - Interventions (services and treatments)
  - Frequency and Mode (when and where)
  - Service providers names

# Electronic Care Plan

- Purpose to ensure timely delivery of care plan services, member compliance, and progress
- Accessible to all integral members of the patient's care and treatment teams
  - Hosted and monitored by Care Coordination lead entity
- Achieved through secure, web-based platform
- Customizable for specific patient population types
- Helps overcome EHR interoperability
  - Allows ICT to review one another's progress notes and communication in real time
- Report generation
  - Real-time monitoring HEDIS measures, timely provision of services, member compliance with care and Tx plans, etc.

# Electronic Care Plan



Currently Open Care Plan: MARY PRIMEWEST (99999001)

[3 Reminder\(s\)](#)

[Home](#) [Details](#) [Interventions](#) [Intervention Goals](#) [Assessments](#) [Notifications](#) [Logout](#) (Logged in as Jen Bundy )

Client	Provider/Diagnosis	Case Management	Updates	Notes	Provider Visit	Backup Plan	Service Agreement	ICT	Wellness
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## Client Demographics

PMI: 99999001

Name: Mary Primewest

DOB: 07/01/1954

Soc Sec:

Gender: FEMALE

## Client Additional Info

County of Financial Responsibility: Douglas

## Client Enrollment

PrimeWest: 01/01/2008

## Type of Care Plan

## Care Plan Information

Managing County: Beltrami

## Phone/Address Information Source

☒ PrimeWest ☐ Non-PrimeWest

## Phone Numbers

TYPE	NUMBER
OTHER	8664310802

## Addresses

TYPE	ADDRESS 1	ADDRESS 2	CITY	STATE	ZIP
DEFAULT	2209 JEFFERSON ST STE 101		ALEXANDRIA	MN	56308

## Contacts

TYPE	NAME	ADDRESS 1	ADDRESS 2	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE
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# **Interdisciplinary Care Team**

- Based on member identified need and service
- Need and choice approved by the member
- PrimeWest model: minimum of member and/or caregiver, PCP/specialist, CCM/care coordinator (RN/SW)
- Concurrent review to determine progress towards stated goals
- ICT may be updated/changed based on member progress and need
- HIT's role – Electronic care plan communication between and monitoring of ICT member performance

# ICT Composition

- Depending on needs and services needed:
  - Patient (Patient's family/authorized rep\*)
  - Patient's primary care provider
  - Care coordinator
  - Case manager, community health worker and/or care navigator
  - Other Care and Tx Plan services providers:
    - Specialists
    - Social services
    - Home & Community-based Services (PCA, home health, etc)
    - Skilled nursing facility/long-term care facility care coordinator
    - Pharmacy
    - Behavioral health provider

# Coordinating Care

## Patient-centered

- Arranging for appointments and services as needed
  - Care system navigation support
- Monitoring patient care and Tx plan compliance and progress
- Monitoring for sentinel health events and outlier utilization
  - Conduct updated health risk assessment (HRA)
  - Revise care plan based on update HRA results
- Regular in-person or telephonic touches with patient
  - Case managers –if patient has Medicaid or waived services case manager, huge cost saver versus employing own case managers
- Periodic team-based case reviews with key ICT members
- Care plan and EHR management to ensure capture of critical provider notes across entire ICT.

# Coordinating Care

## The patient's role in care coordination

- Care coordination cannot succeed with a disengaged patient.
- Care planning should be used to educate patient on their health needs and the health care and wellness services and personal behaviors to address them
- The care plan should clearly articulate patient's responsibilities
- During each “touch” with the patient, encourage patient engagement and accountability in managing their health care and health status.
  - Be careful of enabling health care dependency, which can occur with the added provider attention and support that comes from care coordination. Understand what motivates the patient to engage.

# Coordinating Care

## Patient Population-based

- Continually analyzing for areas for improving health care utilization, costs and quality
- At the very least, monitor:
  - Pharmacy utilization, i.e., MTM compliance, generic drug use, etc.
  - Preventable utilization of costly health care services from Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions, Unmanaged complex or chronic physical and mental health conditions, over or underutilization of services, etc.
  - Trends among certain demographic, psycho-social segments of your patient populations (disparities)
  - Cost and quality (outcomes) comparisons of like referral providers by service or Dx (assessing value proposition of your referral resources)

Keep in mind: Population-based identification/patient-based intervention. You improve one patient at a time!



# HIT in Coordinating Care

## Patient-centered examples

- **EHR**
  - alerts to remind treating provider of a service needed or metric to check when patient presents at clinic – alerts usually aligned with quality measurement, e.g., evidence-based chronic disease management services standard (e.g., HbA1c, eye exam).
  - Interoperable EHR – unanticipated health care events or utilization, e.g., ER use, utilization of a specialty not in care or Tx plan, MTM compliance, lab and other test results etc.
- **ECP**
  - Service provided according to plans, ICT progress notes, indications of patient or provider non-compliance with care and Tx plans, etc.
- **Data warehouse (payer data)**
  - Outlier (unplanned) utilization of health care services possibly indicating a change in health status, health care costs and value, etc.

# HIT in Coordinating Care

## Population-based examples

- Electronic patient registries
  - Payer(s) patient attribution – typically applies to medical homes, ACOs
  - Categorized by health condition or diagnoses and demographic and psycho-social variables, including disparities
- EHR
  - Interoperable EHR – monitor (sample auditing) patient care quality
- Data warehouse (payer data)
  - Preventable utilization of costly health care services - ambulatory care sensitive conditions (ACSC) hospitalizations and ER use, indications for unmanaged chronic or complex conditions, etc.
  - Utilization and average per capita cost by service type
  - Quarterly comparisons against baseline data to measure progress

All of the above identify additional patients for care coordination

# Evaluation/metrics of models

- Care Management Audits
  - Care Plan
    - Timeliness of care plan service delivery
    - Patient compliance with care and treatment plans
  - Transition of Care effectiveness
  - Annual Care System Review
  - Care plan goal and objective achievement
- Monitoring quality of care and care plan providers
  - HEDIS
  - Patient satisfaction surveys
  - Medical Record Review – assess quality of care provided
- Utilization Management review
  - Review of utilization patterns and cost data from payers

# Best Practices

- **Best Practice Guidelines for Special Needs Members**

- Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)
- Dehydration
- Fever
- Lower Respiratory Infection
- Mental Health Status
- Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)

- **Standards of Practice**

- All Case Managers
- EW and Non-EW Case Managers
- Clinic Case Management
- Skilled Nursing Facility Case Management

- **Member Care Strategies**

- Chronic Heart Failure (CHF) Care Strategy
- Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)
- Pneumonia Care Strategy

## **Member Action Plans**

- Asthma
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Diabetes
- Depression
- Heart Failure