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RI Lessons Learned: Relocating Ryan White

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Rhode Island is Small

How Small You Ask????

- ▶ Rhode Island is the smallest state in size in the United States. It covers an area of 1,214 square miles. Its distances North to South are 48 miles and East to West 37 miles.
- ▶ **How's Texas feeling now?**

Rhode Island :Pre and Post PPACA

- ▶ PROVIDENCE – Rhode Island’s health care uninsured rate fell to 4.5 percent in 2015 from 6.4 percent in 2014, according [to the National Health Interview Survey](#) released this week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- ▶ Rhode Island’s uninsured population totals fewer than 50,000 people.
- ▶ Pre-ACA uninsured rate: **14.34%**



RI Medicaid Diary: MCO Inclusion of HIV TCM In Plan Benefit/Other

2013 Pre PPACA

- Began process of isolating HIVTCM on the FFS side for impact and sustainability: Limits abound!!!
- Began to propose specific methods for inclusion of HIV TCM into future Medicaid Expansion agreements (plans)
- Began discussion of inclusion of core HIV measures into MCO agreements

2014

- Successfully met with insurers (MCOS) to pitch notion of HIV TCM for PLWHAs into the expansion agreements
- Process included discussion of how RW Part contracts would be shared as a template for what I wanted
- Metrics discussion about performance measures, HIV Continuum of Care, QI, deliverables
- Successful inclusion of HIV TCM into the plans

2015

- Development of HIV high risk negative concept into expansion
- Successful inclusion of HIV viral load as performance measure in MCO agreement
- Further discussion regarding more performance measures pertaining to the HIV Continuum
- Data to care discussion using Medicaid metrics across HIV metrics

MCO-HIV-TCM: PLWHAs

- ▶ HIV Targeted Case Management Services for PLWHAS Outlined
- ▶ To be eligible for RI Medicaid HIV Targeted Case Management services, enrollees must be Medicaid eligible and a member of one of the following groups:
 - ▶ HIV infected persons;
 - ▶ HIV antibody positive infants up to age 3 years if seroconversion has not been firmly established; or

MCO HIV TCM: High Risk, Negatives

- ▶ **Individuals deemed to be 'high risk' until tested and HIV status is confirmed.** High risk individuals are those individuals who are members of the following populations:

- ▶ Men who have sex with men (MSM),
- ▶ Active substance users and/or those individuals with documented mental illness,
- ▶ Persons who have Hepatitis B or C,
- ▶ Persons with a documented history of sexually transmitted diseases,
- ▶ People recently released from prison and/or the training school,
- ▶ Sex workers,
- ▶ Transgender individuals,
- ▶ Bisexual men and woman,
- ▶ Sexually active adolescents engaging in unprotected sex, or
- ▶ Persons who engage in unprotected sex with HIV+ or high risk individuals.

- ▶ High risk individuals must be evaluated upon entry via a specific HIV negative, high risk assessment. Acuity indexing shall be designated for both negatives and positives in case management.

RI Lessons Learned

- *RI Medicaid systems have helped develop RI Ryan White fiscal efficiencies*
- *RI Ryan White has assisted RI Medicaid in many aspects of quality management and improvement*



RI Medicaid and RI Ryan White Symbiosis

1. MEDICAID assisted Ryan White providers in understanding the new business models of MCOs, how to reduce risk management when in this business field and how to properly bill for services.

Medicaid markets in expansion states have increased “**business opportunities**” for AIDS service organizations: AIDS organizations that have done their homework regarding PPACA and re-styled their business plans to compete and sustain programming are better prepared for this posture.

The RI endeavor focused upon strengthening the business acumen of smaller non-profits (ACOs) while reducing risk management for them, and emphasizing to MCOs the specialized bent of services ACOs provide.

2. RYAN WHITE: Provided many fine examples to RI Medicaid of quality management, case management and program success stories.

The RI Ryan White program shared many quality improvement measures across the HIV Continuum of Care for Medicaid, and MCOs were intrigued as to how RI Ryan White providers had consistently exceeded national HIV Continuum endpoints.

Thank you!

Questions

