



# Medicaid Opportunities for Asthma Care

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# Traditional Medicaid Benefits for Asthma

- Physician visits
- ER & Hospital visits
- Children: EPSDT
- Home Health Services
  - “medically necessary” home health services for EPSDT children
- Pharmacy
- Disease Management



# EPSDT

## (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Services)

- Children under age 21 are assured coverage for preventative and comprehensive health services
- The EPSDT benefit includes screening, vision services, dental services, hearing services, and other services necessary to correct or improve health conditions discovered through screenings
- A physician can prescribe a health educator visit



# Targeted Case Management



- Services which assist individuals in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational and other services.
- Example: Creating individualized asthma care managements & emergency plans.
  - Ongoing education on methods to minimize symptoms & control conditions & connection to outside services when needed etc.

# Managed Care Model

- Coordinating care for beneficiaries through an integrated delivery system and providing accountable, innovated care management for better health outcomes, accessibility and cost savings.
- States can specify in contractual agreements:
  - Community-based asthma interventions
  - Data and Quality Measures



# New and Increased Opportunities for Asthma Prevention and Treatment



# Immediate Impacts of Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010

- Elimination of the pre-existing condition exclusion
- Medicaid Expansion: Adult population, increased income eligibility
- Creation of Healthcare Marketplace
- CMS' Innovation Center



# ACA Provisions for Medicaid Asthma Care

- Emphasis on Preventive Programs
  - Incentives for States
  - Opportunities for Alternative Care Treatment
- Social Models that can support Asthma Care
  - Health Homes
  - Accountable Health Communities



# Incentives for Preventive Programs

- Section 4106 and 4107 Preventive Services – Increase in the Federal Matching rate paid to States that have met all requirements on preventive services for chronic disease



# Opportunities for Alternative Care Treatment

- States can now choose to reimburse for preventive services “recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner...within the scope of their practice under State law.”
  - Could include home visitation case management for care coordination and education.



# Health Homes

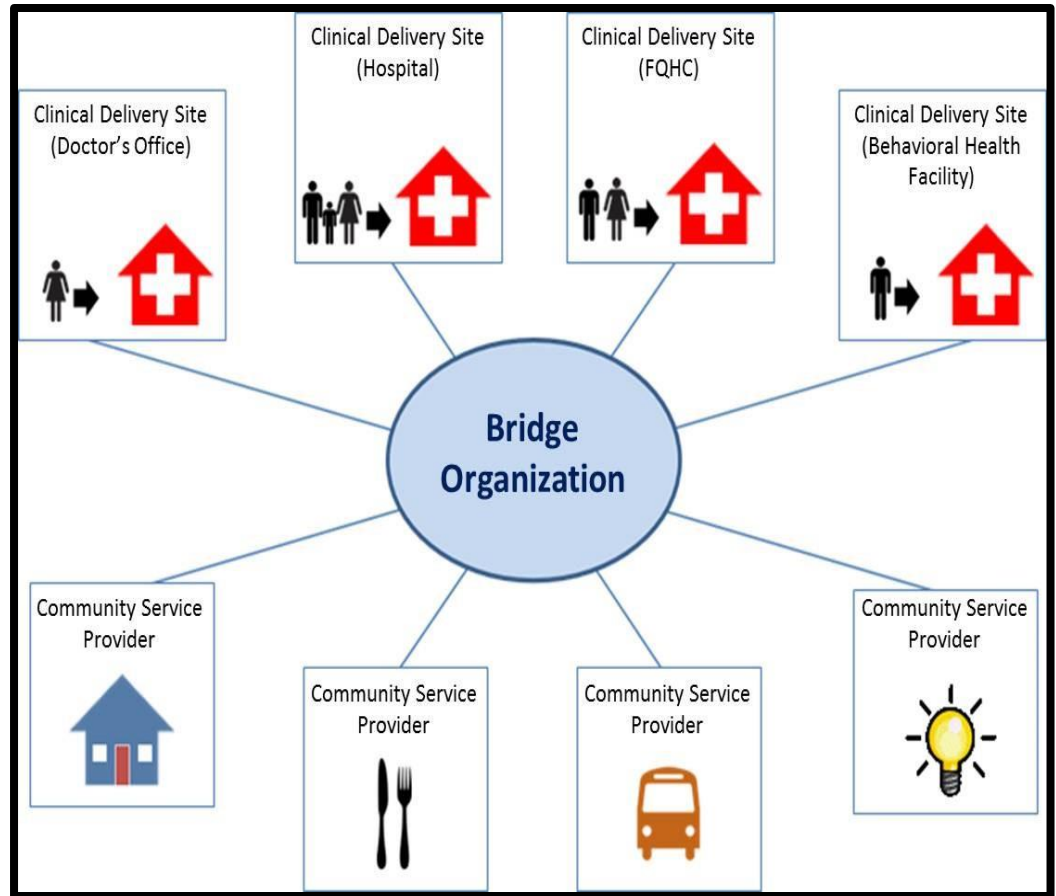
## Whole-Person Philosophy for Persons with Chronic Conditions

- Comprehensive care management
- Care coordination
- Health promotion
- Comprehensive transitional care/follow-up
- Patient & family support
- Referral to community & social support services



# Accountable Health Communities

The foundation of the AHC Model is universal, comprehensive screening for the health-related social needs of community-dwelling Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.





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