

Solutions for Employers: Developing a Smart Network Program by employers for employers

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Powerful Healthcare Forces



Healthcare costs continuing to rise at a pace greater than inflation (market consolidation, specialty pharmacy, chronic disease)



Consumerism with access to data, transparency efforts around pricing and quality, expectations based on non-healthcare transactions



Aging population creating payor mix shift to Medicare



Workforce challenges including physician shortages, burnout, labor costs, skillset deficits



Rapid adoption of virtual care post-COVID (telemedicine, digital medicine)



Health equity focus, access to care for underserved populations



Equally Powerful Responses

- 1 Employers increasingly taking bold steps to reduce costs
- 2 Transition to value-based payments led by Medicare and Medicare Advantage
- Private equity funded digital and tele-medicine companies, new provider models, health plans and provider acquisitions
- New competitors that are well-financed, scaled, and potentially disruptive (Amazon, Walmart, CVS, Walgreen's, Best Buy, Dollar General)
- Vertically-integrated organizations (United Healthcare/Optum, CVS/Aetna, Humana/CenterWell)



Smart Network

Specialist
PCP Referral
Quality & Price
Negotiated Episodes

Specialist Care PCP Referral
Navigate to Quality & Price
In-Network FFS

Primary Care Virtual & In Person

Care Management, Mental Health, Navigation

Capitated Population Payment Model

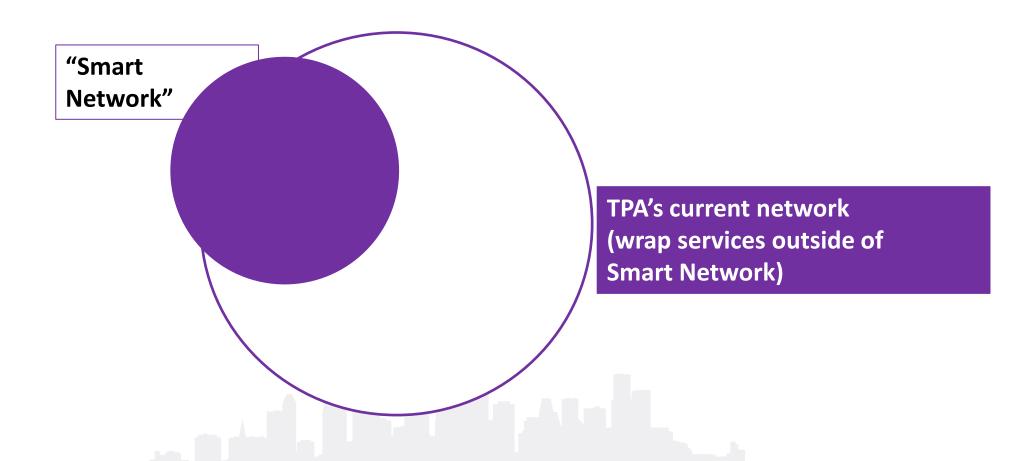


Smart Network Design Elements

Advanced Primary Care • 2-3 multi-site groups	 Prevention, wellness, chronic care, sick visits, urgent care Integrated mental health, lab, telemedicine Population-based (capitated) payment model
Specialty Care • Surgical, medical and challenging chronic care • Emergency and other services	 Specialists identified via quality and efficiency metrics Bundled episodes or capitated, 60-70% Use of wrap-around network, FFS for unbundled
 Facilities and Other Services ASC, Hospital, rehab, skilled nursing Ambulance, DME, supplies 	 Identified via quality and efficiency metrics Episode payments bundled with specialty whenever possible Use of wrap-around network, FFS for emergency
PharmacyLimited network, integrated specialty network	 Aggressive formulary based on lowest net prices Patient incentives for therapeutic substitution Integrated specialty drug plan
Care Coordination, Navigation	 Directed by primary care to specialty care
Shared Information	 Shared medical records, care coordination
Standard Measure Sets	 Transparent quality, cost and efficiency measures
Smart TPA	• Eligibility, population-based payments, reference prices



Smart Network Thinking





SmArt Network Design Considerations





Next Steps for HBCH Members/Employers







How do we evaluate the feasibility of creating the Smart Network across the market?

How do we determine which partners to select and what process do we install to do so?

How do we achieve near-term participation/funding success and longer-term sustainability?



Behind every success there is effort

Behind every effort is passion

Behind every passion is someone with the courage to try