

HF 2539: Health Care Reform

Medical Home and Chronic Care Initiatives

Medical Home Initiative

Purpose:

- Reduce disparities in health care access, delivery, and health care outcomes;
- Improve quality of health care and lower health care costs, thereby creating savings to allow more Iowans to have health care coverage and to provide for the sustainability of the health care system; and
- Provide a tangible method to document if each Iowan has access to health care.

The Iowa Department of Public Health shall:

- Adopt **rules** pursuant to chapter 17A, necessary to administer the medical home system
- Establish a **Medical Home Advisory Council** which shall include, but is not limited to the following members who shall be selected by their organizations:
 - Director of Human Services;
 - Commissioners of Insurance or designee;
 - Federation of Iowa Insurers;
 - Iowa Dental Association;
 - Iowa Nurses Association;
 - Iowa Academy of Family Physicians (one family physician licensed pursuant to chapter 148 and one pursuant to chapter 150);
 - Health care consumer;
 - Iowa Collaborative Safety Net Provider Network established pursuant to section 135.153;
 - Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council;
 - Iowa Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics;
 - Child and Family Policy Center;
 - Iowa Pharmacy Association;
 - Iowa Chiropractic Association; and
 - University of Iowa College of Public Health.
- Develop a **plan for implementation of a statewide medical home system**.
- Develop an **organizational structure for the medical home system** in this state.
- Adopt **standards and a process to certify medical homes** based on the national committee for quality assurance standards.
- Adopt **education and training standards for health care professionals** participating in the medical home system.
- Provide for **system simplification** through the use of universal referral forms, internet-based tools for providers, and a central medical home internet site for providers.
- Recommend a **reimbursement methodology and incentives for participation** in the medical home system to ensure the providers enter and remain participating in the system.
- Coordinate the **requirements and activities of the medical home system with the requirements and activities of the dental home for children** as described in section 249J.14, subsection 7, and recommend **financial incentives for dentists and non-dental providers to promote oral health care coordination** through preventive dental intervention, early identification of oral disease risk, health care coordination and data tracking, treatment,

chronic care management, education and training, parental guidance, oral health promotions for children.

- Integrate the **recommendations and policies** developed by the prevention and chronic care management advisory council into the medical home system.
- (Implementation) Work **with DHS** (initially with a focus on children who receive full benefits of medical assistance) and
 - Recommend a **reimbursement methodology** to compensate providers under the medical assistance program for participation in medical home;
 - **Expand the medical home system to adults** who are recipients of full benefits under the medical assistance program and the expansion population under the IowaCare program;
 - Work with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to **allow Medicare recipients to utilize the medical home system**;
 - Work with the department of administrative services to **allow state employees to utilize the medical home system**; and
 - Work with insurers and self-insured companies to **make the medical home system available to individuals with private health care coverage**.
- Provide **oversight for all certified medical homes**, and review the progress of the medical home system and **recommend improvements to the system**, as necessary; and
- **Evaluate** annually the **medical home system** and **make recommendations to the governor and the general assembly regarding improvements** to and continuation of the system.
- Obtain **approval from the board on recommendations and other activities** resulting from the authorized duties of the department prior to any subsequent action or implementation.

Chronic Care Initiative

The Iowa Department of Public Health shall:

- Develop a **state initiative for prevention and chronic care management** that includes a **state plan** for developing a chronic care organizational structure for prevention and chronic care management;

Chronic Care State Plan

- Coordinate the efforts of health care professionals and resources to promote the health of Iowans and the prevention and management of chronic conditions;
 - Develop and implement arrangements for delivery of prevention services and chronic care management;
 - Develop significant patient self-care efforts;
 - Provide systemic support for the health care professional-patient relationship and options for channeling chronic care resources and support to health care professionals;
 - Provide for community development and outreach and education efforts; and
 - Coordinate information technology initiative with the chronic care information system.
- Accept **grants and donations** and apply for grants (private, state or federal) available to fund the initiative;
 - Convene a **Chronic Care Advisory Council** to provide technical assistance to the IDPH director in developing a state initiative that integrates evidence-based prevention and chronic

care management strategies in the public and private health care systems including the medical home system;

Chronic Care Advisory Council

- Develop a **state initiative that integrates evidence-based prevention and chronic care management strategies** in the public and private health care systems including the medical home system;
 - Elicit **input from a variety of organizations** for developing the advisory council's recommendations (health care professionals; businesses; community and non-profit groups; school districts; insurers; state and local government; and consumers)
 - Submit **initial recommendations for the state prevention and chronic care initiative** to the IDPH director by **July 1, 2009**; and plans for the state's initiative to the State Board of Health for approval.
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- Convene a **Clinicians Advisory Panel** to advise and recommend to the IDPH clinically-appropriate, evidence-based best practices regarding the implementation of the medical home and prevention and chronic care initiatives.

Clinicians Advisory Panel

- Composed of **nine licensed medical health care providers**
- Serve **three-year terms** with eligibility for reappointment for up to three terms
- Will meet **quarterly** to
 - Receive updates from the IDPH director on strategic planning and implementation progress; and
 - Provide clinical consultation to the department regarding the Medical Home and Chronic Care Initiatives.

IDPH Infrastructure

Staffing and Appropriations

- 4 FTE approved with hiring process in place
- Medical Home - \$165,600 and Chronic Care - \$190,500

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