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Episode-based Payments for Health Care and Shared Objectives

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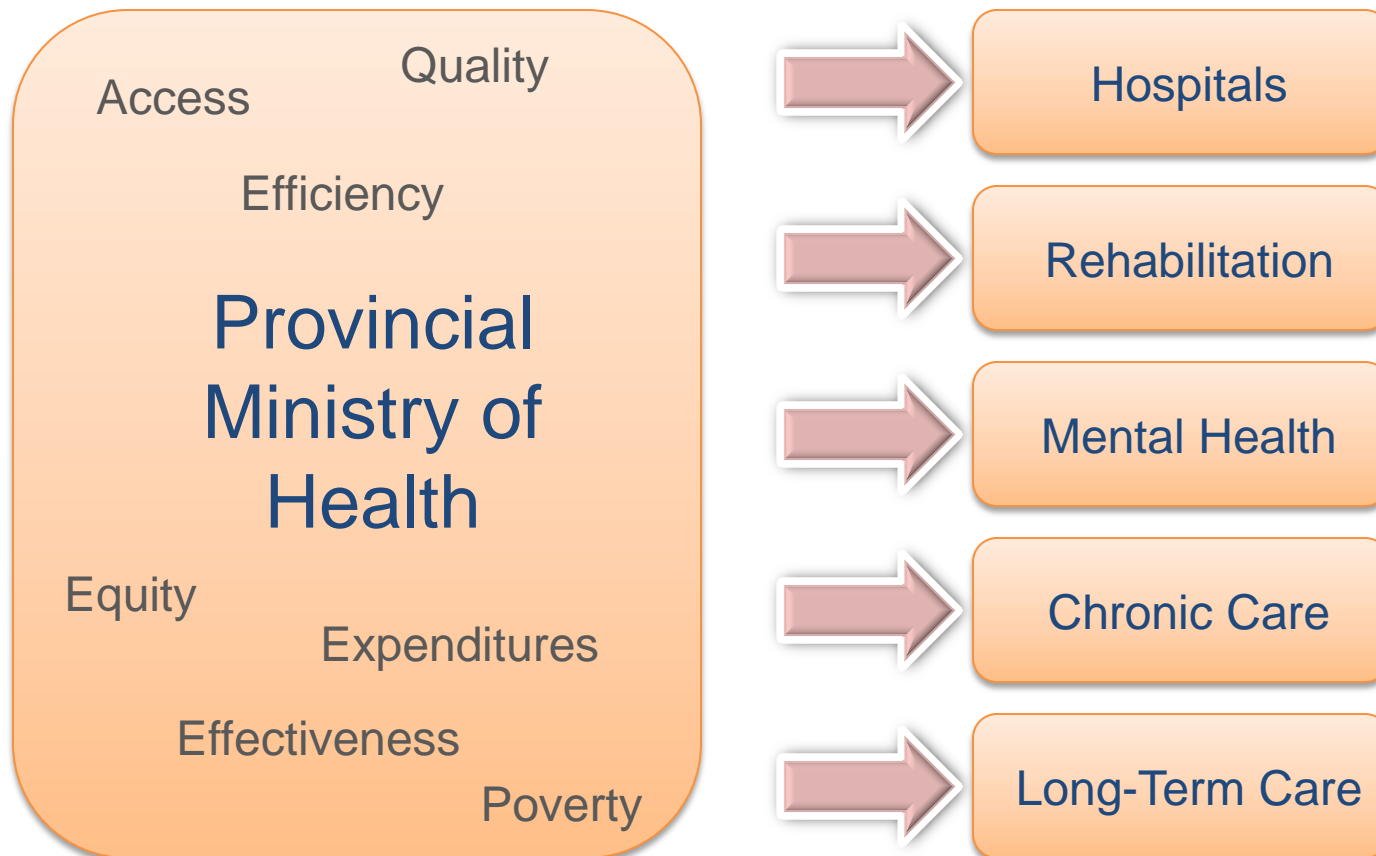
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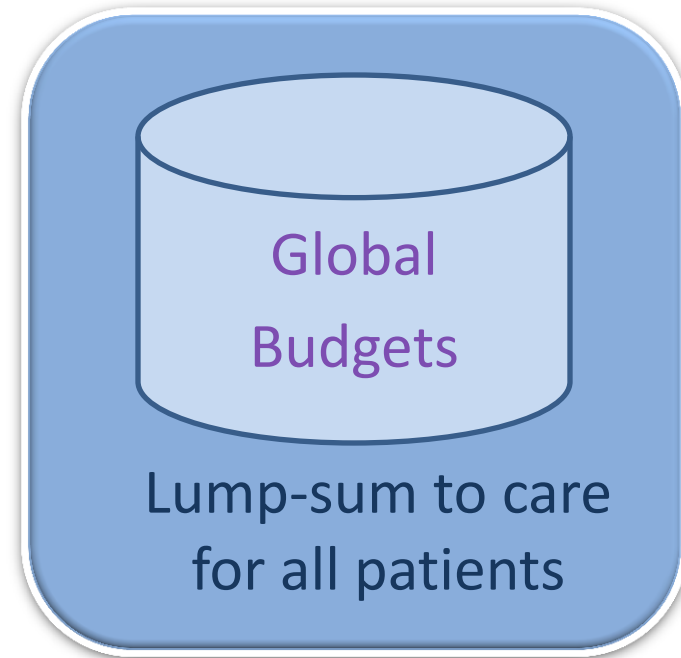
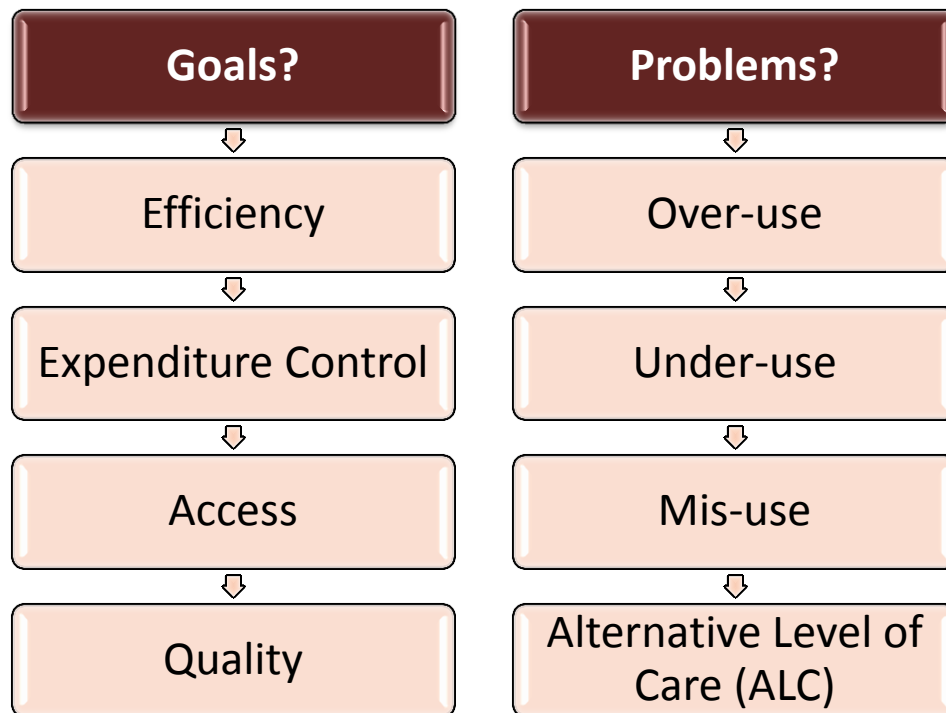
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Funding Healthcare in Canada: A Story of Institutions





Drivers of Funding Reform





Canada is unique!

Many high-profile supporters of activity-based funding:

- CMA, OMA, BCMA
- Castonguay Report
- Kirby Report

Doubts exist:

- Canadian Doctors for Medicare
- Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
- Many healthcare employee unions


- Most countries have transitioned to activity-based funding:
 - Transparency
 - Wait times
 - Inequities in funding
 - Lack of incentives for:
 - Improved Quality
 - Innovative Practices
 - Efficient bed use



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Activity-based Funding is 'Rushing' in

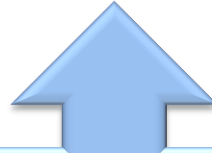
Major Motivating Factors in Canada



Improve
Timeliness of Access



Foster Transparency in
Hospital Funding



Understanding
Variations in Utilization
and Spending

More Complex to Administer



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The Power of Incentives: When the Price is Not Right

Expanded Use Of Imaging Technology And The Challenge Of Measuring Value

The benefits of expanded imaging might not be directly related to patients' disease outcomes.

by Laurence C. Baker, Scott W. Atlas, and Christopher C. Ahlert

ABSTRACT: The availability of imaging (MRI) scanning has increased, but we have not yet fully documented the relationship between imaging and health outcomes. It is potentially important to understand the relationship between imaging and health outcomes, especially if value is to be realized. Imaging is potentially valuable because it can provide information that might be used to guide treatment, although evidence for this is limited. Thus, a particularly important question is whether the benefits of imaging can be quantified. [Health Affairs]

Getting The Price Right: Medicare Payment Rates For Cardiovascular Services

Improving the accuracy of Medicare's prices is necessary to ensuring that Medicare beneficiaries, especially the elderly and disabled, receive the best possible care.

by David Asch, and Jeffrey Stensland

Cardiac hospitals have grown rapidly. Physicians provide cardiovascular diagnostic services in their offices. There are significant errors in Medicare's prices for hospital care and physician services. We find that improving the accuracy of those prices. We find that

When The Price Isn't Right: How Inadvertent Payment Incentives Drive Medical Care

If payment rates are not made more accurate, another powerful driver of health cost trends could be created.

by Paul B. Ginsburg and Joy M. Grossman

ABSTRACT: Unintended overpayment of some services, in combination with other market factors, is driving increased use of expensive care, which in turn could be an important driver of health care cost trends. Reimbursement systems are highly dependent on provider charge data that rarely provide accurate and up-to-date indicators of relative costs. As a result, newer services, in which productivity is increasing over time, tend to be more lucrative. As the largest payer, and one whose reimbursement policies are followed by private insurers and Medicaid programs, Medicare can address this issue by taking steps to make its prospective payment rates reflect relative costs more accurately.



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The Evolving Picture of ABF: P4P and Overlays

Value-based Purchasing

- 'Clawbacks' to establish bonus pool
- ~2% of Medicare acute inpatient spending
- Quality measures:
 - Related, unplanned, readmissions

Quality Initiatives

- Non-payment for poor quality
 - Related, unplanned, readmissions
 - Hospital-acquired infections
 - Surgical mis-adventures



Where does this get us?

Link btwn evidence and funding

- Some parallel to VBP and P4P
- Little evidence on incentives for longitudinal management of chronic disease

Macro-level initiatives to change providers behaviours:

- Medical Home
- Accountable Care Organizations

Ontario's Initiatives

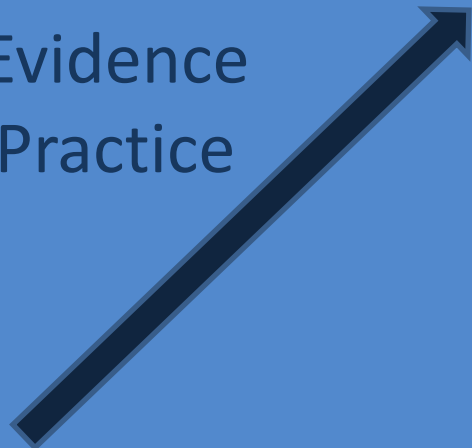
- Global Budget
- HBAM
- QBP
 - No clear analogue elsewhere
 - Draws of elements used for P4P and ABF



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Where are Opportunities to Integrate 'Evidence' with Funding?

Evidence
Practice



Care Pathways
Clinical Teams



Funding:
Effective Practice
Efficient
High Quality
Outcomes



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What is a 'Bundled Payment'?

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Physician

ED

Readmit

time

Collective Accountability for Medical Care — Toward Bundled Medicare Payments

Glenn Hackbarth, J.D., Robert Reischauer, Ph.D., and Anne Mutti, M.P.A.

Medicare's projected spending growth is unsustainable. The program already strains the sources of beneficiaries and payers alike and will soon crowd out other public- and private-sector priorities, given Medicare spending as a percentage of the federal budget.

Payment Reform Options: Episode Payment Is A Good Place To Start

Episode-Based Performance Measurement And Payment: Making It A Reality

Moving toward episode-based approaches for payment and performance measurement

by Peter S. Husar and Cheryl L. D.

ABSTRACT: Proper measurement and payment are key issues that will

payment system must be every of care.

growth are urgently needed. All service (FFS) payments will hurt restructure the delivery system evidence-based care. But restructure

Medicare Payments for Common Inpatient Procedures: Implications for Episode-Based Payment Bundling

John D. Birkmeyer, Cathryn Gust, Onur Baser, Justin B. Dimick, Jason M. Sutherland, and Jonathan S. Skinner

Background. Aiming to align provider incentives toward improving quality and efficiency, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services is considering broader bundling of hospital and physician payments around episodes of inpatient surgery. Decisions about bundled payments would benefit from better information about how payments are currently distributed among providers of different perioperative services and how payments vary across hospitals.



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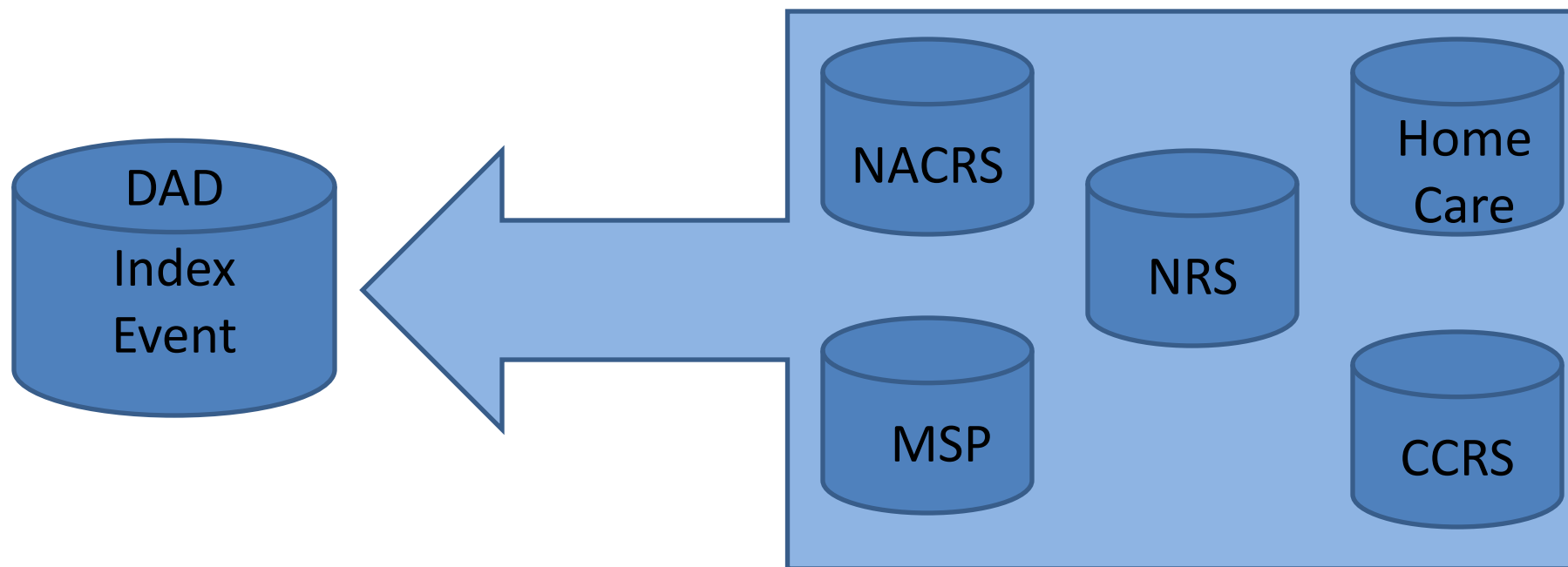
The 'Why?'

- Limits of global budgets, activity-based funding and P4P
 - 'Silo-based' services and funding
 - No relation between care and outcomes
 - Unexplainable, and wide, variation in patterns and costs of care
 - Shared accountability for efficiency and poor clinical outcomes
 - Expanded opportunity for quality measurement
- Ongoing:
 - Medicare/CCMI pilots of bundles
 - Financial responsibility between providers
 - Bundle 1:
 - Retrospective, acute
 - Bundle 2:
 - Post-acute care provider event
 - Bundle 3:
 - Acute and post-acute care providers



What does the data say?

Linking the data: Hip and Knee Replacement





What does the data say?

- 30 day post-discharge
- Remarkable variation in LHIN practice and cost!

LHIN	Number of cases	Acute hospitalization				Post-acute care	
		Average acute inpatient cost	Average physician claims	Average inpatient & physician cost	% Rehospitalized within 30 days (cost)	% Discharged to inpatient rehabilitation (cost)	% Discharged to home with home care (cost)
Ontario overall	26,538	\$10,125	\$2409	\$12,535	3.6% (\$11,040)	28.6% (\$5637)	47.8% (\$977)
1	1537	\$10,244	\$2305	\$12,549	4.7% (\$16,205)	17.8% (\$5503)	56.8% (\$975)
2	2706	\$9773	\$2049	\$11,822	4.4% (\$7590)	6.6% (\$7994)	71.7% (\$909)
3	1523	\$10,177	\$2213	\$12,390	3.3% (\$10,450)	9.8% (\$6384)	73.3% (\$1057)
4	3578	\$10,488	\$2477	\$12,966	3.3% (\$10,910)	11.5% (\$7864)	62.7% (\$1007)
5	850	\$10,508	\$2731	\$13,239	3.9% (\$12,444)	59.0% (\$5757)	17.3% (\$1026)
6	1711	\$10,031	\$2631	\$12,662	3.7% (\$10,221)	35.0% (\$6736)	34.5% (\$973)
7	1836	\$10,321	\$2637	\$12,958	3.6% (\$14,498)	45.9% (\$6174)	32.3% (\$988)
8	2409	\$10,035	\$2866	\$12,900	3.7% (\$13,245)	56.3% (\$5934)	23.2% (\$1012)
9	2919	\$9935	\$2477	\$12,412	4.5% (\$11,471)	44.4% (\$4854)	35.7% (\$944)
10	1430	\$10,294	\$2129	\$12,423	4.1% (\$11,865)	9.0% (\$7349)	68.0% (\$1044)
11	2698	\$9950	\$2363	\$12,313	3.9% (\$10,970)	45.0% (\$3580)	22.9% (\$820)
12	1105	\$10,181	\$2262	\$12,442	3.9% (\$11,356)	17.5% (\$5520)	64.5% (\$986)
13	1559	\$10,106	\$2251	\$12,358	8.1% (\$8164)	13.0% (\$5683)	57.6% (\$969)
14	546	\$9857	\$1929	\$11,786	8.8% (\$9402)	33.5% (\$6964)	59.9% (1143)



Summation

Nobody has sorted out the ‘best’ way to fund healthcare for:

appropriateness, efficiency, and quality

Care pathways might be a helpful starting point – if they can build off of existing, and validated, data



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