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## Welcome and Introductions

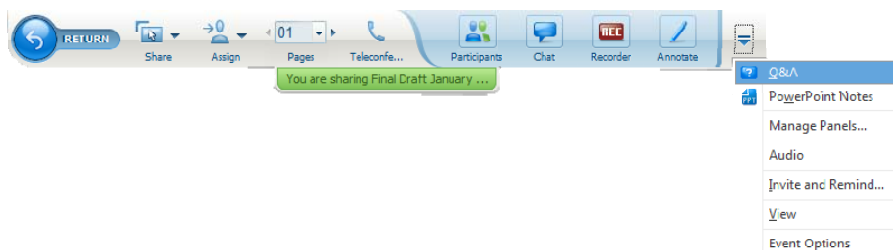



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- ▶ **Priorities:** (1) enhancing access to coverage and services; (2) advancing quality and delivery system reform; (3) integrating care for people with complex needs; and (4) building Medicaid leadership and capacity.
- ▶ **Provides:** technical assistance for stakeholders of publicly financed care, including states, health plans, providers, and consumer groups; and informs federal and state policymakers regarding payment and delivery system improvement.
- ▶ **Funding:** philanthropy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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## Agenda

- I. Introduction to Foundations' Role
- II. Overview of Lessons from Early Adopters
- III. Frontline Perspectives on Health Homes
- IV. Moderated Q&A/Discussion

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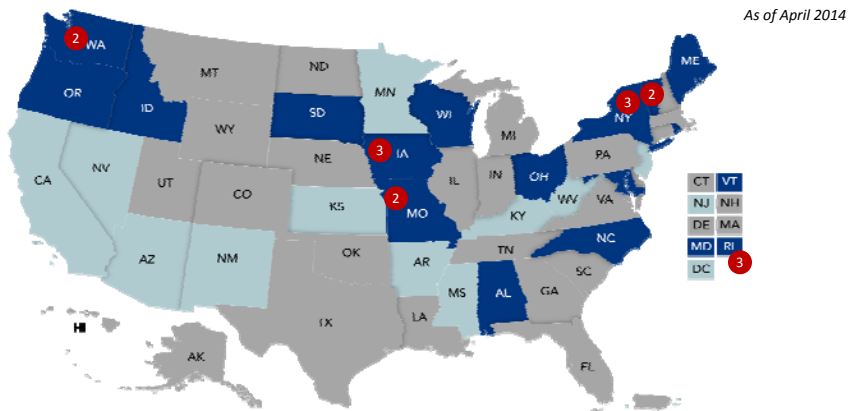


## Health Home Basics

- New state plan option created under Affordable Care Act Section 2703
- Overall goal: Improve integration across physical health, behavioral health, and long-term services and supports
- Opportunity to pay for “difficult-to-reimburse” services, (e.g., care management, care coordination)
- Flexibility for states to develop models that address an array of policy goals
- Significant state interest in evidence-based models to improve outcomes and reduce costs
- States receive an enhanced 90/10 federal match for the first eight fiscal quarters of the health home benefit



## State Health Home Activity



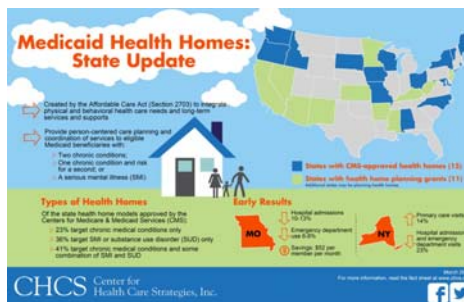
## The Ticking Clock...

When do states' enhanced federal match periods end?

DATE	STATE
10/2013	North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island (State Plan Amendment (SPA) #1 and SPA #2)
1/2014	Missouri (SPA #1 and SPA #2), New York (SPA #1)
4/2014	New York (SPA #2)
7/2014	Alabama, Iowa (SPA #1), New York (SPA #3)
10/2014	Ohio, Wisconsin
1/2015	Idaho, Maine
7/2015	Iowa (SPA #2), Rhode Island (SPA #3), South Dakota, Vermont, Washington (SPA #1)
10/2015	Maryland, Washington (SPA #2)
1/2016	Vermont (SPA #2)
4/2016	Iowa (SPA #3)

## Early Adopters: Seizing the Opportunity

- CHCS convened early adopting health home states in Fall 2013 to reflect on key lessons in effectiveness and sustainability of models
- States included: IA, MO, NY, OR, RI
- Additional resources:
  - ▶ [Brief](#)
  - ▶ [Fact Sheet](#)
  - ▶ [Infographic](#)



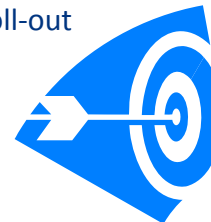
## Lesson 1: Use flexibility of the health home option to advance policy goals

- Leverage to advance policy goals at a time of tight budgets and limited opportunity to invest in delivery system and establish new services
- Examples include:
  - ▶ Target individuals at higher risk or with significantly complex needs
  - ▶ Invest in primary care capacity and infrastructure
  - ▶ Improve coordination and transitions of care
  - ▶ Remove programmatic silos and strategically improve integration



## Lesson 2: Define health home target populations and models for the greatest impact on outcomes

- Health home provision specifically focuses on populations with chronic conditions
- Provides foundation for other design decisions related to return on investment, outcomes, and sustainability
- Examples include:
  - ▶ Opportunity to define population narrowly (single condition) or broadly (population-based)
  - ▶ Limit to specific geographic areas, or regional roll-out
  - ▶ Prioritize enrollment by patient severity



### Lesson 3: Align payment models with policy goals to drive payment modernization

- Align incentives and accountabilities for delivering the right care at the right time
- Examples include:
  - ▶ Range of health home reimbursement rates
  - ▶ Tier payments based on acuity
  - ▶ Develop a outreach/engagement fee
  - ▶ Use quality withholds to drive practice transformation
  - ▶ Link additional payments to achieving provider enrollment targets



### Lesson 4: Use experience with complex populations to drive service definition

- Extend the reach of care beyond the walls of the office visit and to promote strong patient-provider relationships
- Examples include:
  - ▶ Care coordinator accompanies clients to primary care visits or conducts in-person assessment and care planning
  - ▶ Build team-based models of care
  - ▶ Integrate services that address individuals' most pressing needs (housing, employment)
- Link activities that meet population's needs to health home service definitions





## Lesson 5: Support health home providers to achieve culture change

- Invest in building the capacity of health home providers to increase potential for success
- Examples include:
  - ▶ Support growth and development of provider practices through learning collaboratives and/or practice coaches
  - ▶ Provide workforce training, particularly in new skills
  - ▶ Support providers in working more effectively within the construct of global payments
- May require investment of state-only funds

## Lesson 6: Invest in access to real-time data to support effective care coordination

- Importance of making actionable, real-time data and information available to providers (e.g., to better manage transitions of care)
- Many data systems still lack connectivity, particularly with emergency departments and hospitals
- Health plans and hospitals can partner to help bridge this gap in connectivity
- Identified as an area for more growth and development as health homes continue to evolve



## Early Findings

- **New York**
  - ↑ Primary care visits increased by 14%
  - ↓ Inpatient admissions and emergency department visits decreased by 23%
- **Missouri**
  - ↓ Emergency department visits decreased 8% (community mental health center - CMHC) and 6% (primary care health home - PCHH)
  - ↓ Ambulatory-sensitive hospitalizations decreased 13% (CMHC) and 10% (PCHH)
  - ↑ Combined savings of approximately \$52 PMPM

## Support for States Pursuing Health Homes

- Health home planning funds from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Health Home Information Resource Center:  
<http://www.medicaid.gov/State-Resource-Center/Medicaid-State-Technical-Assistance/Health-Homes-Technical-Assistance/Health-Home-Information-Resource-Center.html>

## Frontline Perspectives on Health Homes

### Discussion with:

- **Joe Parks, MD**  
Director, MO HealthNet Division  
Missouri Department of Social Services
- **Deirdre Astin**  
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## Question 1

- What key policy goals were your states focused on when developing their health home models?

## Question 2

- Given the relationship between member engagement and overall outcomes, do you have any suggestions for what states can do to enhance the member engagement potential of their programs?

## Question 3

- What is the role of managed care plans in your health homes and what perspectives can you share from “on the ground” implementation experience?

## Question 4

- Discuss the necessary culture change for providers and the role that the state and the health homes play in supporting this change.

## Question 5

- How did you develop your reimbursement strategy to align with policy goals?

## Question 6

- MO – Please share your insights on implementing multiple health home models in your state.
- NY – Please describe your experience implementing one health home model with a geographically-based roll out.

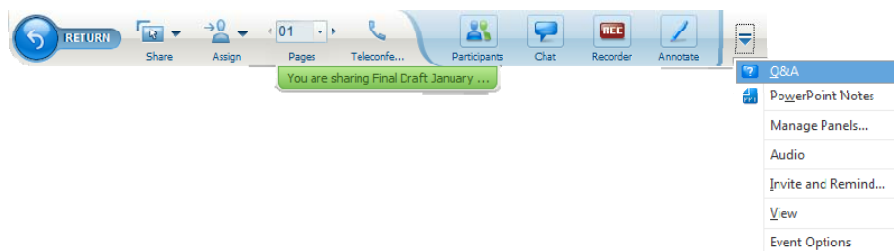
## Question 7

- Please share any final reflections on your experience with the first 18-24 months of health home implementation.

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