

VALUE-BASED PURCHASING FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Little is known about the impact of Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) on children and youth with special health care needs¹ (CYSHCN); VBP's financial incentives to reduce costs must be evaluated and associated quality outcomes developed.²



CYSHCN

The evidence base for VBP strategies is weak, and what does exist targets primarily adult health; little is known about the impact of VBP program development and implementation on children, especially CYSHCN.



FAMILIES

The field needs better targeted outcome measures and comprehensive definitions of value, including family perspectives that may include measures of family financial hardship, family well-being, and other factors that cannot be measured from claims data.



PAYERS & POLICYMAKERS

Policymakers must critically analyze the potential impact of VBP for CYSHCN, since this group of children, by definition, uses more health care services than other children and inevitably incurs higher per person costs.



PROVIDERS

Providers can help by developing valid and reliable measures of value for critical outcomes such as care integration, care coordination, and integration of mental, developmental, and physical health within the medical home.



CATALYST CENTER RESOURCES



A Primer on Value-Based Strategies for Improving Financing of Care for CYSHCN

This primer focuses on opportunities to increase value in spending on services for CYSHCN through alternative payment mechanisms and delivery innovations.

<http://cahpp.org/resources/primer-value-based-strategies-improving-financing-care-children-youth-special-health-care-needs/>



Webinar: Innovative Health Care Financing Strategies for CYSHCN

In this webinar, AMCHP and state Title V programs helped define the role of Title V programs in VBP, discussed program examples, and shared lessons learned.

<http://cahpp.org/resources/webinar-innovative-health-care-financing-strategies-children-youth-special-health-care-needs-supplement-may-2017-issue-pediatrics/>



Innovative Health Care Financing Strategies for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. A Supplement to Pediatrics.

This special supplement to Pediatrics on VBP and value-based insurance design addresses their potential implications for CYSHCN.

[http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/139/Supplement_2](http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/139/Supplement_2/S89)

DEFINING CYSHCN: According to the federal Maternal and Child Health Bureau, CYSHCN are those who have or are at increased risk for chronic physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions, and who also require health and related services of a type or amount beyond that required by children generally.¹

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