# Primary/Specialty Coordination in Complex Care

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## **Pediatric Care Coordination Populations**

# Children and Youth with Special Health Needs (CYSHN)

- Defined 25 years ago
- Having or at risk for developing a chronic condition
- ~15% of US children

## Children with Medical Complexity (CMC)

- Defined 10 years ago
- Multiple chronic conditions, functional limitations, frequent technology dependence, high health care cost and needs
- < 1% of US children
- ~ 40% pediatric health resource utilization

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## **Essential Characteristics of Care Coordination**

Family-centered, team-based function with defined tasks and supporting infrastructure Health and psychosocial assessment identifies level of care coordination services Health and psychosocial assessment and family-defined goals  $\rightarrow$  jointly developed plan of care Plan of care goals monitored and modified as needed 'Single point of contact' that communicates and coordinates with patients, families, clinicians and services 'Between clinic visit' communication conducted by telephone, email or telehealth, to enhance care coordination relationship and partnership Patient and family given tools to develop self-management competencies Care coordination 'neighborhood' includes all clinicians and services the support patient Method of sharing relevant health information, ideally electronic, between patient/family and care coordination neighborhood Monitors and facilitates transitions of care (i.e.: hospital discharge, pediatric to adult care)

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## Foundational Standards for Care Coordination

- 1. Care coordination for CYSHCN is based on the **premise of health equity**, that all children and families should have an equal opportunity to attain their full health potential, and no barriers should exist to prevent children and their families from achieving this potential.
- 2. Care coordination addresses the full range of social, behavioral, environmental, and health care needs of CYSHCN.
- **3. Families are co-creators of care coordination processes and are active, core partners** in decision making as members of the care team. CYSHCN, families, and care coordinators work together to build trusting relationships.
- 4. Care coordination is **evidence based where possible, and evidence informed** and/or based on promising practices where evidence-based approaches do not exist.
- 5. Care coordination is **implemented and delivered in a culturally competent, linguistically appropriate, and accessible manner** to best serve CYSHCN and their families.
- **6. Insurance coverage of care coordination** for CYSHCN allows for it to be accessible, affordable, and comprehensive.
- 7. Performance of care coordination activities is assessed with outcome measures that evaluate areas including:
  - a) The process of care coordination (e.g., number of families with a shared plan of care)
  - b) Family experience with integration of care across medical, behavioral, social and other sectors and systems
  - c) Quality of life for CYSHCN and families
  - d) Reduction in duplicative and/or preventable health care utilization

National Academy for State Health Policy. (2020). National Care Coordination Standards for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs. In (pp. 31): National Academy for State Health Policy.



## **Models of Care Coordination**

### Episodic

Specific illness or transition period

- Cancer
- Transplant
- New trach/vent

Condition specific guidelines and plan of care

Metrics well-defined

### **Primary Care**

Healthy and single condition CYSHN

Population-based guidelines, plan of care and metrics

Community-based

High risk of fragmented care for CMC

## Consultative / Co-Management

**CMC** 

Patient-specific guidelines, plan of care

Reduced care fragmentation

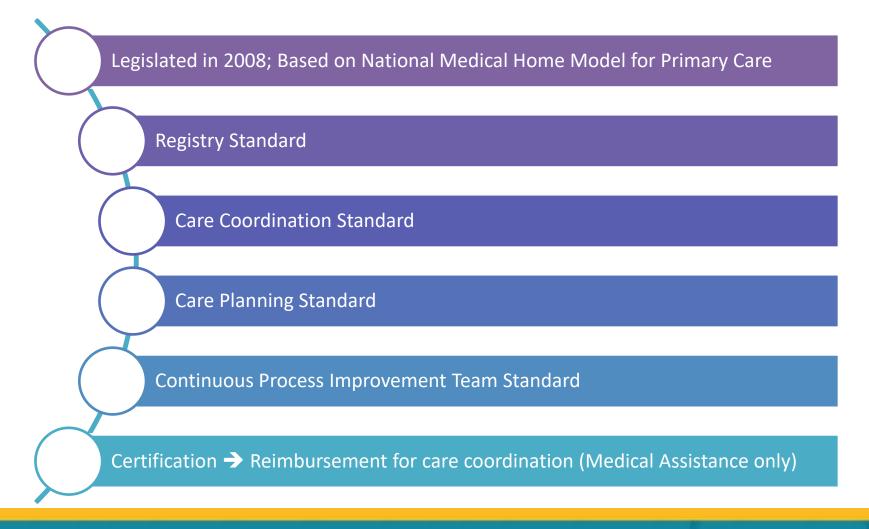
Tertiary, specialty-based

Risk of poor communication with PCC and local services

Metrics difficult



### Minnesota Health Care Home Model





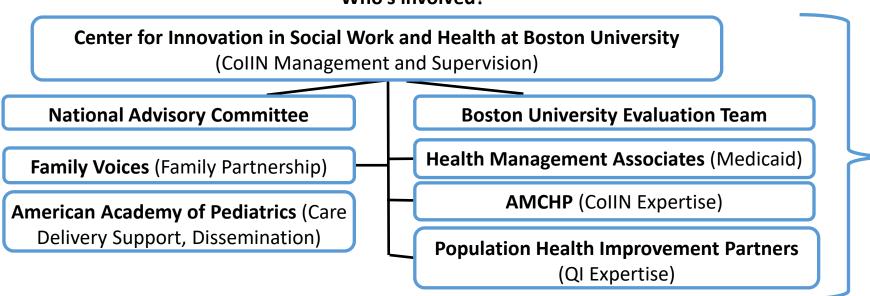
## Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (CollN) to Advance Care for CMC

The Colin for CMC is a **four year, HRSA funded collaborative** that aims to **improve the quality of life** for children with medical complexity (CMC), the **wellbeing of their families**, and the **cost-effectiveness of their care** through the development and implementation of innovative care and payment models

Project timeline: 8/1/2017—7/31/2021

**Anticipated Enrollment:** 150-300/site → 1500-3000 CMC and their Families

#### Who's involved?



10 State Teams: AL, CO, IN, KY, MA, MN, OR, TX, WA, WI

Each State Team includes:
 Title V, Medicaid,
 Patient/Caregiver
 Advisors, CMC Complex
 Care Clinics (Primary and
 Specialty Clinic locations)



## **Evaluation of CollN for CMC Aims**

#### **Clinic Level:**

Parent Survey  $\rightarrow$  10 evidence-based care coordination constructs

**Yearly Parent Focus** Groups to measure child and family quality of life

QI Team Level:

Family Systems Tool (FESAT)

Engagement in

#### **Payment Models:**

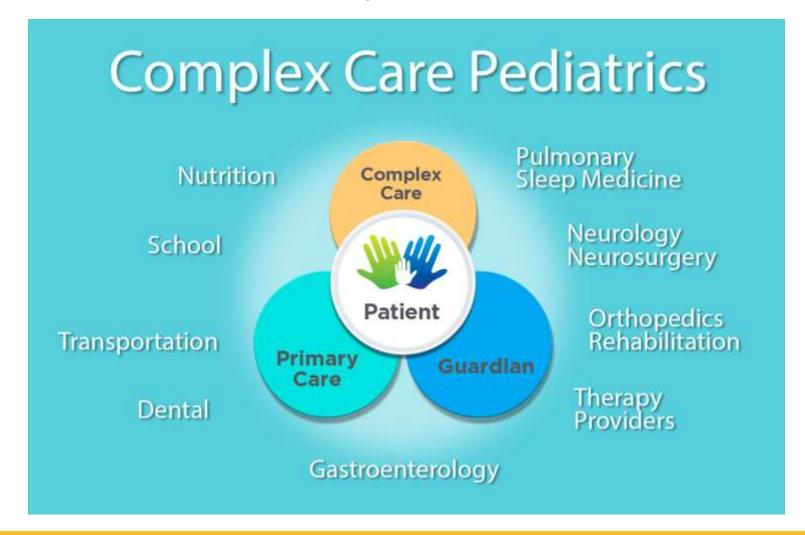
State specific Medicaid evaluation via Health Management

#### **Collaborative:**

Yearly interviews with state team members Qualitative data collected by state teams

Medical Home Shared Plan of Care Family Well-Being **Unmet Needs** Family Engagement

## Gillette Complex Care Clinic



- Established 2017
- Consultative / Co-Management
   Model of Care Coordination
- Certified Health Care Home →
   2019
- Tertiary Medical Home for CMC
- MN Clinical Setting for CollN for CMC Project
- Dr. Madeleine Gagnon



# Remaining Slides are for filler, answering questions, etc.



## Team MN Background and Members

#### **Setting**

Gillette's Complex Care Clinic

#### **Team Members**

- Clinic Admin
- Clinic Nurse Care Coordinators
- Manager of Care Managers
- Nurse Researcher
- Scheduling
- Parent Advisors
- Physicians and Nurse Practitioners
- QI Specialist MDH
- Social Worker

#### **Background**

- CollN participation 
  Spring 2018
- First QI team meeting → Sept 2018
- Utilized CARE Award Model of incorporating paid parent advisors as equal members, involved in all aspects of QI initiative planning, design, implementation and evaluation

#### **How Improvement Work Identified**

- Walk-about of Complex Care Clinic processes
- Compared our 'current state' to 4C (Cohesive Complex Care Coordination) Package principles
- Identified and prioritized areas for improvement



CMC COIIN VIRTUAL SITE VISIT AUGUST 17", 2020

Excellent FAMILY ENCAGEMENT WORK AT LOTE SYSTEM + INDIVIDUAL

How can be IMPROVE the process:

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

All Q1 Members OUR QI Team are PAID is amesome

Access for COIN Philosophy National Experise let's work,

REFLECTIONS from the TEAM:

I feel VALUED M = PARENT

together.

Ahh! BAPRIERS React.

> Between-Visit Clinic

Need more EMR

functionality

Care coordination

with families Family Voices Referrals

METRICS

We still have work to be, AND HAVE MADE

MUDED in CHEE COORDINATION? DECISION MAKING?

Goal-Setting

INSURANCE?

FEEL & HME?

FEEL VALUED?

(ARE CORDINATION

Certified 2019 A SALSA

WHAT'S NEXT?

Continue

2020

Making sure families FEEL VALUED + HEARD

Tools to support Complex care

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How do no BETTER SUPPORT FAMILIES?

NEW MEMBERSHIP. CARE

IMPLEMENTARION



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WHERE WE STARTED

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OFFICIAL START

WALK ABOUT + COMPLEX CARE WINIC PROCESS

Staff time

for PDSA

This has truly

been a long

JOURNEY + IM
TROOD of HOW

for vive come



Hm, this looks

very complex.

## Measuring Our CollN Participation Impact

- 47 Question Parent Survey
- Asked to Complete Post-Complex Care Clinic Visit
- 4 Data Collection Cycles
- 40 surveys each 6 Month Cycle
- Cycle 3 Ends 10/31/20

During the past 12 months							
		Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Almost Always	Always
10.	How often has a doctor, nurse or other staff person from the Complex Care Clinic talked with you about specific goals for your child/teen's health care?	0	п	п	п	0	
11.	How often has a doctor, nurse or other staff person from the Complex Care Clinic talked with you about specific goals for other things that are important to you about your child/teen? (For example, attending school regularly, having friends, going on vacation, etc.)	0	п	п	D	0	0

During the past 12 months						
		Yes	No	I Don't Know	Changes Were Not Needed	
12.	Has a doctor, nurse or other staff person from the Complex Care Clinic documented these goals in the form of a <u>written plan of care</u> ?	0	п			
13.	Did you and/or your family members contribute to the content of this <u>written</u> plan of care?	п	п			
14.	Was this written plan of care easily accessible to you?					
15.	Was this plan of care written in a way that you could easily understand?			1		
16.	Has a doctor, nurse or other staff person from the Complex Care Clinic regularly updated this <u>written plan of care</u> to reflect changes and progress?	п	п	0		

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Undecided	Agree	Strongly Agree
17.	Helps me better understand my role in managing my child/teen's care.					п
18.	Helps make sure more of my child/teen's needs are met		п		0	0
19.	Helps the doctors, nurses and other staff who take care of my child communicate better with each other	п	п	п	п	п

		Yes	No	I Don't Know
20.	Helps me with difficult referrals, payment issues, and follow-up activities	п	п	п
21.	Helps to find needed services (e.g. transportation, durable equipment or home care)	п	п	D
22.	Helps each person involved in my child/teen's care to communicate with each other (with my consent)	п		п



## What Our Complex Care Clinic Parents Told Us

- 99% Adequate Insurance Coverage
- 63% Clinic Provides 'Medical Homeness'
- 25% Involved in Goal Setting and Receive a 'Shared Plan of Care'
- 80% Feel Clinic Knows and Values Child, Helps Child Have Meaningful Life
- 63% Parent Asked about Their Health or Emotional Stresses/Well-Being
- 79% Involved Parent in Shared-Decision Making
- 68% Receive Care Coordination



## **Understanding Care Coordination Need**

#### Shared Plan of Care Assessment Tool



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#### Care Mapping

