TOWN HALL POLICY DISCUSSION

Session # 8

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Panelists:  Colin Reusch  Huong Lee, DDS
            Shannon Mills, DDS  Renee Joskow, DDS
            Sarah Finne, DMD  Linda Maytan, DMD

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Value-Based Payment

As the NH State Medicaid Dental Director, would you share with us why your state decided to participate in the “Innovation Accelerator Program”, and why you thought this program would bring value to your state?
Value-Based Payment

You’re a state coach in the Innovation Accelerator Program oral health project. Would you please share with the group any observations you made regarding the implementation of the models in the states you are working with, and the potential for spreading value-based payment strategies in dental care to other states?
Efficiency in the Workforce

Minnesota has been one of the pioneer states in efforts to address access to care by expanding the dental workforce via the Dental Therapist model. Now that Minnesota is several years into implementation of dental therapists, what are the two or three most important things other states should know about this workforce model? How are therapists affecting access to care and increasing the value of the dental care delivery system in the state?
Efficiency in the Workforce

Yesterday, we heard you discuss the changes in Massachusetts regarding the state’s move to Accountable Care; and we heard Senator Chandler discuss Massachusetts’s development of a mid-level dental professional. This afternoon, would like to hear your perspective on the Dental Therapist as a mid-level dental provider in Massachusetts. Specifically, how do you think this new mid-level will bring value to the state Medicaid delivery system, the cost of the program, the dental workforce and most importantly, its beneficiaries?
Efficiency in the Workforce

Dr. Le, I understand that you are the dental director for a Federally Qualified Health Center in California. I understand that several FQHCs in California have programs, pursuant to a provision of the 2009 CHIPRA legislation, to contract with private dentists. What’s been your experience with programs like these? What should states, providers, or FQHCs know about programs like these?
Efficiency in the Workforce

Dr. Joskow, as Chief Dental Officer for the Health Resources and Services Administration, I know you’re doing a lot of work around developing models to expand traditional delivery models to include Telehealth. How are those efforts going, and what’s next for them? What role do you perceive Medicaid programs can play in promoting Teledentistry?
Quality of Healthcare/The need for Outcome Measurement

Dr. Mills, you have worked in both the commercial and Medicaid environments to design and develop tools for systems assessment—individual and population based oral disease risks and health outcomes. Why do you think health outcomes assessment is critical for the dental delivery system and Medicaid programs specifically? What would an oral health system that better measured outcomes look like?