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\$2.1 Million in Savings with Improved Care and Quality



It's hard to argue with \$2.1 million in savings. Since ACO Partner connected to and began to receive data from Health Current just over two years ago, that is the amount of savings in managing a patient population of approximately 58,000, after the costs of their services are subtracted. Although ACO is in their name, ACO Partner is not an ACO, rather it is a services organization that supports providers with value-based healthcare. ACO Partner currently has a network of over 1,100 physicians and advanced practitioners in Arizona.

A joint venture of Trinnovate Ventures and Change Healthcare, ACO Partner aims to help independent providers stay independent by offering services to assist primarily small practices meet the goals of improved quality and efficiency and enhanced patient experience and satisfaction. They help providers meet these goals by providing care coordination services as well as assistance with data analytics and technology to help drive the savings for successful participation in value-based contracts. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona is ACO Partner's first customer.

ACO Partner receives daily batch Alerts from Health Current on all their patients. Every day, their analytics team takes the Health Current information along with other analytics and provides an internal report which provides assignments to specific care coordinators who reach out to patients. Recently, they began integrating daily Health Current batch Alerts into their new care coordination software system. [Read more here.](#)

Key Milestones Ahead for Hospital Participants in the AHCCCS DAP Program

There are several key proposed milestones ahead for participants in Health Current, Arizona's Health Information Exchange (HIE), as well as prospective HIE Participants in the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Differential Adjusted Payment (DAP) Program. To qualify for the



AHCCCS 2.0% DAP increases for both inpatient and outpatient services, DAP participants and prospective DAP participants will need to meet the following proposed HIE-related milestones. AHCCCS will finalize milestones for CYE 2020 DAP by April 30, 2019.

New and Prospective Health Current Participants: These providers who did not participate in CYE 2019 DAP include acute-care hospitals, psychiatric hospitals, sub-acute facilities, rehabilitation hospitals and long-term care hospitals. In addition, pending approval by CMS, these providers may also include Indian Health Services (IHS) and 638 Tribal Owned and/or Operated Facilities. In order to participate in CYE 2020 DAP, these providers must execute a **Letter of Intent (LOI)** to participate in CYE 2020 DAP no later than May 15, 2019 and meet the following milestones:

- **Milestone #1: Execution of a Health Current Participation Agreement:** The hospital must execute a Participation Agreement with Health Current no later than July 31, 2019.
- **Milestone #2: Formal Scope of Work (SOW) for Data Exchange:** The hospital must approve and authorize a formal Scope of Work (SOW) with Health Current to develop and implement the data exchange necessary to meet the requirements of Milestones #3 and #4 below no later than October 31, 2019.
- **Milestone #3: Submission of ADT Information:** The hospital must electronically submit actual patient identifiable admission, discharge, and transfer information (generally known as ADT information), including data from the hospital emergency department if the provider has an emergency department, to the production environment of Health Current no later than March 31, 2020.
- **Milestone #4: Submission of Patient Identifiable Information:** The hospital must electronically submit actual patient identifiable laboratory and radiology information (if the provider has these services), transcription, medication information, and discharge summaries that include, at a minimum, discharge orders, discharge instructions, active medications, new prescription, active problem lists (diagnosis), treatment/procedures conducted during the stay, active allergies, and discharge destination to the production environment of Health Current no later than June 30, 2020. [Read more here](#).

Two Health Current Participants Receive National Awards at HIMSS19

Banner Health and El Rio Health, two founding Participants of Health Current, were recognized recently by the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) as recipients of the Davies Award at the HIMSS19 annual conference in February 2019.

The HIMSS Davies Award is the “highest recognition of health systems, hospitals, ambulatory practices, behavioral health organizations, and community health organizations that have demonstrated the thoughtful application of information and technology to improve care delivery and patient outcomes,” according to the HIMSS website.

Marisa Rowen, PharmD, CDE, Associate Pharmacy Director - Advanced Practice Services at El Rio Health, presented on *Diabetic Retinopathy Screening in the Primary Care Setting*; discussing program design, director considerations, tracking outcomes and impact on patient care and quality outcomes.

Michael Simons, MD, Medical Director, Virtual Care, Banner Health; and Will Holland, MD, VP of Care Management & CMIO, Banner Health, co-presented on *Virtual Care and Clinical Decision Support to Improve Sepsis Alerts*. The presentation included information on remote surveillance on more than 700 patients per day via their TeleICU. Their technology supports the monitoring of critical plans of care for conditions such as sepsis.

During HIMMS19 in Orlando in late February, representatives from Banner Health and El Rio Health presented in Davies Award sessions, designed to share actionable and replicable model practices for leveraging information and technology to improve adherence to recommended clinical practice, reduce gaps in care, and improve patient outcomes.



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