What is next?
Prognosis for Rural Health During Implementation of Health Reform

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Headed for the Future ...

- Access
- Cost
- Quality
- Healthy communities
Make it Happen

- Systemic change
- Facilitated locally
- Promoted regionally
- Supported nationally
Access: Coverage

It’s wonderful, It’s marvelous
But it may not be real: the field of dreams question
We need at least all 33 million to make the assumptions work
Seek, find, enroll
Access: Sustaining an Infrastructure

- What infrastructure?
  - Facilities
  - Workforce
  - Community-based services

- First do no harm

WAIT: ADJUST OUR THINKING
Access in a New Framework

- Using communication technology
- Optimal use of all persons in the workforce (patient navigators, extension model)
- To all services including public health, healthy communities
Cost: Bending the Curve with Payment Policy

- Unsustainable trends by definition will not be sustained
- Efforts of expanded coverage: good news, bad news, good news?
- Using policy levers that can be scored: payment to providers
Cost: Bending the Curve with System Change

- Show me the way!
- Integrated care saves money?
- Care management saves money?
- If savings are from different patterns and levels of use, can the system “right size?”
Cost: Healthier Communities

- School environment
- Worksite wellness
- Individualized wellness
Continued

- Reducing disparities
- Active living and nutritious foods
- Healthy aging benefits targeting 55-64 years of age
Cost: Consequences of success, consequences of failure

- Success and what it means to providers
- Success and what it means to access
- Failure and what it means to payers
- Failure and what it means to access
Quality: How We Think of this

- A value-based approach
- A results orientation
- Individual state of well-being
- Population health – plan and community
Hospital value-based purchasing program, including a demonstration program for CAHs
Physician quality reporting system
VBP program for SNFs and home health agencies
VBP modifier under physician fee schedule
Improving the System

- Quality measure development
  - Outcomes and function status
  - Management and coordination across episodes and care transitions
  - Patient-centeredness
Quality for the Future

- CMS Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation
- Accountable Care Organizations
And the Future’s Now

- Transformation change
- At a very fast pace
- Ideas and discussions to action and assessment
Thank you!

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