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Today's Comments

- **Updates on data collection: site visits, claims, and administrative data**

- **Website updates**

- **Looking ahead**

Site Visits: Status

- **Goal of initial site visits: gather information about early implementation experiences**

- **Much assistance from state project staff has yielded a smooth scheduling process, willing respondents**

- **2012 visit schedule to 18 states, by month**
  - **March: 1 state**
  - **April : 4**
  - **May: 4**
  - **June: 4**
  - **July: 5**

Site Visits: Early Observations

- **Multiple interpretations of "demonstration"**
  - **Concept development: "medical home in frontier environment"**
  - **Pilot study: start local, expand statewide after grant**
  - **Showing how to do it, or how to do it better: improving results of earlier efforts to build statewide infrastructure for electronic sharing of data**
  - **Building the evidence base: gathering and analyzing information to inform future programs and policies**

Site Visits: Early Observations

- **Key factors affecting early implementation**
  - **Policy, program context: leadership changes, budget/spending/hiring constraints**
  - **Previous work: what these projects are building on**
  - **Related, ongoing projects: many interactions with other efforts**
  - **What states are doing now to sustain the project later**
  - **Role of multistate partnerships**

Site Visits: Early Observations

- **Quality measures: reporting "up" to CMS is very different from reporting "down" to practices**

- **HIT projects: numerous delays related to multiple agendas, initiatives, and technical problems; obstacles often beyond the control of CHIPRA project teams**

- **Many different strategies for provider-based models: behavioral health integration, improved patient compliance around well child care, better care coordination, tighter relationships between patients and primary care physicians, and others**

Claims, Administrative, and Medical Home Data

- **Working with seven Category C states (IL, MA, ME, NC, OR, SC, WV) and one Category B state (PA)**

- **Major efforts by states to provide files**

- **Essential to assess outcomes, impacts of state efforts to assist future planning and sustainability**

- **Analyses to address key questions; for example:**
  - **What are the characteristics of participating practices across states?**
  - **Is the medical home level associated with service use**

Comments? Questions?

Web Page Updates

- **Estimated operational date: end of June**

- **Three clusters of text and graphics**
  - **Home page: high-level overview of the program and evaluation**
  - **Clickable map of the demonstration states**

  - **State-at-a-Glance descriptions**
  - **Category descriptions**
  - **More about the national evaluation**

  - **Reports & Resources: findings, issue briefs**

Web Page Mockup

Looking Ahead: Possible Topics for Evaluation Highlights Series

- **What are states learning about practice-level reporting of quality measures? (August 2012)**

- **What are the characteristics of practices participating in medical home projects, and who are the children they serve?**

- **Are higher levels of "medical homeness" associated with more primary care visits and fewer emergency department visits?**

- **Learning collaboratives and practice coaches: what works? What doesn't?**

- **What strategies are states using to integrate behavioral and physical health services?**

Looking Ahead: Other Possible Activities

- **Opportunities for states to contribute materials, reports to web page**

- **Evaluation-focused calls with state evaluation teams**

- **Other ways to disseminate findings to demonstration states?**

- **In 2013 and beyond: replication guides, Profiles of Promising Practices, AHRQ Innovations, journal articles**

- **Other dissemination strategies: reading and resource lists, conferences, group consultations**

Comments? Questions?

National Evaluation Timeline

- **Year 1 (Aug 2010–Jul 2011)**
  - **Learn about state projects**
  - **Finalize evaluation design report**
  - **Develop data collection protocols, submit OMB materials, gain IRB approvals**

- **Year 2 (Aug 2011–Aug 2012)**
  - **Receive OMB/IRB approvals, negotiate DUAs**
  - **Collect baseline, initial implementation data: quantitative, qualitative**
  - **Plan dissemination strategies with key stakeholders**
  - **Publish first issue brief**

National Evaluation Timeline

- **Year 3 (Aug 2012–Jul 2013)**
  - **Analyze baseline data, report findings**
  - **Plan cross-sectional physician survey**
  - **Seek OMB approval for follow-up data collection**

- **Year 4 (Aug 2013–Jul 2014)**
  - **Implement physician survey**
  - **Collect follow-up data**

- **Year 5 (Aug 2014–Sep 2015)**
  - **Analyze follow-up data, report findings**
  - **Create replication guides for states**

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