



# The Psychiatric Consult Collaborative Care Management Model (CoCM): Incentives

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# CoCM: An Overview

- Most evidence-based integrated behavioral health model
  - 80+ randomized controlled trials prove Collaborative Care provides significantly better behavioral health outcomes than “usual care”
  - 2002: First big trial was published (IMPACT study out of the University of Washington)
- Primary care-based: Meets behavioral health needs in patient’s medical home
- Patient improvements compare to those achieved in specialty care for mild-moderate conditions
- Return on investment of 6:1



# Features of CoCM

- Patient Centered Care
  - Effective collaboration between BHCMS and PCPs, incorporating patient goals into the treatment plan
- Measurement-Based Treatment to Target
  - Measurable treatment goals and outcomes defined and tracked for each patient (PHQ-9/GAD-7)
  - Treatments are actively changed until the clinical goals are achieved
- Population-Based Care
  - Defined and tracked patient population to ensure no one falls through the cracks
- Evidence-Based Care
  - Treatments are based on evidence
- Accountable Care
  - Providers are accountable and reimbursed for quality of care and clinical outcomes



# Target Population

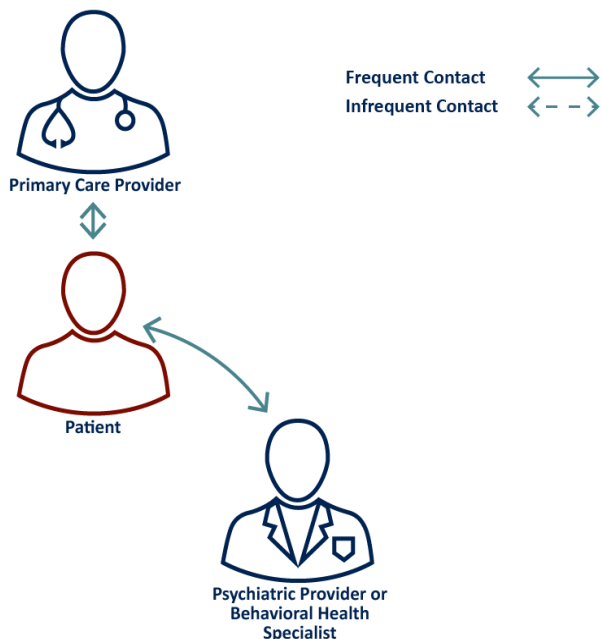
- Highly evidence-based for adults with depression and anxiety
  - Depression and/or anxiety population served by primary care
  - Increasing evidence for adolescent depression, PTSD, and co-morbid medical conditions
  - More complex patients should be served in high-need clinics
- Defining the target population:
  - PHQ-9 and/or GAD-7 of 10 or more
  - Diagnosis of depression and/or anxiety
  - Just started on a new antidepressant, regimen was changed, or PCP could use prescribing guidance



# Usual Care Flow in PCP Offices

*Limits PCP involvement in treatment*

## Usual Care



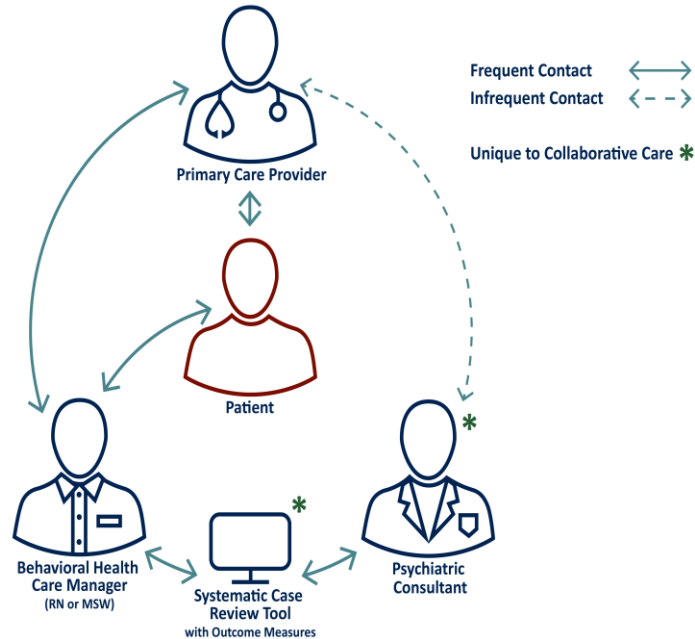
- PCP sees patient. If behavioral health needs arise during visit, PCP refers patient out to behavioral health specialist.
- Communication between PCP and behavioral health specialist is limited.
- Treatment plans and goals are not typically shared between practitioners.
- No structured ongoing monitoring of patient progress in the PCP office.
- PCP visits not scheduled to follow behavioral health needs.
  - Follow-up visits with PCP for behavioral health needs limited by patient's benefit design.
- Next interaction between patient and PCP would only occur as medical needs dictate.
  - System process not in place to discuss behavioral health progress with patient resulting in inconsistently managed disease state.
  - Treat to target not always achieved.





# The Collaborative Care (CoCM) Model

## The Collaborative Care Treatment Team



- Operates through a patient-centered care team that shares a registry
- Team includes a PCP, behavioral health care manager (BHCM), and a consulting/advising psychiatrist
- The psychiatrist and care manager meet weekly – typically by phone – for 1-2 hours to review the BHCM’s caseload of 60-80 patients with behavioral health issues identified through screening in the primary care office

- The PCP office bills the Collaborative Care codes and reimburses the psychiatrist; *the psychiatrist does not bill the insurer for his/her time*
- The psychiatrist’s role is to advise the PCP and BHCM
- *The psychiatrist rarely sees the patient; if they do, they will bill according to the member’s behavioral health benefits*



# CoCM Billing Codes

Collaborative Care Model Code	Must Include:
99492 – First 70 minutes in the first calendar month for behavioral health care manager activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Outreach and engagement of patients</li> <li>•Initial assessment, including administration of validated scales and resulting in a treatment plan</li> <li>•Review by psychiatric consultant and modifications, if recommended</li> <li>•Entering patients into a registry and tracking patient follow-up and progress, and participation in weekly caseload review with psychiatric consultant</li> <li>•Provision of brief interventions using evidence-based treatments such as behavioral activation, problem solving treatment, and other focused treatment activities</li> </ul>
99493 – First 60 minutes in a subsequent month for behavioral health care manager activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Tracking patient follow-up and progress</li> <li>•Participation in weekly caseload review with psychiatric consultant</li> <li>•Ongoing collaboration and coordination with treating providers</li> <li>•Ongoing review by psychiatric consultant and modifications based on recommendations</li> <li>•Provision of brief interventions using evidence based treatments</li> <li>•Monitoring of patient outcomes using validated rating scales</li> <li>•Relapse prevention planning and preparation for discharge from active treatment</li> </ul>
99494 – Each additional 30 minutes in a calendar month of behavioral health care manager activities listed above	<i>Listed separately and used in conjunction with 99492 and 99493</i>

**Blue Cross PPO and MA, BCN and BCNA reimburse the CoCM codes when submitted on a professional bill**



# How Will Blue Cross Support the Model?

## Confirmed Incentives:

1. PGIP VBR for Primary Care Physicians
2. PGIP rewards to PCP practices
3. PGIP rewards to Physician Organizations
4. PGIP support for CoCM training



# CoCM Incentives:

## PGIP Value-Based Reimbursement for PCPs

- 105% VBR for Patient-Centered Medical Home designated practices implementing the CoCM model
  - Available in addition to any other VBR the PCP is receiving
  - VBR is applied only to Commercial PPO claims, not to Medicare or BCN claims
- Initially available December 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021
- Also available in subsequent specialist VBR cycles (effective September 1, 2021 and beyond)



# VBR Criteria: Based on Cohorts

- The criteria for receiving VBR will be based on when the practice enters the CoCM training and support program
  - Each cohort will be defined based on the time of entry into training

Cohort Number	Program Entry Period
Cohort 1	7/1/20-10/16/20
Cohort 2	10/17/20-5/31/21
Cohort 3	6/1/2021-5/31/22

- After the first period of receiving VBR, the criteria for continuing to receive VBR will become increasingly outcome-based
- VBR opportunities will be available after Cohort 3; the table above is for illustrative purposes



# PGIP Value-Based Reimbursement PCPs

## Criteria for First VBR Period

Cohort	VBR Effective Date	Criteria
Cohort 1	12/1/20-8/31/21	Practices have gone through a readiness assessment and are implementing CoCM with fidelity to the model
		Practices have gone through a readiness assessment and CoCM training



# PGIP Value-Based Reimbursement for PCPs

## Criteria for Second VBR Period

Cohort	VBR Effective Date	Criteria
Cohort 1	9/1/21-8/31/22	Practices are billing the 99492 code and, at a minimum, two subsequent 99493 codes over a 5 month period for at least 1% of BCBSM Commercial and MA patients (based on claims from 12/1/20-4/30/21)
Cohort 2		Practices have gone through a readiness assessment and CoCM training; may be implementing the model



# PGIP Value-Based Reimbursement for PCPs

## Criteria for Third VBR Period

Cohort	VBR Effective Date	Criteria
Cohort 1	9/1/22-8/31/23	Practices are billing the 99492 code and, at a minimum, two subsequent 99493 codes over a 5 month period for at least 1% of BCBSM Commercial and MA patients (based on claims from 5/1/21-4/30/22), AND Of those receiving CoCM services, 50% experienced: - A 5 point decline in PHQ 9 and/or GAD 7 scores, OR - A 50% reduction in PHQ 9 and/or GAD 7 scores, OR - A PHQ 9 or GAD 7 score less than 5
Cohort 2		Practices are billing the 99492 code and, at a minimum, two subsequent 99493 codes over a 5 month period for at least 1% of BCBSM Commercial and MA patients (based on claims from 5/1/21-4/30/22)
Cohort 3		Practices have gone through a readiness assessment and CoCM training; may be implementing the model





# CoCM Incentives: PGIP Rewards to PCP Practices

- \$1,000 base reward, PLUS
- Additional reward for time spent in training
  - Per practice reward based on the number and types of clinicians/care managers/staff participating in training

Range of additional reward:

**\$4,000 - \$10,000**

- *Rewards above are not available to practices that are currently engaged in CoCM with fidelity to the model (as determined through a practice assessment); these practices are eligible for a \$2,500 reward*



# CoCM Incentives:

## PGIP Rewards to PCP Practices (continued)

- Per practice rewards are based on the number of clinicians/care managers/staff participating in training, including:
  - PCP: at least one and up to three PCPs per practice
    - A PA/NP who is the clinical champion of CoCM, is under the supervision of the PCP, and is employed within the practice can participate in place of a PCP
    - *Note that PAs/NPs are not PCMH designated and are not eligible for VBR; VBR is applied only to PCP billing*
  - Psychiatrist
    - Note that if the consulting psychiatrist has participated in training for other practices, the psychiatrist does not have to attend multiple training
  - BH Care Manager: at least one/up to two care managers per practice
  - Other staff: up to three per practice (such as office manager, care manager supervisor, etc.)
  - Support for travel, if necessary



# Examples of Practice Incentives

## ABC Family Practice

- Attend training (including travel):
  - 1 PCP
  - 1 Psychiatrist
  - 1 BH Care Manager
  - 1 Office Manager
  - 1 Other Staff Person

*\$5,330 Reward*

## ABC Internal Medicine

- Attend training (including travel):
  - 3 PCPs
  - 1 Psychiatrist
  - 1 Care Management Supervisor
  - 2 BH Care Managers
  - 1 Office Manager
  - 1 Other Staff Person

*\$9,980 Reward*



# CoCM Incentives: PGIP Rewards to POs



- PO rewards for:
  - Coaching and support of practices in infrastructure, billing and documentation to support a self-sustaining model in the practices
  - Hiring behavioral health care managers, if applicable
  - Contracting with psychiatrists, if applicable
  - Technology support/registry development
  - Data collection



# CoCM Incentives: PGIP Rewards to POs (continued)

- Base reward: **\$50,000**
  - One-time reward for collaborative care team development
- Technology development/registry/data collection: **\$10,000**
  - Provides support for the registry – freestanding or within the EMR – as well as collecting specified data from practices and providing to Blue Cross\*
  - TBD - technology development/registry/data collection reward may continue in second year
- Variable reward:
  - **\$4,000** per practice engaged in CoCM

*\*Please note that the continued funding of the program is contingent on receipt of PHQ9/GAD7 and other related data from the practices via the POs. Ultimately, we hope to move to automated receipt of this data via data exchange.*



# CoCM Incentives: PGIP Support for Training

- PGIP is partnering with the Michigan Institute for Care Management and Training (MICMT) to:
    - Identify POs and practices interested in the CoCM model
    - Support training development
    - Ensure training and program is aligned with other care management programs
  - PGIP is partnering with two experienced organizations (Mi-CCSI and MCCIST) to provide:
    - Clinical training
    - Technical assistance
    - Tailored approaches to successfully implement and sustain CoCM services
  - Michigan Center for Clinical Systems Improvement (Mi-CCSI) is located in West Michigan
  - Michigan Collaborative Care Implementation Support Team (MCCIST) of the Michigan Medicine Department of Psychiatry is located in Southeast Michigan
  - POs and practices will be paired with the appropriate organization for training
- All of the above will be provided free of charge to practices and POs*



# Incentives for Psychiatrists - TBD

- Psychiatrists do not bill Blue Cross for CoCM services provided, so:
  - Blue Cross can only deliver VBR to psychiatrists on non-CoCM claims
    - In some situations, the psychiatrist provides CoCM services exclusively, so there is no Blue Cross billing
  - Blue Cross does not know which psychiatrists are participating in CoCM and must explore a non-claims-based method for identifying which psychiatrists are participating
    - This will likely be a manual process whereby the PO notifies BlueCross of the psychiatrists participating in CoCM
    - This activity would be supported via the “data collection” reward to POs



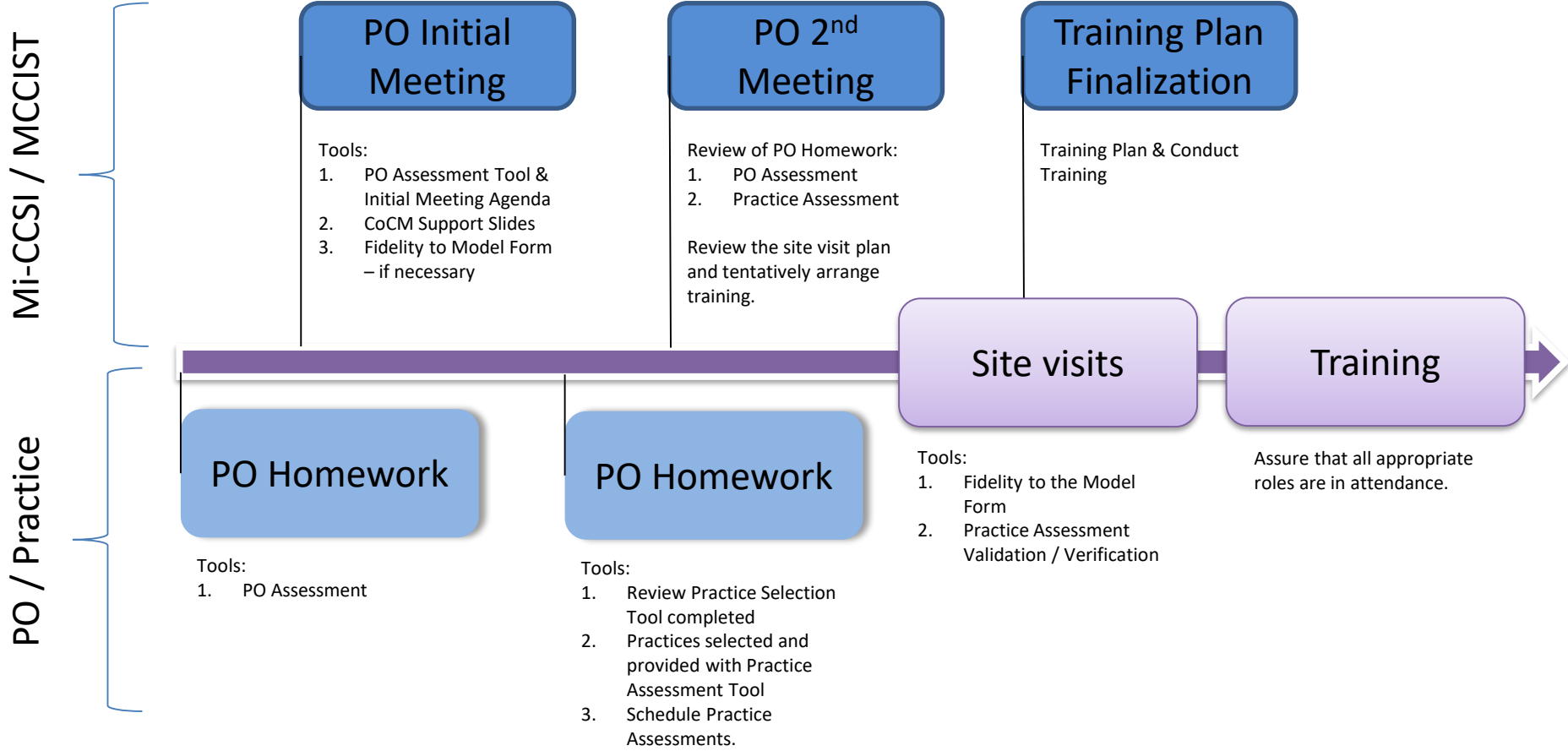
# Upcoming Introductory CoCM Webinars

- **CoCM: Data and Technology - June 25, noon to 1 p.m.** The CoCM training partners will explain reporting, including patient outcomes and indicators of success, systematic case review and patient identification.
- **CoCM: Selecting Practices - July 9, noon to 1 p.m.** The CoCM training partners will describe how to select sites for CoCM implementation.
- **CoCM: Organizing an Excellent Care Team - July 16, noon to 1 p.m.** The CoCM training partners will describe the roles of the care team members and possible contracting strategies and approaches.
- **CoCM: Monitoring and Sustainability - July 23, noon to 1 p.m.** The CoCM training partners will focus on monitoring and sustainability, including billing,





# PO/Practice Engagement Process



# Initial Practice Training Sessions

- MCCIST – August 25-26, September 1-2
- Mi-CCSI – August 27-28

