A new home care model to decrease costs: The CAPABLE approach

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Her Hazardous floor
Mrs. B
Physical Function

• Older adults care about
• Unaddressed by most medical and transitional models
• Costly (46% of the health care $)

HHS, 2010, Closer Look at Chronic Conditions
CAPABLE

• Focused squarely on individual strengths and deficits and goals in self-care (ADLs and IADL)
• Client-directed as opposed to client-centered
• Handyman, Nurse and Occupational Therapist
• OT: 6 visits, RN:4 visits, Handyman: $1300 budget
CAPABLE’s current state

• Randomized trial with NIH funding
• CMS Innovations Center grant
• Piloting in the Michigan Medicaid Waiver in a home care setting
• Piloting in Australia

Szanton et al, Contemporary Clinical Trials, 2014
Szanton et al, in press, Journal of the American Geriatrics Society
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**Project funded by CMS Innovation**

- Planned N = 500 people with Medicaid and Medicare
- If deemed successful, can become national policy
- All-inclusive, CAPABLE costs $3,300 one time.
- Nursing home care in U.S. averages $75,000 per year.
Preliminary results from CMS trial
Decreasing Depressive Symptoms

PHQ9 Scores at Baseline and 5 Months for Completed CMS/NIH-Eligible Participants with Baseline Score $\geq 5$ (n=72)
Decreasing Functional Limitations

Number of ADL Difficulties at Baseline and 5 Months for Completed CMS/NIH-Eligible Participants (n=122)
ADL Status of Participants at Reassessment (n=122)

- Decline: 7.377%
- Stay the Same ADL Status: 13.11%
- Improve: 79.51%
MRS. D.

- Confused, over medicated
- Sat on commode all day as a chair
- 30 minutes to walk to the bathroom
- CAPABLE: Med schedule, chair along hall, chair at top of stairs, railing on both sides, bed risers, wider commode
MRS. H.

- Asthma, DM, HTN, Arthritis
- Breathless – limited ADLs, couldn’t walk up steps
- Limited outside of house
- CAPABLE: connected with prior NP
  - Switched from Aleve to Tylenol
  - CAPABLE exercises
  - Super ear
- Easier to take a bath → decreased pain
- Railings, repaired linoleum floor
PAYOR POSSIBILITIES

- CMS committed to scaling if meets Triple Aim
- Accountable Care Organizations
- Medicare Advantage
- Maryland Hospital Waiver
Challenges to Scaling

• Provider re-framing
• Preventive vs. treatment mindset
Mrs. Jackson