Access to a balanced approach to pain care with the person with pain as an equal partner in the treatment team. Help a patient move from role of passive patient to active participant in their care.
Nothing about us without us!
Barriers

- **Reimbursement** of HCP time to do a reasonable assessment and determine what the person needs. Medicine was not meant to be practiced using a cookie cutter approach.
Barriers

 Provider education on the multidisciplinary approach to pain management.

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HCP ability to communicate with patients with pain about not just pain levels but the importance of the impact on daily function
Changes in Policies

- Mandatory education on all facets of pain management for all health care providers
- Reimbursement of providers for time spent to a complete assess the pain complaint
- Changing the prior authorization of many pain management treatments to allow more flexibility in treatment options that meet individual need
- Make it mandatory if a provider is going to stop prescribing pain meds, they must do a reasonable taper. Also if a person is on an opioid and is functioning with a good quality of life, why tapered
- Take the treatment of pain out of the payer's hands and give it back to the provider
Thank you!

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