



Medicare and Medicaid Opportunities and Challenges for Integrating Behavioral Healthcare in General Medical Settings

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Medicare Opportunities and Challenges

- **Behavioral Health Integration Codes**
 - Also Interprofessional Consultation Codes
- **Expanded Coverage of Telehealth**
 - Need clear policy on continuation of coverage
- **Opioid Treatment Program Benefit**
 - Bundled payment expanded to treatment of other SUDs
- **Initiation of Medication Assisted Treatment in Emergency Departments**
 - In Physician Fee Schedule Rule



Medicaid Opportunities and Challenges

- **Reimbursement for Behavioral Healthcare Consultation**
 - Paying for services delivered outside the presence of the patient
 - Section 1115 authority – Rhode Island
- **Coverage of Case Management and Care Coordination**
 - Targeted Case Management Benefit
 - Health Home Benefit



Overarching Issues

- **Implementation Costs**
 - Staffing, training, billing, and workflow changes
 - Technology for consultation and remote services
- **Workforce Challenges**
 - Availability of Behavioral Healthcare Providers
 - Participation in Insurance/Medicare/Medicaid
 - Reluctance to Screen and Engage on MH/SUD
- **Awareness of Opportunities and Coordination of Financing**
 - Medicare/Medicaid/insurance and grant funding

