



Improving Access to and Equity of Care for People with Serious Illness

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Improving Access Three Approaches

- ❖ Payment and Delivery Models
- ❖ New Legislation
- ❖ Independent Innovation Models





Improving Access

New Payment and Delivery Models

- ❖ Alternative Payment Model (APM) for Medicare Beneficiaries living with Serious Illness
- ❖ Increase Access to Needed Services
 - Interdisciplinary team
 - Person and family-centered care
 - 24 hour access
- ❖ CMS Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) has authority under Affordable Care Act





Improving Access New Legislation

- ❖ Rural Access to Hospice Act
 - Increase access to underserved Medicare beneficiaries
- ❖ Palliative Care and Hospice Education and Training Act
 - Address workforce issues
- ❖ NHPCO Legislative Proposals
 - Expand the Hospice benefit
 - Value-based healthcare





Improving Access NHPCO Innovation Models

- ❖ Equity at End of Life Program
 - Developed by Hospice provider community
 - Increase diversity and inclusion
 - Modeled after successful We Honor Veterans Program
- ❖ Pilot Program Fall 2019
 - Start small-scale, 9-12 months
 - Phase-in improvements over time

