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Patient Safety Quarterly Meeting Series

Public Agenda

The Power of Alignment: Engaging Purchasers and Payers to Accelerate Patient Safety Efforts Thursday, April 24, 2014, 8:30am-2:45pm

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Objectives

- (1) Identify the most effective best practices to mobilize purchasers and payers in meeting the Partnership for Patients goals.
- (2) Identify concrete steps for achieving results through these best practices.
- (3) Enable participants to take immediate action in their organizations and membership bases.

Audience

- Public and private sector healthcare purchasers and payers, from national and regional organizations.
- Patient advocates and patient advocacy organizations.

Agenda

8:30am Light Breakfast (provided by National Quality Forum)

9:00am Introduction and Meeting Overview

Louise Probst, MBA, RN, Meeting Chair, Member, National Quality Forum Board of Directors, and Executive Director, St. Louis Area Business Health Coalition

- Outline of meeting objectives
- Overview of the Partnership for Patients Meeting Series
- Welcome from Neal Comstock, Vice President, Member Relations, National Quality Forum
- Participant introduction activity

9:30am Examples of Purchasers and Payers Achieving Results Brian DeVore, Director, Healthcare Strategy and Ecosystem, Intel Corporation Alan Spielman, MBA, Assistant Director, Federal Employee Insurance Operations, US Office of Personnel Management

- Narrative presentation by each speaker, describing their success story and results (20 minutes per presentation)
- Audience question and answer period, moderated by Louise Probst(10 minutes per presentation)

10:30am Break

10:45am	 Examples of Purchasers and Payers Achieving Results (continued) John O'Brien, MPH, PharmD, Vice President, Public Policy and Community Affairs, CareFirst with Jon Shematek, MD, Chief Medical Officer, CareFirst Narrative presentation, describing CareFirst's success story and results (20 minutes) Audience question and answer period, moderated by Louise Probst (10 minutes)
11:15am	 The Partnership for Patients (PfP): Where Are We Now? Dennis Wagner, MPA and Paul McGann, MD, Partnership for Patients Co-Directors Overview of CMMI and the federal efforts supporting patient safety and quality, highlighting the importance of collaboration between hospitals and purchasers/payers in achieving results Q & A as a large group
12:15pm	Networking Lunch (provided by National Quality Forum)
1:00pm	 Small Group Breakout Session: Best Practices for Engaging Purchasers and Payers Small group facilitators: Vicky Ducworth, Manager, Clinical Program and Delivery System Innovation, The Boeing Company Bernie Rosof, MD, Chairman, Board of Directors, North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System Cristie Travis, MSHA, CEO, Memphis Business Group on Health Missy Danforth, The Leapfrog Group, Senior Director, Hospital Ratings Participants break into four small groups for facilitated discussion around key questions: Based on our experiences, what are each of our best practices to improve quality - specifically to reduce HACs and/or readmissions? What will we do next – as individuals or a group - to spread these best practices? Group facilitators report back on action steps identified to mobilize purchasers and payers around best practices
2:00pm	 On the Horizon: Transforming Clinical Practice LT Fred Butler Jr., MPH, Partnership for Patients Communications Lead, Quality Improvement and Innovation Models Testing Group, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, CMS Shaheen Halim, PhD, Quality Improvement Innovation Model Testing Group, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, CMS Overview of a new initiative for private practice transformation to generate higher value through quality improvement and technical assistance for a large number of clinicians and their practices
2:30pm	Conclusion and Next Steps Louise Probst, Meeting Chair
2:45pm	Adjourn



Welcome and Introductions

Louise Probst, MBA, RN

Executive Director, St. Louis Area Business Health Coalition Member, Board of Directors, National Quality Forum

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Looking to the Future

Opportunities

- Lifelong relationship with members
- Improvement through accountability
- Building on work of partners
- Focus on drug utilization management
- Ability to advance care across settings

Challenges

- Consumer choice using quality data
- Dual coverage



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Pediatric Oncology	Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse, Certified Hospice/Palliative Nurse with concentration in Pediatrics, or Certified Pediatric Nurse	10	
Adult Oncology	Certified Oncology Nurse, Certified Hospice/Palliative Care Nurse, or Certified Clinical Transplant Coordinator	20	
High Risk Pregnancy	Certified Maternal Health Nurse or Certified Childbirth Educator/Nurse	10	
Complex Medical Illnesses: Neurology, Cardiology, Pulmonology, Immunology, Gastroenterology, Endocrinology	Certified in Medical/Surgical Nursing or one of the specialty disciplines such as Neurology or Cardiology, Certified Case Manager, or Certified Geriatric Nurse	5	
Palliative Care/Hospice	Certified Oncology Nurse, Certified Hospice/Palliative Care Nurse	5	
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	Admissions Preventable Admissions Potentially Preventable Ensergery Room Use	S point:
	Potentially Preventable Emergency Room Use	4 points
	Ambulatory Services, Diagnostic Imaging and Antibiotics	
	Collaboratory CT Scans MRI Patients with Lower Back Pain Patients with Planyagits	S point:
	Category 3: Effectiveness of Care	20 points
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	Unified Communication Visits / Telemedicine	4 points
	Office Hours Before 9:00am and After 5:00mm on Weeknight:	4 points
	Overall Patient Experience	4 points 4 points
	Category 5: Structural Capabilities	10 points
	Use of E-Prescribing	2 points
	Use of Electronic Medical Record (EMR)	2 points
	Meaningful Use Attestation	2 points
	Medical Home Certification	2 points
	Effective Use of Electronic Communication	2 point 48
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Home-Based Services
 Highest Risk Members in Care Plans identified by CMs and LCCs – The Source of Select Referrals to "go to" Agencies Once referred, Home Assessment performed within 24-48 hours of request In addition to assessing clinical status, this will address: Safety; physical condition of home Medications; review and reconciliation Activities of daily living; capabilities/limits of patient Availability of family, friends and neighbors to support Available community-based services/resources Faith-based and/or community groups/charities Based on the Assessment, a Home-Based plan will be created and agreed upon by Agency, CM/LCC and Physician Home-Based Plan will integrate into the existing care plan of the patient Momecare agency implements plan in collaboration with CM/LCC and Physician



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Enhanced Monitoring Program – Creating the ADT of Health Care
 Two aspects of Enhanced Monitoring: Monitoring patient's understanding/compliance Biometric values
 Monitoring provides a continuous daily stream of data to a central monitoring center
Enables detection of patterns and disruptions
 This is a simple idea: find out quickly when breakdowns are likely without having to be in the home
Referrals are managed through the Service Request Hub
iCentric users are able to view monitoring data and create charts to trend Member progress
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Focus on Prescription Medications
Medication complications are the #1 cause of readmissions
 Pharmacy claims are key source of valuable and timely clinical information
 Historically, no systems were available to allow PCPs and pharmacists to review all Members' medications
We know average compliance rate is 50% or less
Poor compliance leads to poor outcomes and increased care costs
 CareFirst's own studies show that non-compliant members with blood pressure medications generate 31% higher medical cost
Referral for Comprehensive Medication Review:
Each Panel's Top 50 Members in # of Prescriptions
Each Panel's Top 50 Members in Spending on Prescriptions
Each Panel's Top 50 Members in Highest Drug Volatility Range
Referrals generated by PCPs, LCCs, CCMs, etc
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Focus on Prescription Medications
 Pharmacists and appropriate medication use essential to achieving quality outcomes and medical cost reduction
 Physicians need and appreciate the help as the number and complexity of medications increase
 The Member's medications are thoroughly reviewed, often by their local pharmacist
 Medications are reviewed for correctness of dosages, appropriateness, interactions, potential side effects and potential gaps in care
 As needed and in cooperation with the prescriber, the medication regimens are "tuned up"
• Follow-up is provided as needed to provide additional education and assure continued adherence







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Community-Based Programs – 2014 Plan
 CareFirst will launch six (6) Community Based Programs in 2014: Hospice & Palliative Care Skilled Nursing Diabetes Education Congestive Heart Failure / Cardiac Rehab Pain Management Sleep Disorders
 Example: Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) @ Holy Cross (under development) Multi-disciplinary team working with HTC, LCC and CM to focus on patients admitted for CHF Physicians and advanced practice nurses and PCMH physicians ensuring prompt post-acute visits Dieticians and exercise physiologists Medication therapy management Psychological and social support Home-based services comprehensive assessment Enhanced monitoring services




National Quality Forum (NQF)

Patient Safety Quarterly Meeting Series: The "Yin" and "Yang" of Current Results and The Power of Alignment: Engaging Purchasers and Payers to Accelerate Patient Safety Efforts

April 24, 2014

Dennis Wagner & Paul McGann, M.D. Co-Directors, Partnership for Patients

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services CMS Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation





Our Challenge to Leaders in the Room

Use today to generate your "to do" list of items to accelerate progress in pursuit of reduced harm and 30 day readmissions:

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Powerful Private & Federal Partners Have Aligned Their Work With the Partnership A number of major partners from across the spectrum of health care stakeholders have made significant commitments aligned to our aims. TED STAT **Transforming Healthcare Together** THE AMERICAN CONGRESS OF National **OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS** Priorities Partnership Convened by the National Quality Forum imes march C working together for stronger, healthier babies IERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION

Partners Contribute in Many Diverse & Significant Ways US OPM work to align Federal Employee Health Benefit plans with the Partnership for Patients Aims. "Buying Value" initiative to align purchasing with PfP Aims by large employers, unions, NBGH and many others. Johnson & Johnson incentives to employees discharged from hospitals who call for guidance on health care follow-up. Blue Cross Blue Shield Association set a corporate goal in 2012 to have all plans participate in one or more of – Surgical Safety Improvement, Eliminating HACs, Reducing Readmissions, Engage Hospital Boards – and has achieved 100% of this goal. NQF Maternity Action Team, March of Dimes, ACOG, LeapFrog and others team to achieve major national reductions in Early Elective Deliveries.

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11 Priority Areas of Focus

"No Patient wants a hospital that is only good at preventing 3 types of harm."

Hospital Engagement Networks are required to address ten areas of focus:

- 1. Adverse Drug Events
- 2. Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections
- 3. Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections
- 4. Injuries from Falls and Immobility
- 5. Obstetrical Adverse Events, including Eclampsia and Serious Maternal Hemorrhage
- 6. Reducing Early Elective Deliveries
- 7. Pressure Ulcers
- 8. Surgical Site Infections
- 9. Venous Thromboembolism
- 10. Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia
- 11. Reducing Readmissions

Leading Edge Advanced Practice Topics (LEAPT) Program

- Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock (mandatory)
- Clostridium Difficile (c-diff), including antibiotic stewardship
- Hospital Acquired Acute Renal Failure
- Airway Safety
- latrogenic Delirium
- Procedural Harm (Pneumothorax, Bleed, etc.)
- Undue Exposure to Radiation
- Failure to Rescue
- Hospital Culture of Safety that fully integrates patient safety with worker safety
- Cost savings calculations for HACs (core and/or above), especially using "actual" cost and volume data (as compared with "projected")

Results Come From Many Contributors and Partnerships

- National Quality Strategy
- National Priorities Partnership and Many Private Partners
- American Nursing Association NDNQI
- NQF Maternity Action Team, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, March of Dimes and Others Focused on Strong Start
- AHRQ Measurement Tools
- OASH HAI Action Plan
- HRSA Rural Health Programs
- Quality Improvement Organizations
- US OPM Federal Employee Health Benefit Plans
- ACL Aging Services Networks
- Reporting Programs
- Payment Penalties
- Hospital Engagement Networks
- Indian Health Service
- Community Based Care Transitions Program
- ...and many others



Partnership for Patients Results: We Are Moving in the Right Direction!

- National Support and Management System for Reducing HACs and Readmissions is in Place for 3700+ Hospitals
- Progress on Patient and Family Engagement is Accelerating
- Dramatic Progress on EEDs in Multiple Networks and Hundreds of Hospitals; Further Rapid Improvement Expected
- LEAPT is Launched and in the Field
- Initial Estimates Show Significant, Regular Decreases in Medicare 30-Day Readmissions through 2013
- 2011 & Early 2012 AHRQ Independent National Scorecard Results Show Trends Are Positive and Moving in the Right Direction













Source: HEN-reported data submitted March 2014.

Notes: Progress is seen as movement towards the bottom right corner of the figure, indicating both reduction in harm and low current event rate. The graph depicts measure improvement and levels only for those HENs that chose to report this measure, and at least 60 percent of their aligned hospitals are represented in the data. Baseline and current periods vary by HEN. Pennsylvania has a relatively late baseline, compared to other HENs (Q1 2013), so data showing worsening is based only on the two data points with sufficient data to date.

"In March 2014, 24 of 28 states that report PC-01 are showing 30 percent or more improvement with at least 60 percent of their hospitals reporting. + Indicates HEN met High-Performance Benchmark.











Helen Haskell is One of Thousands of Patient & Family Advocates Who Team on PfP Work



Helen Haskell is the President of Mothers Against Medical Error.

- Her healthy 15-year-old son, Lewis, developed severe upper abdominal pain while on NSAID and narcotic pain regimen following elective surgery
- Nurses and residents fail to act upon increasing signs of instability, including 24 hours with no urine output and four hours with no BP



 Four days post-op, Lewis died. Autopsy showed a giant duodenal ulcer and 2.8 liters of blood and gastric secretions in the peritoneal cavity

Since the medical error death of her young son in 2000, Ms. Haskell has been active in many areas of healthcare quality and safety.





Safety Across the Board in the Dignity Hospital Engagement Network

Dignity 35 aligned hospitals, 100% of applicable hospitals are in each trend		ADE: 65% decrease in hypoglycemic rate (POC results<40 mg/dl)	CAUTI: 45.3% decrease in CAUTI per 1,000 catheter days (house- wide)
CLABSI: 34.5% decrease in CLABSI per 1,000 central line days	Falls: 35.8% decrease in falls with injury (NDNQI definition)	EED: 96.4% decrease in EED rate (PC-01); sustaining rate <1%	PrU : 50% decrease in rate of HAPU (all stages)
SSI: 35.7% decrease in SSI/100 targeted procedures	VAP: 60.4% decrease in VAP per 1,000 vent days	VTE: Sustaining low (benchmark)VTE rate (PSI-12)for the Medicare population	Readm: 9.6% reduction in Medicare FFS readmissions









We Know How to Achieve the Results We Seek

- High performing hospitals...
- Entire systems of hospitals...
- And hospitals across entire states...

...have figured out how to achieve the results we seek.

The challenge is spread

If we always do what we've always done, we'll always get what we've always got.

- Partnership for Patients is About All of Us Doing Things Differently.
- We have unprecedented Federal action and coordination.
- We have an unprecedented CMMI Investment in taking proven practices to national scale.
- We have unprecedented action and alignment by community-based organizations, hospitals, clinicians, private partners and others.
- Join with us and with each other in making the most of this extraordinary opportunity for change and improvement.

Our Challenge to Leaders in the Room

Use today to generate your "to do" list of items to accelerate progress in pursuit of reduced harm and 30 day readmissions:

- What situations and opportunities are each of us presented with now?
- How do we embrace change with every challenge we face?
- What can each of us do to promote transparency, accountability and create a learning environment?
- What can each of us do in our work to create a culture of *safety across the board*?

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Small grou	p assignments		
Table 1	Table 2	Table 3	Table 4
Missy Danforth, The Leapfrog Group	Cristie Travis, Memphis Business Group on Health	Vicky Ducworth, Boeing	Bernie Rosof, North Shore- Long Island Jewish Health System
John O'Brien, CareFirst	George Andrews, Humana	Susan Fitzpatrick, CIGNA	Robert Krebbs, Wellpoint
Gerry Shea, Buying Value	Elizabeth Mitchell, Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement	Jacqueline Kreinik, CMS	Brian DeVore, Intel
John Rother, National Coalition on Health Care	Jeremy Nobel, Northeast Business Group on Health	Alan Spielman, Office of Personnel Management	Amy Moyer, The Alliance
Brian Isetts, University of Minnesota	Liz Gonzales, National Content Developer	Michelle Baker, PFE Contractor	Maureen Higgins, Mathematica
Barbara Walters, Pioneer ACO	Lisa Ann Morrise, Patient Representative	Chrissie Blackburn, Patient Representative	Alicia Cole, Patient Representative
Jonathan Grau , National Quality Forum	Shelly Coyle, Partnership for Patients, CMS	Rachel Weissburg, National Quality Forum	David Kelley, Pennsylvania Medicaid















WHITE PAPER Connected Care Healthcare



Employer-Led Innovation for Healthcare Delivery and Payment Reform: Intel Corporation and Presbyterian Healthcare Services

Can businesses increase employee satisfaction, create a healthier workforce, and control costs through disruptive innovation with the healthcare delivery system? Intel Corporation and Presbyterian Healthcare Services are betting they can, and have implemented a comprehensive redesign of health plan, delivery, and payment options for Intel's New Mexico employees.

Brian L. DeVore

Director, Healthcare Strategy and Ecosystem Intel Corporation

> Ben Wilson, MBA, MPH Director of Global Healthcare Strategy Intel Corporation

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Vice President, Strategic Partnerships Presbyterian Healthcare Services

Abstract/Introduction

As the Institute of Medicine noted in 2012¹, healthcare costs in the United States rose 88 percent in the past decade and now consume approximately 18 percent of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Yet waste and lack of coordination are pervasive throughout the system, and outcomes are significantly below those of other developed nations.

Employers are key stakeholders in the healthcare ecosystem. They hold the purse strings for much of the cost of employees' health insurance and often determine which benefits employees access. They can also be effective advocates for employees and their dependents in a complex healthcare system where care is often fragmented. To date, however, employers have largely limited their influence to wellness and disease management programs and contract negotiations with insurance companies.

After a decade of applying the usual levers to improve its employees' health and contain rising healthcare costs, Intel believes it is time for employers to work more directly to transform the payment and delivery systems for healthcare. In an innovative program with Presbyterian Healthcare Services (PHS), Intel has engaged directly and deeply in benefit design, plan design, and delivery optimization for employees and dependents at its Rio Rancho, New Mexico, facility. Intel and PHS have established a custom Integrated Delivery System (IDS) model of shared risks and rewards—essentially an employer-sponsored Accountable Care Organization (ACO) based on a patient-centered medical home (PCMH) model—that aims to give Intel employees more personalized, evidence-based, coordinated, and efficient care. This program, called Connected Care, moves beyond fee-for-service models to more effectively incent desired behaviors and results.

Connected Care is inspired by Intel's vision of having the healthiest workforce on the planet and making healthcare a strategic business and people advantage for the company. Intel and PHS believe Connected Care is also a demonstration of sustainable, system-wide changes that can improve access to high-quality, efficient, and affordable care.

Connected Care went live as an operational health plan and delivery system for Intel employees in New Mexico on January 1, 2013. In addition, Intel is establishing PCMH pilots with local providers in other regions to more fully engage members in managing their health and transforming system delivery.

Employers are in a great position to influence healthcare. Fee for service is broken. If you set things up so providers are paid for doing the right thing and you hold the system accountable, you can trust the system. Employees get the best care at the best time for the best price, and employers win too.

> Tami L. Graham Director, Global Benefits Design Intel Corporation

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Intel's Journey

Intel is a global manufacturer of hardware and software building blocks that are "inside" many of the world's computers, servers, and networking and communications products. A majority of Intel's U.S. employees are located at six sites in California, Oregon, Arizona, and New Mexico. Intel is self-insured, and in Q4 2012 provided health insurance to approximately 48,000 U.S. employees and 79,000 dependents through several national plans.

Like most U.S. employers, Intel has worked to contain rising healthcare costs. A decade ago, Intel's healthcare cost trend was running above the national average and was projected to reach \$1 billion by 2012. Intel undertook research to understand the issues driving the high costs, and committed to a comprehensive, long-term strategy to address them.

Intel set an overall objective of developing a culture where employees and their families are healthy, productive, and engaged in wellness-oriented lifestyles. The company increased its focus on consumer health plans, which give employees greater visibility to healthcare costs and provide financial incentives for them to be wise healthcare consumers. Nearly 70 percent of Intel employees migrated to consumer plans.

Intel also engaged employees and dependents in wellness and behavior change through on-site primary care clinics, disease management programs, health education, and a three-step wellness check that includes on-site biometric testing, an online health assessment, and in-person coaching. The wellness check and clinics achieved 70 percent participation, and more than 90 percent of participants were highly satisfied.

These efforts helped reset Intel's health cost trend line and reduced annual cost increases to better than the national average. But by 2010, the double-digit trend line had returned. Reflecting national trends, approximately 10 percent of Intel's employees or dependents are responsible for 70 percent of the company's healthcare spend, and another eight percent of Intel's covered lives are trending towards the highest-needs category. With an aging work force, further reductions will require improvements in population health and overall system efficiency.

Intel employees experience their own frustrations with healthcare. Many are overwhelmed by the broad choice of plans offered and the growing cost shift, particularly given the difficulties of gaining reliable data on cost and guality. Despite the best efforts of the individuals and organizations in the system, the highest-needs employees and dependents often receive disjointed, poorly coordinated care. A growing number struggle to manage multiple, complex chronic conditions. Physician shortages in some regions create barriers to timely care. Even employees who rarely deal with the healthcare system are frustrated by its inefficiencies when the need arises. Meeting Packet Page 66

At the same time, Intel has become more involved in the healthcare industry. As a trusted technology advisor, Intel supports healthcare leaders around the world in using open standards-based information technology (IT) to increase healthcare's accessibility, quality, and efficiency. Intel's global health research teams conduct ethnographic studies to understand issues related to health, aging, and independent living, and work with the company's design teams to address them. In 2011, Intel and GE formed Intel-GE Care Innovations LLC, a healthcare joint venture to develop technologies that support healthy, independent living at

home and in senior housing communities. Care Innovations builds on the assets, expertise, and operations of Intel's Digital Health Group and GE Healthcare's Home Health Division, and Intel continues to hold a 50 percent stake in the company.

Intel collaborates closely with its supply chain and with industry organizations. For example, Intel has been a major contributor to Dossia, an open-source framework developed by employers to provide lifelong personal health records for employees, dependents, and retirees; and the Continua Health Alliance to develop standards for connected telehealth devices. Intel also has a tradition of disruptive innovation, informed risk-taking, and possibility thinking. Intel's co-founder, Robert N. Noyce, famously said, "Don't be encumbered by history. Go off and do something wonderful." As healthcare costs continued to climb, Intel's leadership began asking: Can we create a healthier workforce, give employees a better healthcare experience, and control costs through disruptive collaboration with the delivery system? Can we turn health into a competitive advantage?

Stakeholders	Typical Status Quo	Next Generation
Employees and dependents	 Overwhelmed by broad choice and growing cost shift No visibility into reliable quality and cost data Need help navigating the complex healthcare system Unhappy with system inefficiencies: difficulty getting appointments, long office waits, duplicate paperwork, etc. Lack tools and support to manage personal health Lack incentives for proactive involvement in their own healthcare 	 Unified, community-based model delivers comprehensive, evidence-based, coordinated care, with a heavy focus on prevention Focus on an efficient, high-quality healthcare experience Transparent data on cost and quality to guide member choices Optimal personal health is expected, supported, and rewarded Access to digital health tools, data, and communications for managing personal health Meaningful financial and health incentives Share proportionally in cost savings
Employers	 Double-digit trends in annual cost increases Highest-need members tend to be lost in the system Frustrated by antiquated, proprietary, and duplicative data systems across the healthcare system Frustrated by lack of influence in the healthcare value chain Limited data to fully understand improvements in employee health 	 Compensation for value, with an intention to reduce overall costs while increasing quality of care and the health- care experience Patient-centered medical homes at the heart of care with network of qualified specialists Unified, real-time system of record for data, claims, and performance monitoring Data and information on health improvement of defined cohorts of the workforce Effective collaboration with providers to drive change
Providers	 Frustrated by bureaucracy Want to do the right thing, but incentives are misaligned Vary widely in their openness to change 	 Creation of medical neighborhood and elimination of prior authorization reduce bureaucracy and empower providers; only willing providers participate Measurement and payment are aligned with value and innovation Effective collaboration with employers to drive change
Medical insurance plans	 Losing relevance beyond core claims processing; seeking ways to deliver value in a shifting landscape 	Deliver value by supporting new models for care and compensation

Table 1. Status Quo and Next-Generation Healthcare

Core Tenets of a Next-Generation Strategy

By 2011, Intel had spelled out a holistic, next-generation healthcare model for Intel employees and dependents, and the company's leadership was ready to engage directly with the delivery system to implement it. In this model (Table 1, on previous page), evidence-based care is personalized to an individual's unique needs and coordinated around a patientcentered system. Care is delivered through multiple channels and makes optimal use of resources. A customized care-delivery system has a backbone of PCMHs backed by a network of specialty and hospital services that align clinically and financially.²

Reflecting what the Institute for Healthcare Improvement calls the Triple Aim³, the next-generation model aims to increase population health, improve the member experience, and reduce costs. To encourage employee engagement with the healthcare system, the Intel model places a high priority on delivering an outstanding patient experience and removing barriers to care. The model also makes quality and costs transparent so employees can make informed decisions about when and where to seek care and which treatments to receive. In 2011, Intel summarized these objectives as the Five Requirements:

- Right care: use of evidencebased medicine
- Right time: same-day access to care
- Right price: material decrease in the cost of care
- Best life: rapid return to productivity
 for the member
- Best outcome: patient satisfaction 100 percent of the time

The next-generation model promotes an attitude of "expecting health," encouraging engagement and personal accountability by all members. Members are supported and encouraged to make the most of the medical home model and to actively manage their personal health.

The model promotes system-wide efficiency via payment reform, accountability, continuous process improvement, and waste reduction, all supported by patient-focused IT and using open information standards whenever possible. Value-based compensation is based on a global per-member per-month (PMPM) target with shared risks and rewards if results fall outside a buffer zone of expected results.

Benefits Design with the Employee at the Center

While designing its next-generation healthcare strategy, Intel was also taking a new, employee-centered approach to benefits design. Rather than developing programs and tools based on assumptions about what employees want and need, Intel conducted and commissioned research to find out.

Working with The Futures Company, a strategic consultancy with a focus on health and wellness, Intel undertook surveys, focus groups, and in-home, observational studies of Intel employees and their families to deeply understand how they feel about their health and the healthcare system. While guarding privacy, the research looked into what Intel's members think, feel, and value about their health and the healthcare system. The Futures Company mapped Intel employees into its LIVING Well framework, which identifies six segments based on an individual's health attitudes and behaviors (Table 2). It also showed what each segment sees as barriers to good health, what mindsets are associated with utilization, and how open members would be to new technologies and approaches.

Table 2. The Futures	Company LIVI	NG Well Seamen	tation Model
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Segment	Description	US as a Whole	Intel Employees
Leading the Way	Highly motivated; actively managing their health; see few barriers to health	9%	17%
In It for Fun	High priority on living a healthy lifestyle; avid exercisers; few have serious health issues	18%	26%
Value Independence	Skeptical, do-it-yourselfers; want to manage their own care rather than engage with the healthcare system; may have a diagnosed health issue but are not necessarily treating it; tend to think they're healthier than they are	22%	16%
l Need a Plan	Want to be healthier but have a hard time taking action; many are older and are treating chronic conditions	19%	6%
Not Right Now	Younger; healthy but mainly due to their youth; may not feel in control of their health	22%	34%
Get Through the Day	In poorer health; feel their health is out of their control; many are treating chronic illnesses	10%	2%

A lot of sophisticated employers understand the triangle of cost, quality, and access, but employers traditionally focus on cost at the level of the annual premium. What they need to do is design the benefit plan to incentivize the right behaviors, and improve cost by improving the system and optimizing health. They need a longer-term vision. Don't be so focused on short-term, one-year payment premiums.

Among the significant findings were that health is a priority for most Intel members, and more than half are highly engaged in managing or maintaining their health. However, nearly all segments perceive a tension between the work environment and wellness, with sedentary jobs, stress, and lack of time as the biggest perceived barriers to better health.

Highlighting the need for personalization, the data showed that Intel members vary widely in their needs, desires, and attitudes across LIVING Well segments, job categories, and site locations. Members with chronic conditions struggle with lifestyle barriers at higher-than-average rates. Members see physicians as powerful change motivators, but say few exercise their influence. Quality, cost, and choice are employees' highest priorities for health plans and healthcare experiences.

The research led Intel to focus on three clusters of motives and desires:

- Higher needs. I have complex health conditions. I want clear direction and support for how to manage my health. I could use help navigating the health system.
- Convenience. I'm super busy. I want more time to take care of my health. I value easy, timely access to my healthcare providers.
- Low cost. I want the most value for my healthcare dollar and the security of knowing my out-of-pocket fixed costs.

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Intel has used these research-driven insights to guide its plan design and engagement strategies, as well as to optimize the delivery system experience for its members.

Next-Generation Collaboration with an Innovative Delivery System

Because healthcare delivery is local, Intel sought IDS collaborators at locations where the company has a large concentration of employees rather than a nation-wide supplier. In August 2011, Intel issued a Request for Information and Proposal, and in December entered a relationship with Presbyterian Health Services to create a benefits plan and delivery system for Intel's Rio Rancho employees and their dependents. The Rio Rancho site has approximately 3,500 employees and is home to Intel's largest semiconductor manufacturing facility.

In selecting Presbyterian, Intel gains an innovative IDS collaborator that is widely recognized for clinical and organizational excellence. PHS is a not-for-profit system of eight hospitals across New Mexico, a health plan, the 600-provider Presbyterian Medical Group (PMG), and other entities. PHS is one of only 32 organizations selected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center for the Pioneer ACO model. Presbyterian Hospital is a multiyear Consumer Choice Award winner and a 2011 Leapfrog Top Hospital. PHS won the American College of Cardiology Foundation's 2012 Platinum Performance Achievement Award for excellence in treating heart attack patients, and the cardiac critical care unit at Presbyterian Hospital received the 2010 Beacon Award for Critical Care Excellence from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses.

Other factors were important to Intel. PHS operates ten PCMHs, and all have achieved a Level 3 Recognition by the National Committee of Quality Assurance (NCQA). PHS works across the continuum of care and is experienced at population health management and high-risk case management. The Presbyterian Health Plan offers first-class claims processing, eliminating the need to seek external partnerships for that function. In addition, PHS focuses on Lean methodologies and data-centered improvement processes, and has used the Baldridge Criteria for Performance Excellence since 2002.

Healthcare IT is vital to the success of healthcare transformation, and PHS has made significant investments in healthcare IT. As of January 2013, all Presbyterian PCMHs have deployed Epic* Ambulatory, using electronic health records (EHRs) and other digital information tools to coordinate care and increase the use of evidence-based medicine. PHS hospitals are moving to Epic from a previous EHR platform over 2013-2014. PHS has deployed solutions that provide a basis for performance measurement, case management, and population health management.

For PHS, the collaboration with Intel is an opportunity to accelerate a transformation that is already well underway. Connected Care builds on much that PHS is already doing, and PHS is applying many Connected Care types of innovations across its system. PHS benefits from operating within an environment where the payment model provides incentives for "doing the right things right," and increases recognition of its leadership role in the industry.

Table 3. Connected Care at a Glance

Category	Capabilities
Plan design	 Patient centered medical homes with team-oriented care
	 Medical "neighborhood" of selected local specialists
	High-value external network for special cases
	 National in-network coverage when out of area
	 100 percent coverage of preventive services
	 Comprehensive prescription drug coverage, including 100 percent coverage of specific medications for diabetes, hypertension, and other targeted conditions
	 Elimination of nearly all prior authorizations
	• Available as a high-deductible health plan (HDHP) or co-pay plan
Delivery system	 Same-day, 24/7 access, including secure messaging
	Nurse navigators for high-needs members
Compensation	 Per-member per-month cost baseline based on data validated through an underwriting analysis
	 Shared risks and savings for results above and below a designated threshold
	Care is paid for by claim, but with risk and accountability built in
	Presbyterian Health Plan processes claims

Operationalizing the Model

With the framework established in December 2011, Intel and PHS had one year to design health plan offerings, establish pay-for-performance specifics, and map out the member experience. The new system would be offered at open enrollment in October 2012 and go live in January 2013.

After initial all-hands strategy sessions, the two enterprises worked in small, cross-organizational teams focusing on plan/benefit design, delivery system design, payment model and incentives, the employee/patient experience, technology infrastructure, employee engagement and communication, and other areas.

The project had top-level executive support and oversight from both enterprises. Both enterprises were experienced at disciplined collaboration and put their most experienced leaders on



Figure 1. Value-Based Payment Model.

the project. Many team members brought valuable cross-functional backgrounds: HR professionals who had worked in the delivery system, delivery system leaders with a background in plan design, and so forth. The two organizations respected each other's cultures and expertise, and their commitment to the goal helped maintain a focus on removing roadblocks and finding the win/win.

The crux of the implementation was translating Intel's vision of the Five Requirements into practical, measurable specifics that provide a reasonable basis for accountability. Teams wrestled with the details of each requirement. How did Intel and PHS define access, for example? How would PHS meet Intel's objective of 24/7, same-day access? What level of access was appropriate—an appointment, an e-mail response, something in between? How would access be measured and what was an appropriate target? How would decisions on access impact other requirements? How would they contribute to the Triple Aim of improving outcomes, satisfaction, and costs? Intel and PHS were designing multiple systems with many moving, interlocking parts. Even the Five Requirements evolved during the year-long effort as the teams' understanding increased.

To better align risks and rewards with desired outcomes, Intel and PHS developed a value-based compensation structure that includes both shared costs and pay for performance and addresses both cost and qualitative factors. This compensation system is based on a global per-member per-month target, with a shared-savings "corridor" (see Figure 1). Intel and PHS share risks and rewards if results exceed or fall short of a designated target. Data for the cost baseline were validated through an underwriting analysis.

Synergies Among Plan Design, Delivery, and Compensation

The breadth of what Intel and PHS are tackling certainly presents challenges, but it also provides opportunities to have more of an impact. By addressing plan design, healthcare delivery, and compensation holistically, Intel and PHS gain significant synergies and enhance the likelihood of achieving the desired results. When trade-offs are necessary, implementation teams can balance them across all three elements. The system can be optimized for quality, efficiency, cost, and member satisfaction while focusing on Intel's specific objectives and those of its employees.

For example, instead of a typical plan design that takes a "plain vanilla" approach targeting low-volume healthcare users, Intel explicitly wants to ensure that highest-volume members get the highesttouch care. It is also important that all members receive evidence-based care. Intel and PHS designed the delivery system around PCMHs supported by a "medical neighborhood" of specialists, so members with complex needs have a team of health professionals providing coordinated care. This approach can increase quality and reduce wait times while contributing to lower costs. PHS established nurse navigators for highneeds members, so they get follow-up care without delays or confusion.

To promote evidence-based prevention and treatment of chronic conditions, Connected Care plans provide 100 percent coverage of preventive care, along with 100 percent coverage on a set of medications for asthma, hypertension, cholesterol, diabetes, and other conditions. Performance measures track a number of evidence-based screening procedures.

Intel wants all members to engage with the healthcare system and have a great experience. An outstanding experience is an intrinsic value since it helps generate higher patient engagement, which can improve health outcomes and contribute to cost savings. Delivery teams examined every phase of the member experience, looking for ways to optimize it for Intel's members without unduly disrupting PHS' ordinary processes. In addition to increasing convenience and satisfaction, these step-by-step process reviews led to changes that help reduce waste and optimize time with healthcare providers. This in turn promotes excellent care by giving providers more opportunity to identify and treat problems, strengthen their relationships with members, and positively influence behavior.

Although it wasn't part of Intel's initial plan, the company chose to turn its on-site clinic into a full PCMH with Presbyterian leading the design and implementation and providing overall management of the clinic. This step required remodeling and expanding the clinic and deploying Epic Ambulatory, but it adds convenience for Intel's members, enhances care coordination, and offers more meaningful ways to engage members than would otherwise have been possible.

Reflecting the technology expectations of the Intel workforce (and, indeed, of most Americans), the plan supports secure digital communications. Members can use Epic MyChart* to exchange secure electronic messages with providers, review lab results, and monitor their personal health trends. Measures of convenience and engagement are incorporated into the Connected Care performance metrics.

Intel and PHS took advantage of opportunities to optimize the delivery system to meet the specific needs of Intel's population. When anonymized analytics identified depression as a relevant health issue, Intel and PHS created a new depression screening process, incorporated it into the EHR, and integrated it into the provider's customary workflow.

Description

than 140/90 mmHq.

Percent of diabetic members

attaining hemoglobin A1C level

less than 8.0%, LDL level less than

100 mg/dL, and blood pressure less

By moving away from fee for service and aligning incentives around efficient, high-quality care, Connected Care helps eliminate traditional barriers that add waste, cost, delays, and frustration without adding value. For example, since provider incentives are aligned with appropriate care, Connected Care eliminates prior authorization for all but a handful of treatments. This removes a layer of bureaucracy (i.e., cost) and provides a better experience for patients and providers. Members, too, have a financial incentive to seek the most effective and cost-effective treatments. A treatment cost navigator calculator will make costs transparent and support members in finding high-quality, cost-effective care.

With the business model and the groundwork for care in place, PHS and Intel expect to begin working through an IT framework and tools to further improve care, increase member engagement, and reduce waste across the system year over year. Connected Care's value-based compensation model aligns with effective deployment of technology solutions, and this is an area with tremendous potential for innovation. Near-term options range from apps that engage members and support their health goals via their smartphones and tablets, to in-home telehealth monitoring for members with complex chronic conditions. Intel and PHS are also working toward the goal of a unified data warehouse for system performance analysis.

Data and Measurement: Critical Challenges

As data-driven enterprises, PHS and Intel recognized that solid data and detailed analytics would be critical to success. In addition to performance measures, the two organizations used data-driven assessments to better understand population health and attitudes, select specialists to invite into the medical neighborhood, develop a customized formulary, and establish the cost baseline of the PMPM target.

Depression screening	Percent of adult members completing the depression screening when seen in a PCMH.
Nurse call response time	Percent of time nurses return symp- tom-related calls when requested within four business hours. Calls with urgent symptoms are transferred per protocol with a warm handoff immediately.
Patient satisfaction with experience	Overall rating of PMG patient satisfac- tion using survey question: "Would you recommend?"
	Nurse call response time

Table 4. Connected Care Sample Measures

Measure

Diabetes management

Category

medicine

Evidence-based

Data experts were an integral part of the program from the outset, working to identify analytics requirements, seek data sources and tools to meet them, and address gaps in the data. The implementation team is also collaborating with an independent healthcare analytics firm.

As is often the case in healthcare, the immaturity of information standards and tools often forced the implementation teams to extrapolate from multiple sources and reconcile different definitions of terms. Major data sources include claims data, health risk and biometric data from Intel's wellness program, self-report risk assessments, disability data, and electronic health records. All data is managed in accordance with HIPAA requirements.

As with other aspects of the program, Intel and PHS collaborated closely to identify targeted metrics aligned with the Five Requirements and with the needs of Intel's members. In some cases Intel and PHS wanted to track measures for which they had no baseline data; these were added as learning measures but will not factor into the first year's compensation calculations. Table 4 lists sample metrics. For example, to measure the program's success in following evidence-based best practices and improving the health of diabetic members, Intel and PHS created a bundled metric that measures the percent of patients with diabetes mellitus who achieve hemoglobin A1C level less than 8.0 percent, LDL level less than 100 mg/ dL, and blood pressure less than 140/90 mmHq. Since member participation in the healthcare system is an Intel objective, Intel and PHS are tracking system utilization by measuring the percent of employees and spouses who accessed a PCMH or nurse navigator to complete MyChart or complete two steps of Intel's three-step wellness program; Intel and PHS share responsibility for achieving targets for this metric.

Managing Change

No employer wants to undertake significant change for its workforce without good reasons and careful planning. Intel used its Employee at the Center model to optimize the Connected Care design, engagement and communication strategy, and rollout to members. Intel tested its messaging and vocabulary in focus groups, and discussed Connected Care benefits in relationship to employee priorities such as convenience, cost, and coordination. A phased engagement strategy presented information in digestible chunks through a series of events, in a variety of formats, starting well before open enrollment.

Intel provided clear information to help employees determine the plan that would best meet their needs, and attempted to be clear and transparent about trade-offs. Employees who did not sign up for a plan defaulted into the Connected Care plan most similar to their previous plan (either HDHP or co-pay). Intel also created videos and other communications to enable members to understand and benefit from the PCMH model, and to encourage their participation in the system.

Due to ecosystem changes and Intel's requirements, the Connected Care rollout occurred in tandem with other changes in the plans Intel offered. Some plans were being dropped, and as a result some members would need to find new providers. Intel worked systematically to minimize these changes, even negotiating a special, short-term contract with one plan to spare the plan's members from having to change providers before Connected Care's start date. Intel's Rio Rancho site management was heavily involved in Connected Care planning and rollout, and the site manager's enthusiastic support was influential. PHS representatives were part of Intel's open enrollment presentations, and PHS established a high-touch customer service team to ensure a smooth go-live. Connected Care enrollment exceeded the target.

Next Steps and Conclusions

With Connected Care in full operation for Intel's Rio Rancho employees, Intel and PHS are monitoring activities, gathering data, and planning ways to incorporate new learnings. Both Intel and PHS are applying key learnings from the partnership throughout their organizations. Intel is also working to adapt and scale the model in other Intel locations in the U.S. Intel aims to replicate as much as possible while taking advantage of innovation and excellence in the healthcare ecosystem at each location. Intel is also looking at creative ways to influence healthy choices and help busy employees take better care of themselves.

The experiences of Intel and PHS show that employers and providers can be effective partners in advancing healthcare's transformation. Providers can gain enthusiastic partners who share their commitment to efficient, high-quality healthcare delivery and will align payment incentives to achieve it. Employers can support innovation in healthcare delivery and bring the employee/consumer voice into the healthcare system. Employers and delivery systems can combine their unique perspectives toward the shared goals of improving member health, increasing satisfaction with the healthcare system, and reducing costs. Although it is daunting to tackle payment reform, delivery system design, and plan design together, this approach creates exciting opportunities to have a significant impact. Putting healthcare costs on a more sustainable basis can strengthen U.S. competitiveness in a global economy. Improvements in the health and healthcare experiences of employees can increase job satisfaction, loyalty, and quality of life.

Forward-looking health plans can support these collaborations by focusing on innovation and added value. Healthcare solutions providers and platform providers can help by committing to open information standards and rapid innovation.

Intel and PHS encourage employers and delivery services to engage in handson collaboration focused on a more sustainable, high-quality healthcare system. We have much to teach each other—and American workers have much to gain.

For More Information

Intel plans to publish other white papers on this experiment to share results, technology blueprints, and best practices.

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BHC employers seek a transparent health care market where physicians, consumers, and others have information about quality and cost differences and actively use this information to improve health care. Ms. Probst also serves as the Executive Director of the Midwest Health Initiative (MHI). The MHI brings together health care stakeholders such as hospitals, health care providers, purchasers and consumers who share a belief in the power of information and collaboration to improve health and create a high-value health care system.

Ms. Probst began her career in health care as a critical care nurse. She has experience as a clinician, an educator, a hospital administrator, and a purchaser advocate. She has a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Denver.

Ms. Probst serves on the board of directors of the National Quality Forum and is Co-Chair of its Consumer-Purchaser Council. She is also a member of the National Quality Forum's MAP Hospital Workgroup. Ms. Probst serves on the National Committee for Quality Assurance's (NCQA) Clinical Programs Committee. In past years, she has served on the Commonwealth Fund's Commission on a High Performance Health System, the NCQA's Standards Committee, various National Quality Forum (NQF) Steering Committees, and other initiatives to enhance the quality and affordability of health care. She is also a past Chairperson of the National Business Coalition on Health (NBCH).

Jon Shematek, M.D. Sr. Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, CareFirst

Jon Shematek, MD is a graduate of Boston University, earned his medical degree at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and completed residency training at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is board-certified in Pediatrics and Pediatric Cardiology. Following 25 years of medical practice and as medical director with the Columbia Medical Plan, he has served in a variety of administrative roles with CareFirst, currently as Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer. In that position he provides the strategic clinical leadership for CareFirst's quality improvement activities and care management programs. He has been responsible for the implementation of dozens of community-based innovative programs focused on improving public health and reducing health care disparities. He has led CareFirst's Patient Centered Medical Home program and is currently developing programs for effective Care Transitions for high-risk hospitalized patients. Dr. Shematek was appointed by the Governor to the Maryland Healthcare Quality and Cost Council and is also member of the Maryland Health Reform Coordinating Council's Health Care Delivery Reform Subcommittee.

Dr. Shematek has also served as member of NCQA's Review Oversight Committee and the Maryland Patient Safety Center's Board of Directors.

Alan P. Spielman Assistant Director, Federal Employee Insurance Operations for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM)

In this capacity, he is responsible for managing the negotiation and administration of contracts providing insurance benefits for over 8 million active Federal employees, retirees and family members. Health insurance programs include the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, health insurance coverage for tribal organizations, and the health insurance program for Members of Congress & congressional staff. Mr. Spielman is also responsible for administering the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI), the Federal Flexible Spending Account Program (FSAFEDS), the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTCIP), and the Federal Employees Dental &Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP).

Prior to joining OPM in 2013, Mr. Spielman was President and CEO of URAC, an independent nonprofit organization that is well-known as a leader in promoting health care quality through its accreditation, education and measurement programs. In this capacity, Mr. Spielman provided leadership and executive management of an organization responsible for accrediting over 600 organizations, including health plans, health websites, PBMs, specialty pharmacies, case management and other health care management entities.

Mr. Spielman came to URAC from Covington & Burling, a global law firm specializing in regulatory matters, where he was a senior advisor for health care reimbursement policy. Prior to that, he was with Medco Health Solutions, Inc., a leading pharmacy benefits management company, as vice president and general manager for federal programs. Spielman also held a variety of senior executive positions at the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, including leadership of the Federal Employee Program.

Spielman began his career in government, including key roles with the Health Care Financing Administration (now the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or CMS) and the Congressional Research Service. He holds an MBA degree, with a concentration in health care marketing/management from Loyola College and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the Johns Hopkins University, where he also continued graduate study in health economics. Beyond his master's degree, he has attained the Managed Care Professional designation.

Dennis C. Wagner, Co-Director, Partnership for Patients, CMS

Dennis Wagner is a national and international leader in the fields of healthcare quality improvement, the environment and social marketing. He is an enthusiastic, thoughtful and strategic person who believes in committing to and delivering on bold aims in work and life. Dennis currently works in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as Co-Director of the Partnership for Patients Initiative and as Associate Director for Campaign Leadership in the CMS Innovation Center.

Prior to his current CMS postings, Dennis served as the Associate Deputy Director and then Acting Director of the CMS Office of Clinical Standards and Quality (OCSQ). Dennis worked for 12 years at the Health Resources and Services Administration, including a final stint as Acting Director of HRSA's Office of Health Information Technology and Quality. While at HRSA, Dennis led a major national effort to increase the donation and transplantation of organs. Dennis was the Director and Co-Director for a series of three large, national Organ Donation & Transplantation Breakthrough Collaboratives and related initiatives. After years of relatively flat national organ donation levels, this work generated an unprecedented increase in organ donation of nearly 25% over a four-year period.

In his 20+ years of service with the U.S. government, Dennis has led and helped to support a series of national and international campaigns to:

- Improve health outcomes and drug safety through increased clinical pharmacy services;
- Increase access to health care and reduce disparities for underserved populations;
- Create integrated systems of health care in communities across the nation;
- Reduce exposure to second-hand smoke in the US;
- Reduce the public health risks of indoor radon gas;
- Increase organ donation in Australia;
- Clean up the Tha Chin River in Thailand;
- Get the lead out of gasoline in Vietnam;
- Improve air quality in Bangkok and Chiang Mai, Thailand; and
- Promote use of improved cookstoves by the world's poorest people.

Dennis attended a one-room country school in rural Montana for grades K-8. He has a Masters in Public Administration from Montana State University, and joined the Federal service with the US Environmental Protection Agency as a Presidential Management Intern in 1986.

Dennis was a Council for Excellence in Government Fellow in 1991-92. Dennis and HRSA colleagues were recipients of Government Executive magazine's prestigious Business Solutions in the Public Interest award in 2000. He and his organ donation team were among three 2005 Finalists for the prestigious Service to America Medal for Social Services (SAMMIEs) given by the Partnership for Public Service.

Dennis is married to the lovely and talented Diane M. Hill, also a Montana native. They have three children: Tess (17), Grant (14) and Margo (12).