# Home Health Value-Based Purchasing

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# HHVBP: QAPI Strategies to Help You Thrive in the New Payment Era

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# **Learning Objectives**

- Outline the impact that accurate documentation has on HHVBP
- Understand how to assess your agency's current performance
- Map out steps to improve outcomes within your agency
- 4. Explore digital tools that will keep staff engaged in outcomes improvement initiatives
- 5. Review the latest from CMS on the HHVBP model

# **VBP Basics**



#### What Is VBP?

- Original Value-Based Purchasing model was piloted in nine states starting in 2016
- CMS is expanding VBP nationwide to all
   Medicare-certified HH providers starting in 2023
- VBP rewards better outcomes and patient satisfaction by applying a revenue adjustment of up to ±5%

# Why VBP?

- "Focus on patient outcome and functional status, utilization, and patient experience."
- Medicare observed<sup>2</sup>
  - Total Performance Scores were 8% higher in HHVBP pilot states
  - Reduction in unplanned hospitalizations and ED visits
  - \$605M (1.3%) reduction in cumulative Medicare
     spending between 2016 and 2019, driven primarily by
     reduction in inpatient hospital stays and SNF spending
- 1. CMS CY2022 proposed rule, page 103
- Findings From Fourth Annual Report Published May 2021



### **VBP Years**

**Baseline Year** 

Basis from which each provider's performance will be measured for purposes of calculating achievement and improvement scores

Performance Year Calendar year during which data are collected for the purpose of calculating peer performance on the VBP measures

**Payment Year** 

Calendar year in which the applicable percent adjustment to revenue applies

2023 2025





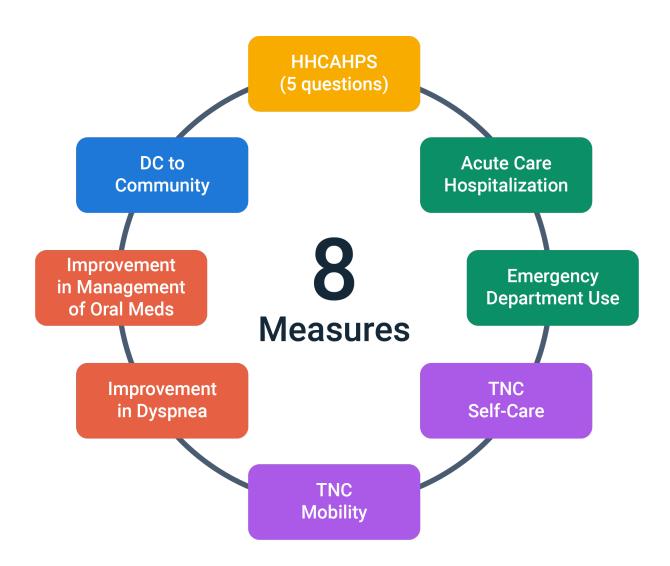




2022

2024

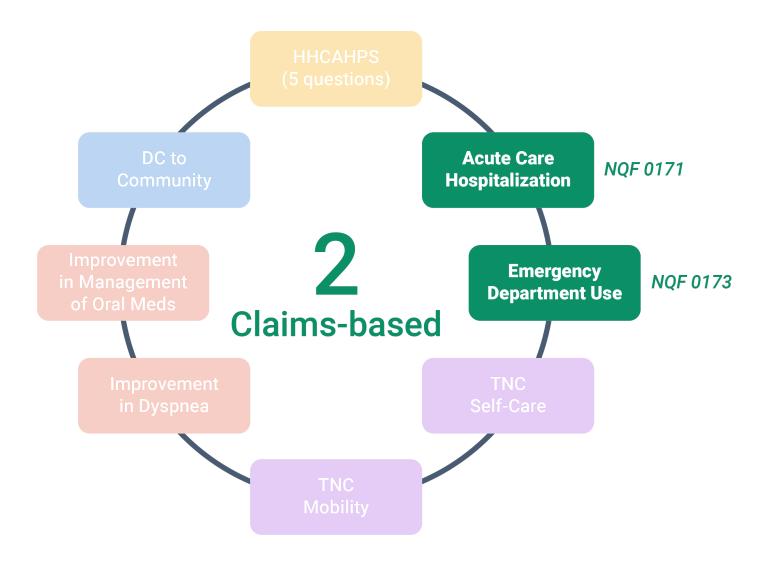
# **VBP Quality Measures**



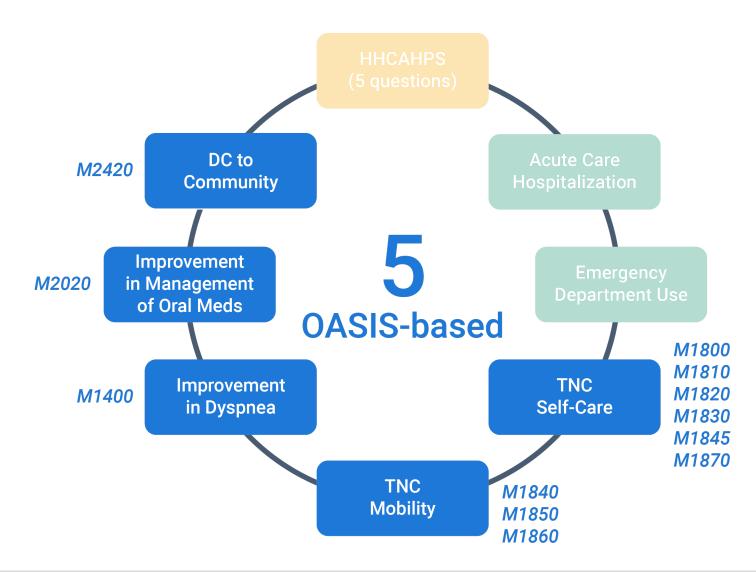
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#### **TNC Overview**

- TNC stands for Total Normalized Composite
- Two new measures
  - TNC: Change in Mobility
  - TNC: Change in Self-Care
- These measures "capture the magnitude of change (not just improvement) in multiple OASIS items. Therefore, they reward efforts to improve patients who are less independent at start or resumption of care, as these patients have a greater opportunity for higher TNC measure scores. Normalization accounts for the variation in the number of response options on the applicable OASIS items for each TNC Measure."
- 1. https://www.maxwellhca.com/resources/wound-management-and-home-health-value-based-purchasing-strategies-for-success

### TNC Overview (cont.)

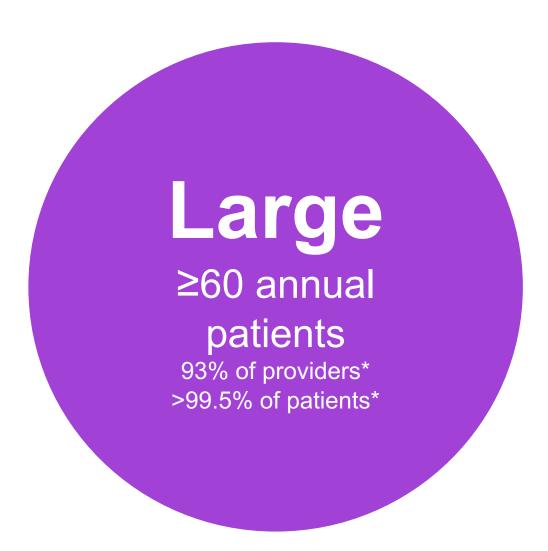
#### **TNC Mobility** (3 OASIS questions)

- M1840 Toilet Transferring
- M1850 Bed Transferring
- M1860 Ambulation/Locomotion

#### **TNC Self-Care** (6 OASIS questions)

- M1800 Grooming
- M1810 Ability to Dress <u>Upper</u> Body
- M1820 Ability to Dress <u>Lower</u> Body
- M1830 Bathing
- M1845 Toileting Hygiene
- M1870 Eating

#### **Two Cohorts Nationwide**

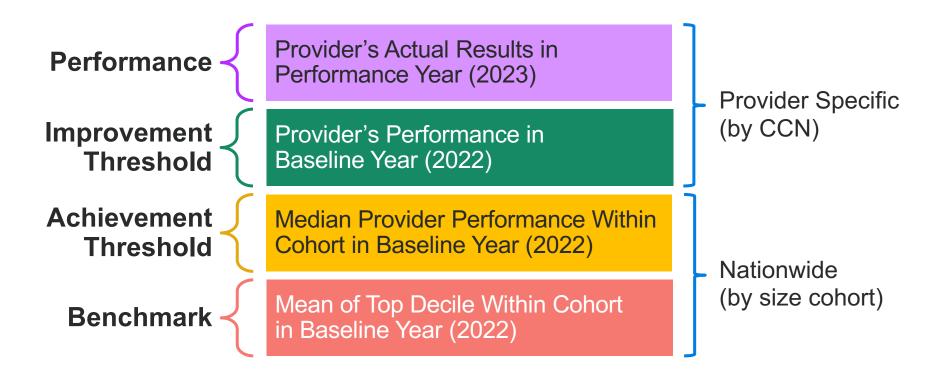




<sup>\*</sup> Stats are based on providers using Homecare Homebase (~36% of all HH Medicare claims annually).

# **VBP Scoring**

# **Scoring: Performance and Targets**



#### **Improvement Score**

Comparing **Performance** to **Improvement Threshold** and **Benchmark** 

#### **Achievement Score**

Comparing Performance to Achievement Threshold and Benchmark

Each measure score is based on the *highest* of **Improvement Score** and **Achievement Score**.

#### **Improvement Score**

$$9 \times \left(\frac{\text{Performance} - \text{Improvement Threshold}}{\text{Benchmark} - \text{Improvement Threshold}}\right)$$

#### **Achievement Score**

#### **Improvement Score**

9 × (Performance - Improvement Threshold)

Benchmark - Improvement Threshold

#### **Achievement Score**

10 × (Performance – Achievement Threshold Benchmark – Achievement Threshold)

Performance	<b>72</b> .345
Improvement Threshold	<b>67</b> .583
Achievement Threshold	<b>62</b> .792
Benchmark	<b>95</b> .378

#### **Improvement Score**

9 × (Performance - Improvement Threshhold)

(Benchmark - Improvement Threshhold)

$$= 9 \times \frac{(72.345 - 67.583)}{(95.378 - 67.583)}$$

$$= 9 \times \frac{(4.762)}{(27.795)}$$

$$= 9 \times 0.171 = 1.542$$

#### **Achievement Score**

10 × (Performance – Achievement Threshhold)

(Benchmark – Achievement Threshhold)

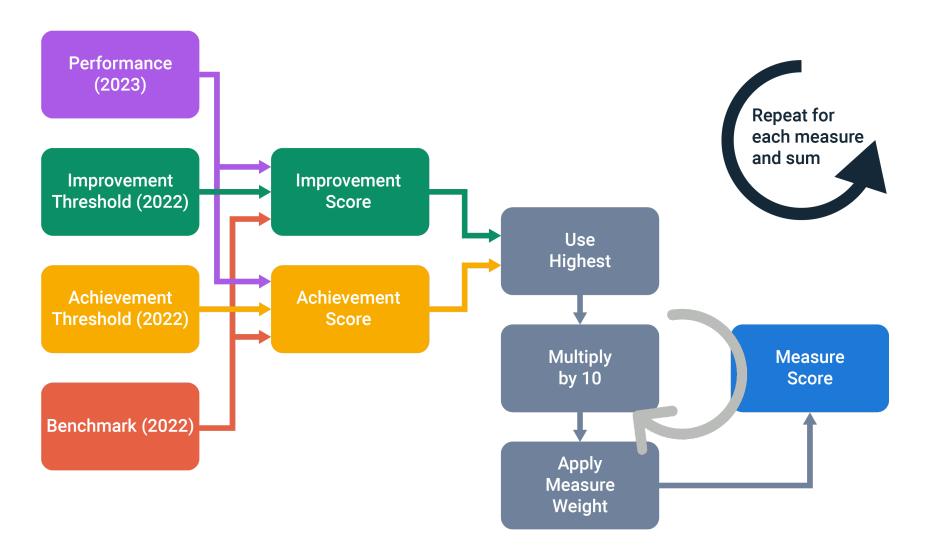
$$= 10 \times \frac{(72.345 - 62.792)}{(95.378 - 62.792)}$$

$$= 10 \times \frac{(9.553)}{(32.586)}$$

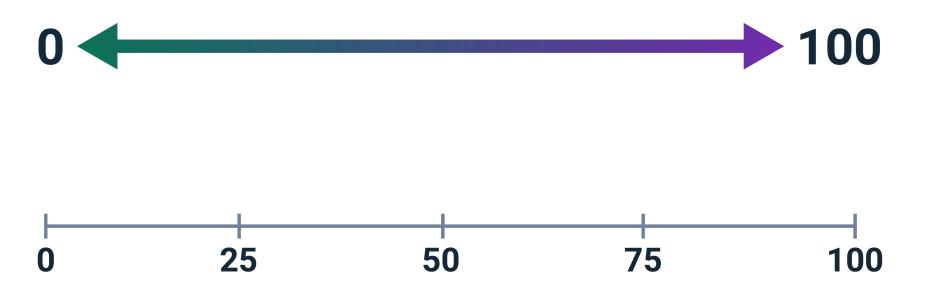
$$= 10 \times 0.293 = 2.932$$

**2.932** is used for measure since 2.932 > 1.542

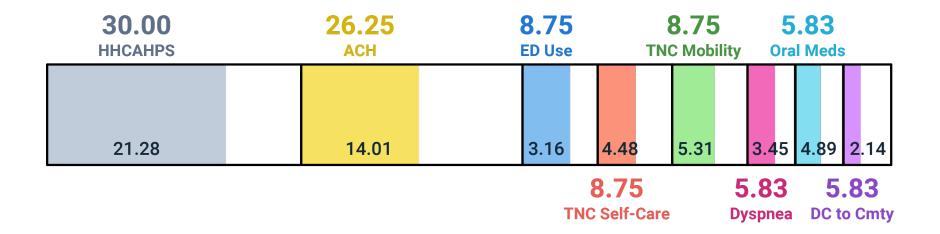
# **Scoring: Calculation Flow**



# **Scoring: Final Steps**



# Scoring: Final Steps (cont.)





# Scoring: Revenue Adjustment

# Understanding Your Performance and Opportunities

#### **Understand Your VBP Performance**

- Leverage data from your EHR
- Know how your agencies are performing against
  - Improvement Threshold (your past performance)
  - Achievement Thresholds (your peers)
  - Benchmarks (best agencies)
- Focus on opportunities for greatest improvement
- Analyze by provider (CCN)
- Identify most impactful clinicians

# Operational Visibility With HCHB Analytics

- Business intelligence platform, part of the HCHB solution
- Provides insights into operational, clinical, financial metrics and more
- Includes more than 200 role-based dashboards out of the box
- Agencies can build customized dashboards for their organizations

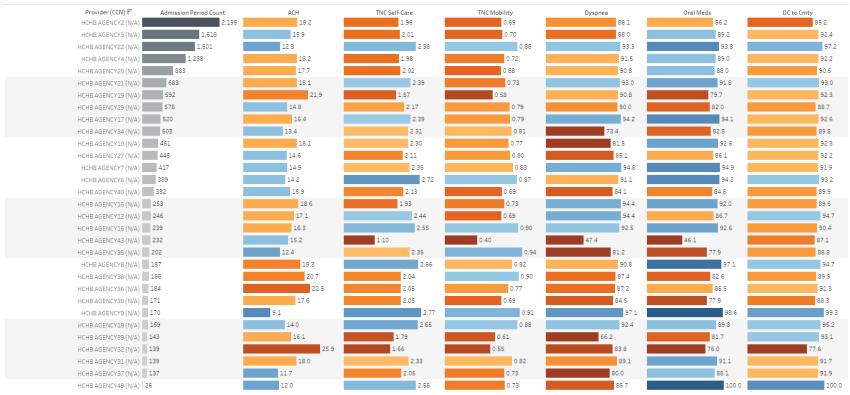


# Focus on Opportunities for Improvement



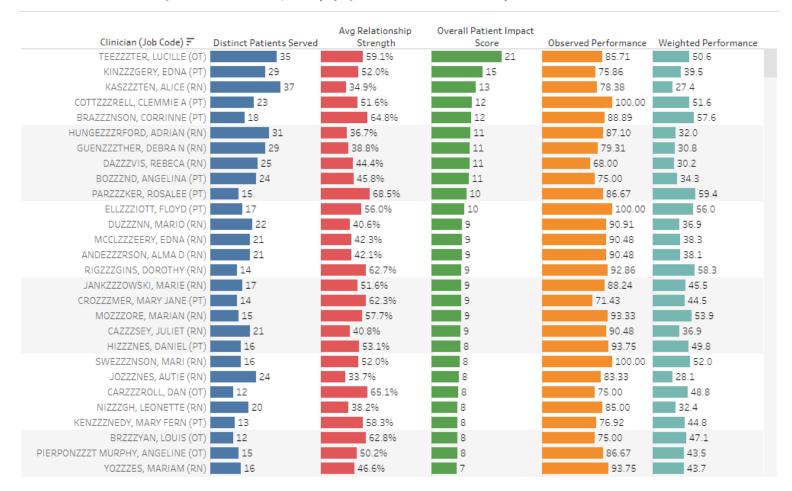
# **Analyze VBP Opportunity by Provider**

#### Home Health Quality - Provider Compare

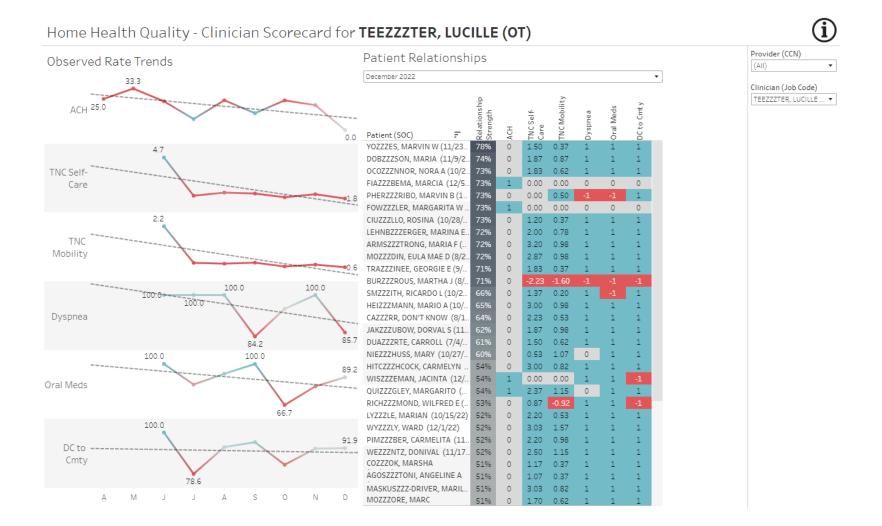


# **Identify Most Impactful Clinicians**

Home Health Quality - Clinician Compare (Dyspnea, December 2022)



# Take Action to Improve VBP Opportunity

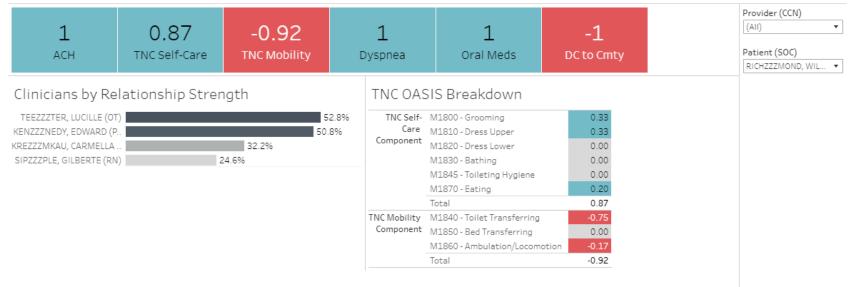




# Take Action to Improve VBP Opportunity (cont.)

Home Health Quality - Patient Scorecard for RICHZZZMOND, WILFRED E (10/23/22)





# Implementing Performance IMPROVEMENT Strategies for VBP

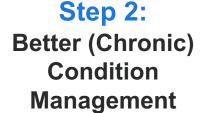
# **Best Practice for Performance Improvement**

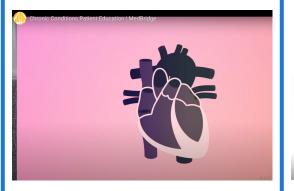
#### **Questions to Ask Before Implementing a Plan**

- Who/What has any direct and indirect influence on the performance metrics?
  - Hint: it's not just your clinicians
- What is the most impactful way to remediate or improve performance of each of the influencers?
  - One-size-fits-all isn't always the best strategy
  - Blend enhancements of people, process, and technology
- Do you have the right tools to implement a successful plan?

# Implementing Performance Improvement Strategies for VBP

# Step 1: OASIS Accuracy for All Staff OASIS-E Onboarding Course Series Our recommended package of orboarding OASIS courses provides an overview of OASIS data collection and its impact on patient care and garney performance.





# Step 3: HHCAHPS and Customer-First Approaches

Patient	Response	Patient	Response
1	7	1	Definitely yes
2	8	2	Probably no
3	5	3	Definitely yes
4	9	4	Definitely no
5	10	5	Probably yes
6	9	6	Definitely yes
7	6	7	Definitely yes
8	5	8	Definitely no
9	10	9	Definitely yes
10	10	10	Probably yes
(5/10=50%	)	(5/10=50%)	

OASISE Enterduction to Key Concepts (34 min)
OASISE Exection A (25 min)
OASISE Exection B and C (24 min)
OASISE Exection B and C (36 min)
OASISE Exection B (49 min)
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OASIS-E: Transfer- and Discharge-Specific Items (48 min)

\*\* OASIS-E: Putting Knowledge into Practice (2 hrs 12 min)

## Step 1A: OASIS Accuracy for New Hires



#### **Full OASIS Course Series**

Prepare your team with our refreshed full course series for OASIS-E, featuring new patient demonstrations.

6 hours



### **Case Scenarios**

Help clinicians apply their knowledge and practice scoring OASIS items with demonstrations and quizzes.



OASIS-E: Section GG presented by Cindy Krafft, PT, MS, HCS-O

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## 1A. Case Scenario Example

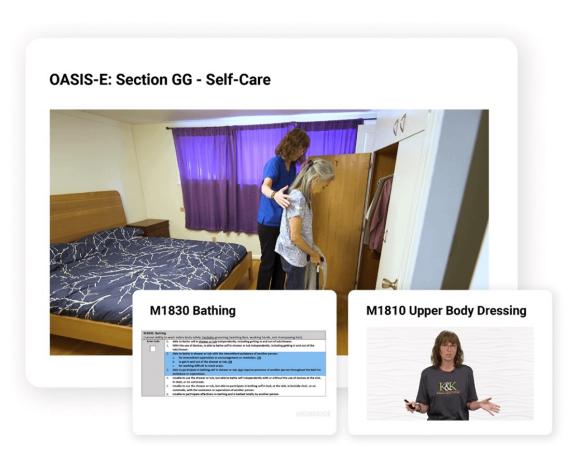
## Step 1B: OASIS Accuracy for Tenured Staff



### **Boosters Updates**

Keep skills sharp with targeted microlearning focused on items impacting HHVBP and reimbursement.

5 - 8 minutes each



## 1B. Booster Example

## **Step 1: OASIS Accuracy Case Study**

- MedBridge Solution: Everest partnered with MedBridge to develop an improvement program for their staff responsible for OASIS completion. The program focused on areas identified by HCA as the most commonly corrected at their agency and provided content in a method compatible with the needs of home health staff, both online and mobile.
- Results: Everest Home Health &
   Hospice deployed their OASIS
   improvement program and saw
   results right away. Recommended
   OASIS corrections decreased by as
   much as 28 percent for each of the
   targeted M-items.

#### The program included

- MedBridge microlearning content targeted to areas of correction and OASIS concepts
- Staff satisfaction and confidence surveys
- MedBridge Learning Management System and Clinician App providing assignment, reminders, and tracking support for a mobile workforce
- OASIS data pre and post implementation, provided by Home Care Answers

M-ITEM	Percent Reduction in Recommended Corrections
M1810-Dress Upper	26.54%
M1820-Dress Lower	26.54%
M1830-Bathing	14.7%
M1840-Toileting	28%
M1850-Transferring	21.89%
M1860-Ambulation	12.88%

# Step 2: Better (Chronic) Condition Management

## People

- How can we enhance knowledge about best practice for condition management to all people involved?
  - Clinicians, managers/schedulers, patients, caregivers, etc.

### Process

- What types of process updates can we make to have an impact on avoidable ED and ACH?
- Example: 5 in 10 scheduling strategy

## Technology

– What are the best technologies we can deploy to work on improving patients' physical functioning, condition management, remote monitoring, etc.?

## **Step 2: Better (Chronic) Condition** Management (cont.)

2a. Implement a multi-tier strategy to enhance knowledge of your people

#### **Home Health Value-Based Purchasing Overview Series**

Prepare frontline clinicians and leaders for **VBP** 

### **Change Management Leadership Training**

Drive successful quality improvement initiatives with leadership tips and strategies

## Reduce hospital and ER visits with

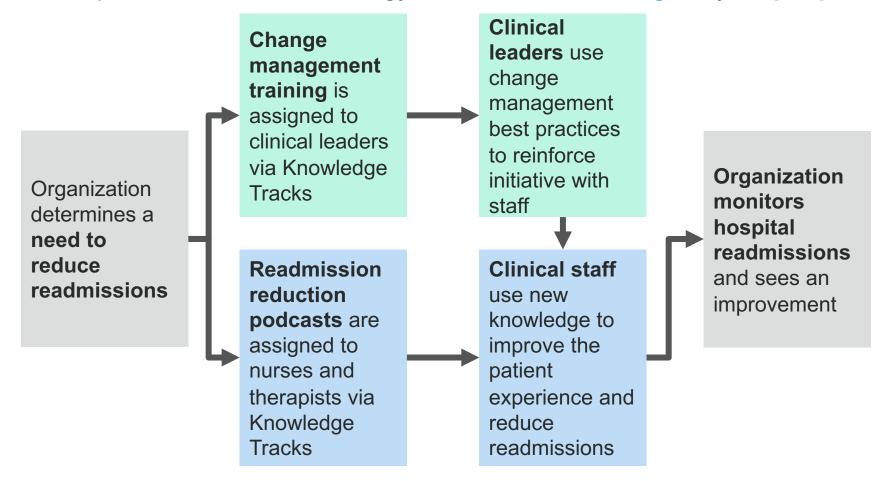
**Readmission Reduction Podcasts** motivational interviewing techniques

2b. Implement process and technology to open your patient's digital front door



# Step 2A: Better (Chronic) Condition Management

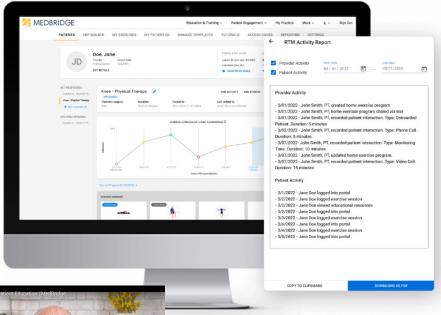
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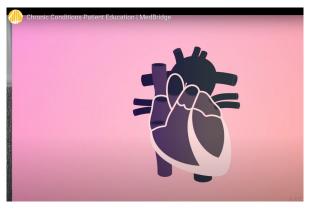


# Step 2B: Better (Chronic) Condition Management

Open the digital front door by implementing the right process and technology

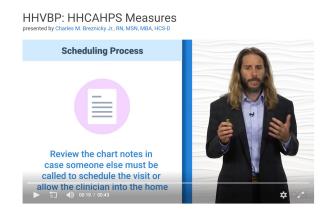




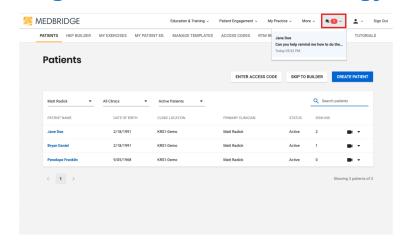


# Step 3: HHCAHPS and Customer-First Approaches

#### **Foundational Education**



### **Digital Patient Care Technology**



### **Customer-First Training**

From clear communication to creating an environment of accountability, quickly equip employees with critical management skills.



Soft Skills: Setting a Strong Foundation



Conflict Management and Resolution: Words, Tone, and Body Language



Coaching for Development: Giving Effective Positive Feedback



Managing for Accountability: Setting Expectations

## **Question and Answer Session**



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