
Integrating Health and Disability Services

Altair ACO

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**We are a Disability Services
led Accountable Care
Organization in Minnesota.**

**We have 15 member
organizations.**

**10 member
organizations
provide Home and
Community Based
Services.**

- Residential/Group home
- Supports provided to people in their homes
- Case Management
- Employment and Day Services

**5 member
organizations
support people's
health with a core
focus on people with
Disabilities.**

- Pharmacy
- Physicians' Group
- Specialty Hospital
- Assistive Technology Company
- Dental Clinic

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Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) fundamentally help people with disabilities and mental health conditions live more successfully in their communities.

Much of the work of helping someone function more successfully in the community is about access to resources.

As a collective, we asked the question:

What would a disability services system look like that fully integrated oral, physical, and mental health care?

Value-based vs. Fee-for-service

In Minnesota, Medicaid disability services, HCBS and other social services are administered by the state Department of Human Services and are fee-for-service, with compliance audits and sanctions ensuring quality.

Part of Altair's charge is to stake out a Value-based path that reflects equitable, person-centered care.

We're trying to avoid an eventual Value-based system that is imposed on us and doesn't reflect our values.

Outcome Measurement

In order to advocate for an outcome to be tied to a value-based payment, we need to be able to measure it.

We partnered with our state's Department of Human Services to receive both Medicaid and Medicare claims data for the 20,000+ people served by our member organizations.

Within our Data Warehouse, we can see information about the services provided by our ACO and how our services impact people's health through their use of health services throughout the system.

Quality Measure Agreements

We have value-based, per member, per month (PM/PM) payments that go to the Residential Service Provider when individuals complete an annual dental exam, annual wellness visit or medication reconciliation.

Future Value Based and Shared Savings Agreements

We are finalizing an overarching Value-Based agreement with our largest HMO partner

Similarly, we have legislation in draft for a Disability Services centered value-based project that would impact people in our state whose healthcare is covered directly by the state and CMS.

Challenges to meet

- The systems are still very disconnected.
- Getting providers from different disciplines aligned and on the same page takes some work.
- Making sure that the balance between quality outcomes and sustainable system-wide budgets doesn't is protected from Corporate MCO need for profit.

Questions

- What would a Value-based design look like in your work if you could design it from scratch?
- Who are other professionals that support your patients that you could better collaborate with or integrate services with?