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# BUNDLED PAYMENTS Clinical, Operational And Financial Implications

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# **OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS**

# **Bundled Payments Overview**

- Bundled payments are starting to gain traction because they offer an attractive care and risk management option that is designed specifically for specialists, acute and post-acute care providers. The theory behind bundled payments is that they focus care coordination responsibilities and opportunities on the best provider to treat 'targeted' patient populations when those patients most need their expertise.
- In January of 2015 the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced their Better, Smarter, Healthier campaign which calls for Medicare to shift over \$300 Billion away from Fee-for-Service into Alternative Payment models by 2018. It is clear from recent announcements that bundled payment models will be a major part of this shift.



# **Bundled Payments Overview (contd.)**

- Currently CMS is implementing two voluntary bundled payment programs 'Bundled Payments for Care Improvement (BPCI)' and the 'Oncology Care Model
   (OCM)', and one mandatory program 'Comprehensive Care for Joint
   Replacement (CCJR)'.
- In total approximately between 3,000 to 4,000 providers across the country are participating in these programs. Additionally, payors and employers in the commercial health insurance market are starting to enter into bundled payment contracts with physician groups and health systems.

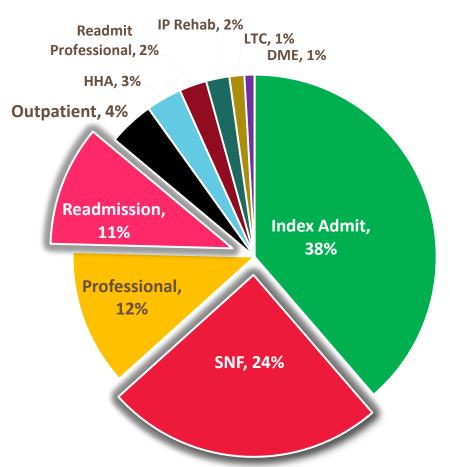


# FINANCIAL AND CLINICAL ANALYTICS

# Focus on Total Patient Episodic Costs

- Over 1/3 (35%) of total patient episodic costs are related to SNFs and readmissions.
- As acute care anchors begin to narrow networks, and bundled payments are introduced, the focus is on reducing the costs of the post acute care of the episode, while improving the quality of that care, thus reducing the occurrence of readmissions.
- Those post acute providers who can control costs and provide high quality care will be the survivors of this industry transformation.

# ABC Hospital Case Study – 2013 % of Total Payments, 90 Day Fixed Episodes

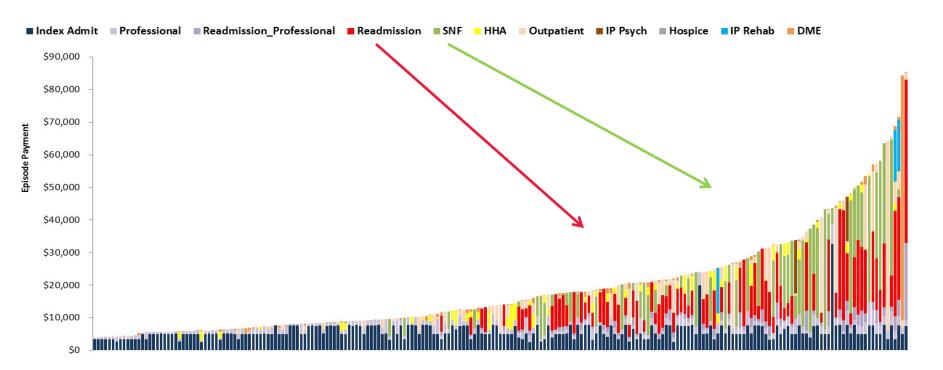




# Episode Family: Congestive Heart Failure - DRGs 291-293

Through an analysis of the hospital case study, a wide variability of costs were noted for the congestive heart failure family of episodes.

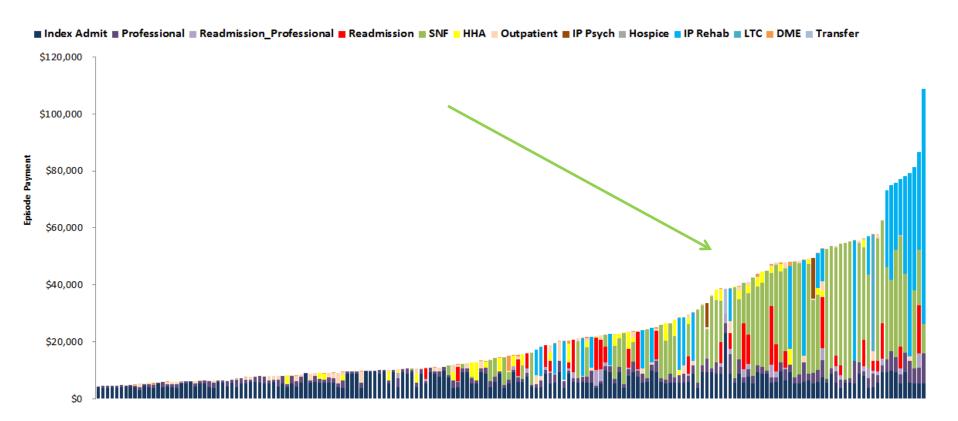
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# Episode Group: Stroke - DRGs 061-066

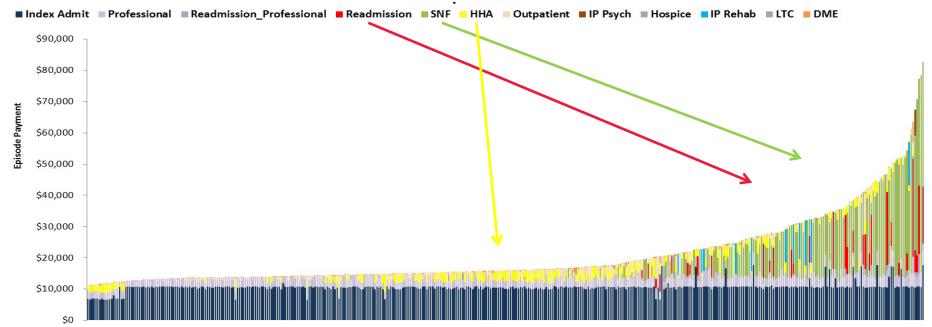
Through an analysis of the hospital case study, a wide variability of costs were noted for the stroke family of episodes. <u>SNFs</u> were again a large component of this variability.





# Episode Family: Major Joint Replacement - DRG 469 & 470

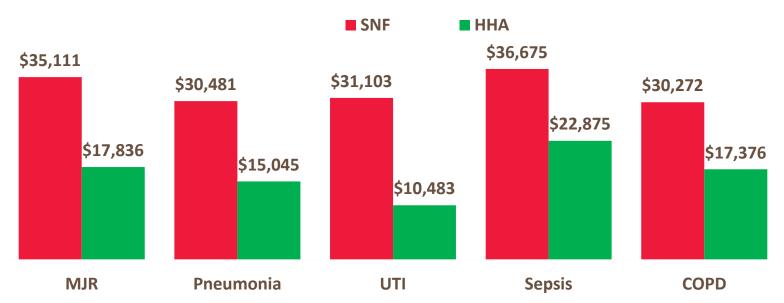
Through an analysis of the hospital case study, a wide variability of costs were noted for the joint replacement family of episodes. Readmissions and SNFs were a large component of this variability. However, note the large usage of home health agencies as well - a sign of moving costs from high cost SNFs to low cost home health providers.





# Home Health vs. SNF as First Post Acute Care Setting

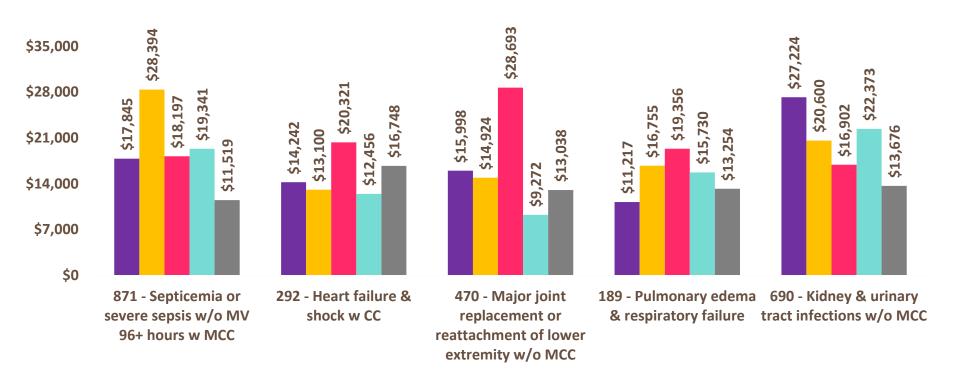
For the major episodic families below, a SNF as the first post acute care setting costs Medicare, on average, \$16,000 more than if a home health agency (HHA) was the first post acute care setting. Anchor acute care hospitals, as well as CMS, are beginning to look at <a href="https://example.com/HHAs">HHAs as a more fiscally reasonable op</a>tion in referring certain patients for post acute care.





## **DRG Cost Variance Across SNFs**

In the case study, there was a wide variability of payments for post acute care for the same DRGs. Hospitals and CMS are shifting their focus to a more consistent, lower cost facility as part of creating the narrow network, and those who can demonstrate that will become part of those networks.





# Comparative SNF Performance in Market

As narrow networks and bundled payments begin to emerge, hospitals are analyzing their partners in the complete episode of care, with SNFs being the most substantial in the context on number of episodes of care. Most significantly, costs and quality are being assessed to identify those few SNFs that they want to partner with going forward. Below is a <u>case study</u> of such an analysis by a hospital developing a narrow network and bundled payments.

SNF Provider	Episodes to SNF		Payments to SNF		Readmissions		ALOS
	Total	% to Total	Avg	% of Total	Total	Readmit Rate	ALOS
National Benchmark			\$15,294			16.6 %	29.8
State Benchmark			\$17,700			16.6 %	35.0
SNF 1	158	11.2%	\$20,737	12.6%	32	20.3%	48.9
SNF 2	154	10.9%	\$20,309	12.0%	36	23.4%	41.1
SNF 3	109	7.7%	\$13,483	5.6%	7	6.4%	31.9
SNF 4	85	6.0%	\$17,223	5.6%	14	16.5%	34.9
SNF 5	78	5.5%	\$16,693	5.0%	13	16.7%	33.5
SNF 6	74	5.2%	\$15,841	4.5%	13	17.6%	33.1
SNF 7	71	5.0%	\$18,540	5.1%	12	16.9%	44.0
All Other Average	684	48.4%	\$18,849	49.5%	141	20.6%	39.3
Total when SNF is the 1st PAC	1,331		\$19,550		268	20.1%	43.1



# Comparative SNF Performance in Market (cont.)

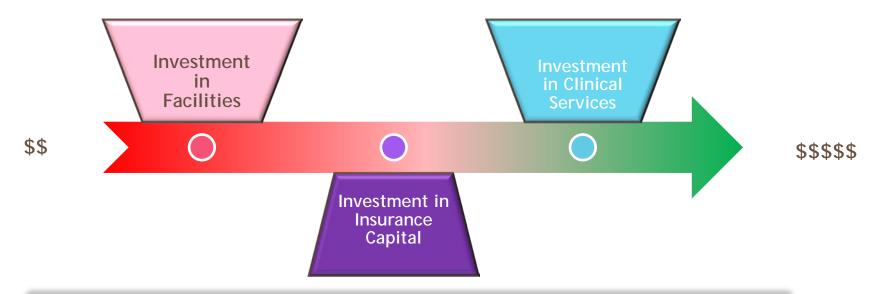
- On the previous chart, the hospital performed an analysis of their top referral SNFs, including referrals, payments, readmissions and average length of stay (ALOS)
- The top two referral SNFs demonstrated higher costs, higher readmissions, and longer ALOS
- ▶ The hospital, in identifying its go forward partners, looked for those SNFs who could meet low readmission standards and low ALOS. In return, those who reduced the ALOS would see an increase in their number of patients by participating in the narrow network
- In the final cut of SNF partners identified as being in the hospital's narrow network of SNF post acute care providers, either one of both of these SNFs did not make it into the network. History is not necessarily a predictor of the future.



# **OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS**

# **Operational Analysis**

Need to Determine Management Bandwidth, Balance Sheet Capacity, Risk Tolerance and Return on Investment



Staffing, Contracting, Legal, Accounting, Referrals, IT, Management, Physician Relationships, Clinical Outcomes



## Where Do We Go From Here?



### Strengths

- Clinical
- Financial
- Operational

### **Threats**

- Potential exclusion from narrow networks
- Potential decrease in fair market value
- Decrease in reimbursement from move to value-based reimbursement
- Potential closure of business



### **Benefits**

- Probable increase in fair market value
- Positive positioning for participation in narrow networks and bundled payments
- If selling, maximization of return on depleting investment
- Solidification of generational financial security

### Challenges

- Significant investment in operations and balance sheet
- Cultural change



# **QUESTIONS?**

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### Reimbursement determined by clinical outcomes

Regulators and payers will reward superior clinical outcomes – and penalize underperformers.

### Patients as customers

Patient perceptions will be measured, analyzed, and factored into reimbursement levels.

### Increasing focus on fraud, waste, and abuse

As budgets tighten, there will be growing pressure to prevent, detect, and resolve financial and clinical improprieties.

### Accelerating M&A activity

Intensive merger activity for strategic and financial healthcare buyers will continue.

### Restructuring and redesign for sustainability

Medicaid waivers, new regulations, and risk-based reimbursement models will require integrated financial and operational restructuring.

By 2020, approximately 1 in 5 hosvitals will be sold, closed, or merged.

### MEASUREMENT: THE NEW STANDARD

Regulators and payers are aggressively seeking to reward superior clinical performance and penalize underperformers. Quality rating systems, standardized benchmarks, and quantitative analysis are the new determinants of reimbursement, altering the very nature of the industry's risks and opportunities.

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Comprehensive measurement capabilities enable: **Providers Investors Payers** 

to manage the sustainable future state model and capital structure

to assess performance

to evaluate capital and profitability gaps and requirements consumer of operating experience. model.

### Consumers

to determine the real vs perceived value of clinical services rendered

### Regulators

To verify services rendered and ensure appropriate payment

More than 50% of reimbursement for healthcare services will be risk-based.

Does our current structure align with our future needs?

How do we balance financial performance with patient health and satisfaction?

Do we grow organically, by acquisition, or both?

Who has the vision to help us get where we need to go?

Which data analytics do we use to measure performance?

Are we even viable under the new reimbursement models?



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