

Background

UCSF Health has entered into contractual agreements with multiple payors obligating us to provide care management to their complex patient populations and achieve health quality goals, while decreasing the overall cost of care.

- **Customer Benefit:** Improve health outcomes, patient well-being and confidence in self-management of chronic conditions.
- **Expected Financial Impact:** Continued accountable care partnerships allow for improved processes and decreased health system cost
- **Other Business Benefit:** Promoting right level of care at the right time reduces negative impacts of unnecessary ED visits and/or hospitalizations and subsequent strain on the health system

Project Goals

- **Outcome Measures:** Total volume of ED/OBS/IP encounters in PC empaneled ACO patients; Rate of ED/OBS/IP utilization in PC empaneled ACO patients; # patients admitted to MAACC; duration of admission with MAACC
- **Process Measures:** Operationalizing our RWB to identify complex patients; % of patients who achieve their Discharge Goals within 90 days; documentation of addressing SDOH
- **Balancing Measures:** Increased rate of primary care visits

PROBLEM STATEMENT: In assuming the complex care management of the ACO and Medicare Advantage populations, Care Support’s mission is to decrease overall cost of care by reducing unnecessary health system utilization while improving health outcome metrics and patient well-being.

WE DECREASED EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UTILIZATION BY > 70% IN COHORT OF PATIENTS ENGAGED IN MAACC, IN THE 6 MONTHS FOLLOWING VERSUS THE 6 MONTHS PRIOR TO ENGAGEMENT.

Project Plan and Intervention(s)

HYPOTHESIS: Patients who receive interventions focused on the Care Support Domains during a 60 – 90 day longitudinal episode will be better prepared to manage their own health, resulting in reduced strain on the health care system and decreased overall cost of care.

Patient Identification:

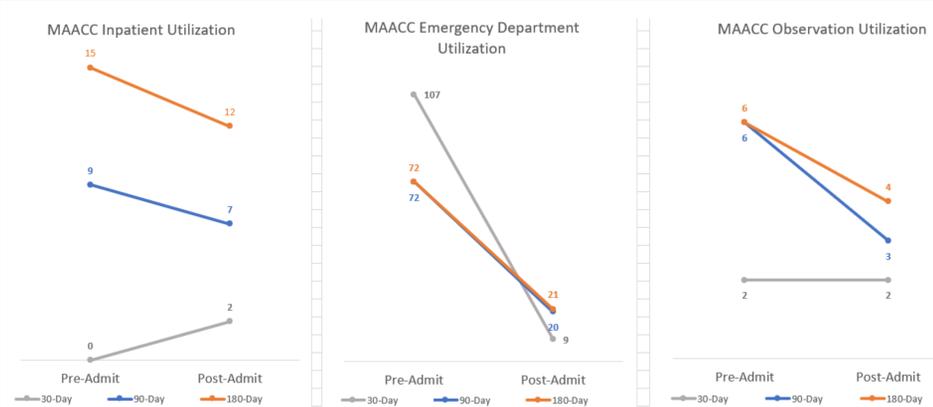
- Patients seen in Parnassus ED in previous 7 days (“ED Trigger Report”)
- Patients with medical complexity and utilization in last 12 months (reporting workbench in Apex)

Key Interventions:

- **ED Transition of Care call**
 - Patient education on discharge plan and medication changes
 - Scheduling of PCP/specialty follow up care
 - Coordination of services (e.g., home health, transportation, in home support)
- **Assess Care Support domains and develop targeted, time-bound plan of care**

Care Support Domains:
 Address Social Determinants of Health
 Address medication and chronic condition self-management
 Care coordination to schedule essential testing and timely follow up
 Provide education on early symptom recognition
 Reinforce accessing appropriate levels of care (AALOC)

Project Results & Impact



For patients tracked 180 days pre & post date of enrollment:

	Type of Visit		
	IP	ED	OBS
% Change in Utilization from Pre- to Post-Admit	-40.0%	-78.2%	-33.3%
P-Value - < 0.05 is significant	0.289	0.001	0.509

Conclusions, Next Steps, & Lessons Learned

Conclusions & Lessons Learned:

- Commercial ACO population demonstrated lower complexity and less hospital utilization than previous populations our team has worked with.
- Many patients were unaware of ability to access primary care provider after hours for medical advice.
- Patients’ self-reported health measures (SF-2 PROM) showed improvement after our intervention.
- Patients expressed appreciation for and reported benefitting from our team’s outreach, even those who required minimal intervention.
- Achieving these results required a high touch approach from an expert clinical team
 - In first 3 quarters of FY22: 488 unique patients received 3,496 interactions

Next Steps:

- Partner with data/Apex experts to refine patient identification efforts.
- Consider opening referral to Primary Care and Specialty Care at UCSF as a way to identify complex patients.
- Consider expanding with Health Care Navigator support to continue the work of the ED Trigger Report.



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