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State of Assessment Standardization

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Background on Roundtable

- LTQA Annual Meeting 2013: Building Bridges Across the Continuum To Achieve Person-Centered Care
  - *Blending medical and long-term services and supports*
  - *Managing and optimizing the costs of people with long-term care needs*
  - *Using data to promote continuity of care and increase accountability*
  - *Redesigning payments at the state and local level*

Person-Centered Initiatives for LTSS

- Attendees: Many funded by CMS or ACL to develop person-centered initiatives for LTSS populations
- Awardees included
  - Accountable care organizations/Medical Homes
  - Prepaid delivery systems for LTSS and health services (Commonwealth Care Alliance)
  - Residential entities (national church residences)
  - Home-based systems (SASH in Vt)
  - Workforce programs (PEARL):training AAAs in identifying depression needs
  - Data systems like IMPACT funded by ONC to create exchangeable data across caregivers

Take-Home Message

- Person-centered services for LTSS populations need to integrate both health and social support systems around the person's needs
  - Identify entire range of service needs
  - Coordinate resources from both health and LTSS financing streams
  - Communicate across parties
    - Person, families, caregivers (both formal and informal)
      - In-person, phones, fax, internet
  - Standardize language to allow better coordination, communication, information-sharing

Federal Initiatives:Person-Centered Care

- Triple Aims- Better care, lower cost, better outcomes
  - Medicare program
    - Setting-agnostic quality reporting
    - Standardized assessment data to create exchangeable data across providers
    - Meaningful Use to support data exchange across team
    - Accountable Care Organizations
    - Medical Homes
    - Value-Based Purchasing
    - Bundled Payments

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- Triple Aims- Better care, lower cost, better outcomes
  - Medicaid LTSS:
    - ADRCs to provide one-stop shopping information
    - Balancing Incentives Program to help states rebalance → stronger community-based LTSS
    - Managed LTSS expansion
    - ACL Transitions Programs
    - Testing Experience and Functional Tools program to provide resources to state LTSS programs

Core Activities Across Efforts

- Manage the person's needs –
  - Determine level of need
  - Identify available resources
  - Provide access to care

- Common Focus Areas
  - Health status
  - Functional status
  - Cognitive status
  - Social supports
  - Financial supports
  - Caregiver needs

Purpose of This Meeting

- Provide an overview of the range of activities relying on coordinating information about the person's needs
  - State mandates
  - Federal initiatives (content, HIT)
  - Federal grants to build systems
  - Resources for content, HIT
    - Federal public domain
    - State public domain
    - Commercial
    - Other
- Facilitate a discussion/set a direction to assist everyone in moving towards standardized, exchangeable data elements for assessing populations with LTSS needs

Meeting Goals

- Discuss commonalities/differences in standardized assessment approaches
- Identify resources states can use to build/strengthen their person-centered LTSS systems
- Identify gaps in resources currently identified
- Prioritize next steps for addressing gaps
- Make recommendations for building a national community around the effort advance standardized assessment items