

COLLABORATIVE CARE MODEL (CoCM)

Nationally, one in five adults experience a mental illness each year. Yet, in Florida, 63% of those adults did not receive treatment for their mental illness in the past year. The lack of available services is an avoidable strain that can be reduced with the integration of physical and behavioral health.

The Collaborative Care Model (CoCM) is a clinically proven healthcare delivery model that bridges the gap in care by providing a primary care team that works in collaboration with a psychiatrist to deliver timely treatment to vulnerable patients. This has vast implications for hospitals, and patients, and can improve the overall approach to the behavioral health system.

The CoCM extends the capability of primary care teams to identify and treat people with common, less complex, behavioral conditions. This model also includes a patient registry and validated screening tools, designed to standardize care and follow-up. While Medicare typically reimburses for CoCM, states can implement Medicaid-reimbursable billing care codes to allow providers to bill for behavioral health services in primary care settings.

Impact on Hospitals



**Reduction of
Health Care
Cost**



**Improved Patient
Outcomes**



**Reduction of
Emergency Room
Admissions**



**Reduction in
Waitlist**

Medicaid is the single largest payor for behavioral health services, and the implementation of CoCM as a Medicaid-reimbursable service would help identify, diagnose, and treat the vast amount of Medicaid patients who require behavioral health care but may not have received it due to limited access to primary care.

Adding the appropriate billing care codes will allow health care providers to deliver integrated care and receive Medicaid reimbursement for these services. Adapting care codes for CoCM allows providers to provide comprehensive, whole-person care, improve patient outcomes, and receive payment for services provided.



FHA supports the adoption of the CoCM model to manage the full continuum of care for Medicaid recipients, integrating physical and behavioral services.

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