



An Economic Evaluation of the Homeless to Home Health Care After-Hours Service

As we're aware, NYS' health care system has undergone transformation with MRT and will continue to rapidly evolve as payment systems for Medicaid and Medicare transition from fee-for-service to value based payments. How NYS' health care system evolves however will depend on how Performing Provider Systems (PPS), Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMHs) use their regulatory waiver discretion to achieve the mutually beneficial goals of improved health care outcomes and decreased health care expenditures. Will housing be a part of this evolution? Can housing find its way into a PPS, ACO or PCMH?

The following article is an economic evaluation of an initiative called the "Homeless to Home Healthcare After-Hours Service," conducted in Melbourne, Australia. The service is provided through a collaborative approach where nurses work with an outreach team of housing-providers to offer outreach directly to people living on the street and making home visits when people who have experienced chronic homelessness are housed. The study evaluation found that the net benefits of program outweighed its costs. This included the perspectives of both the hospital system costs and the monetized benefits of improvements in health-related quality-of-life. Perhaps it's an intervention that that PPS' may find beneficial to reduce costs and improve outcomes for chronically ill populations with co-morbid disabilities.

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