Transition Payment Leadership Roundtable Project Summary

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The National Alliance to Advance Adolescent Health, with funding support from the Lucile Packard Foundation for Children’s Health, will convene an expert committee of public and private payers and health plan leaders to develop recommendations and action steps for advancing payment innovations in pediatric-to-adult transition care.

This year-long effort is intended to reduce the payment barriers that impede the adoption of evidence-based approaches aligned with the Transition Clinical Report, which was jointly published by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American College of Physicians. The Clinical Report specifies a defined delivery system algorithm for transition for all youth starting early in adolescence and continuing into young adulthood. Although the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have prioritized hospital-to-home transitions, there have been no comparable demonstration or policy directives to encourage planned pediatric-to-adult transition despite increasing evidence showing the positive benefits of structured transition interventions in terms of population health, consumer satisfaction, and utilization.

The National Alliance, which operates the federally funded national resource center on health care transition (Got Transition), plans to invite 15-20 leaders from CMS, state Medicaid agencies, commercial payers, health plans/Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), and transition clinical experts to attend a roundtable in DC to produce new payment recommendations. Prior to the invitational roundtable, The National Alliance team will prepare a background paper on alternative payment options based on key informant interviews, synthesis of Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) investments, and literature reviews. This paper is intended to stimulate and guide the discussion and development of recommended financial incentives and action steps. The Transition Payment Roundtable results will be shared widely in the form of a report, planned webinars, and presentations scheduled at national meetings and with key insurance and health plan organizations.

For more information about the Transition Payment Roundtable, please contact Annie Schmidt at ASchmidt@TheNationalAlliance.org.

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