

Specialty Care Strategy Listening Session

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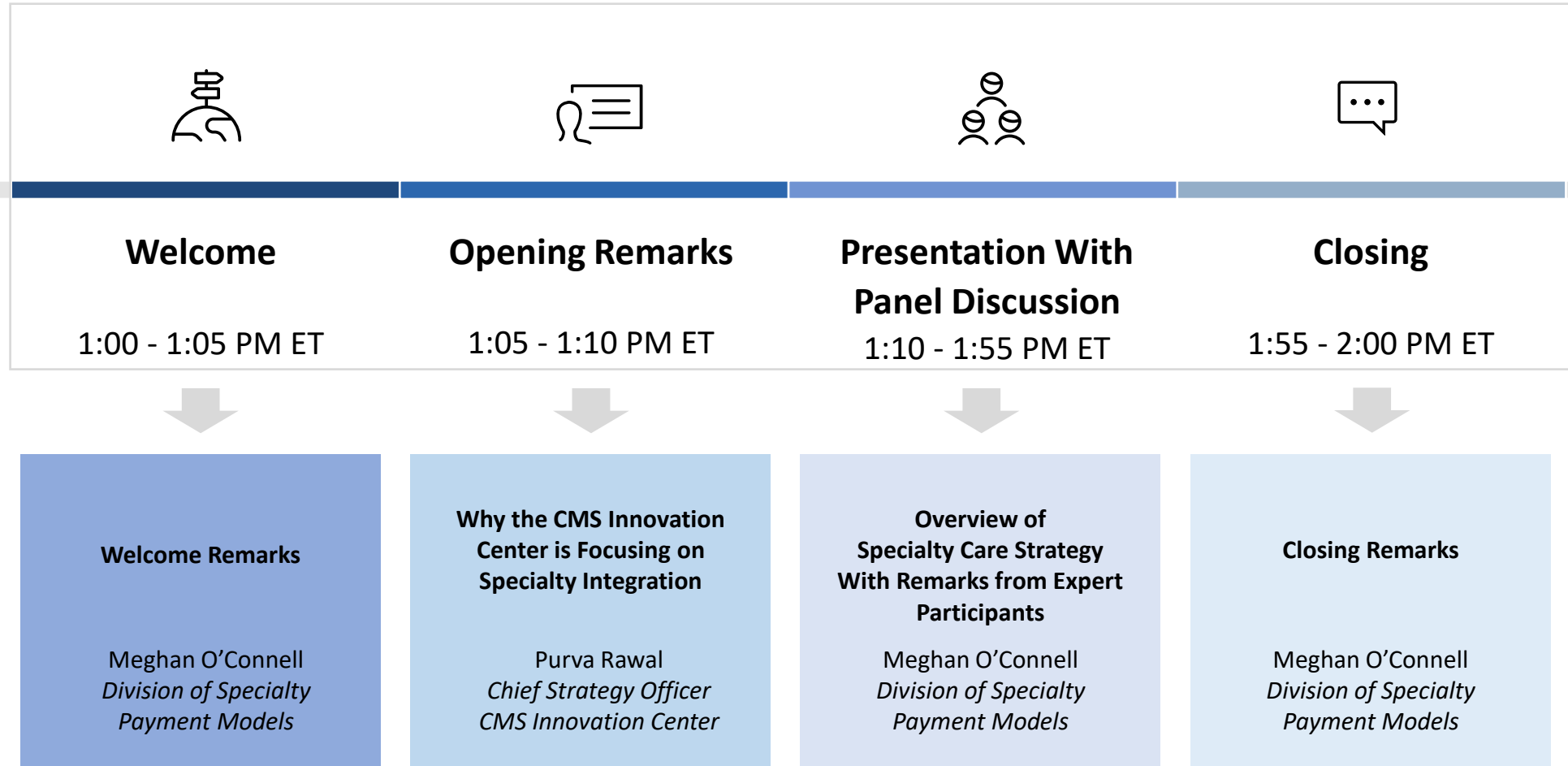


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Agenda



Why is the CMS Innovation Center Focusing on Specialty Care Integration?

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The goal is to “...have 100 percent of beneficiaries in Traditional Medicare and the vast majority of Medicaid beneficiaries in accountable care relationships by 2030...through advanced primary care or ACOs, and these entities are expected to coordinate with or fully integrate specialty care to deliver whole-person care.”

- CMS Innovation Specialty Care Blog, June 2022

CMS Innovation Center Specialty Care Strategy

The CMS Innovation Center's Strategy to Support Person-centered, Value-based Specialty Care

1	Enhance Specialty Care Performance Data Transparency	Short-term Long-term
2	Maintain Momentum on Acute Episode Payment Models and Condition-Based Models	Short-term Long-term
3	Create Financial Incentives within Primary Care for Specialist Engagement	Short-term Long-term
4	Create Financial Incentives for Specialists to Affiliate with Population-based Models and Move to Value-Based Care	Long-term

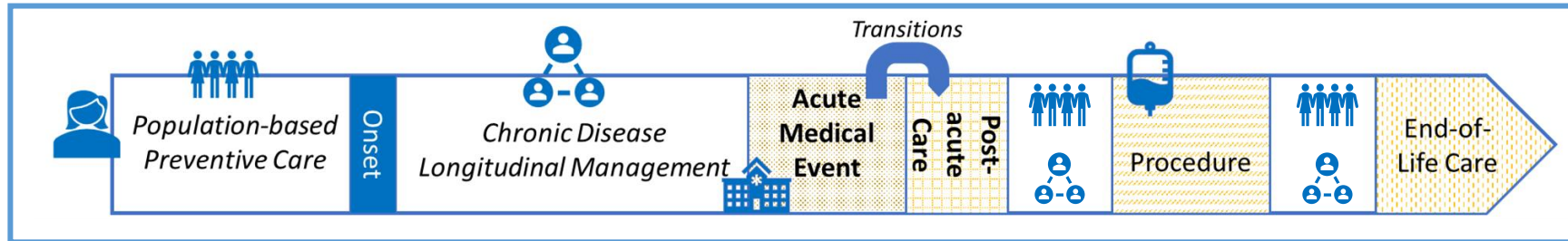
Element #1: Enhance Specialty Care Performance Data Transparency

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1. Enhance specialty care performance data and dashboards to give population-based model participants the ability to compare quality and costs of procedural or acute episodes of care, as well as better information on specialist performance (shadow bundles).

Short-term

2. Develop and distribute industry standard definitions of condition-based episodes for ACOs to improve management of specialty care and to support sub-contracting efforts with specialists.

Long-term

Prompt 1: How can increasing transparency on specialty care performance data enable a better experience for patients?

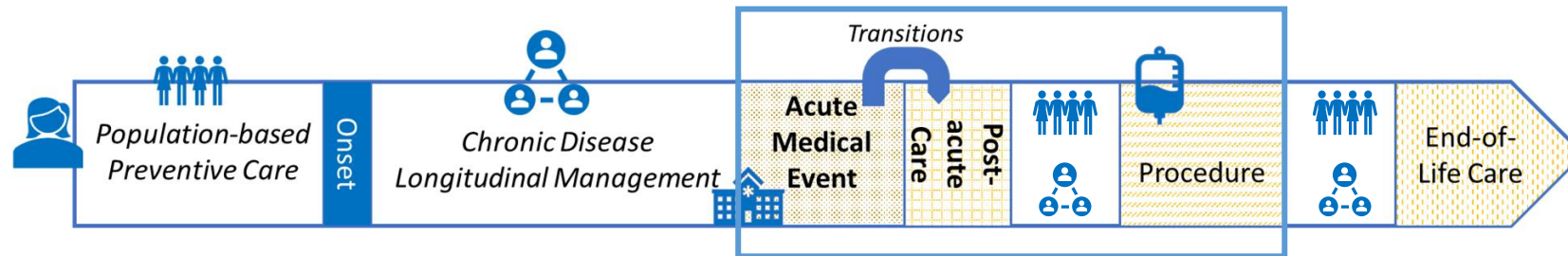
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Element #2: Maintain Momentum on Acute Episode Payment Models and Condition-Based Models



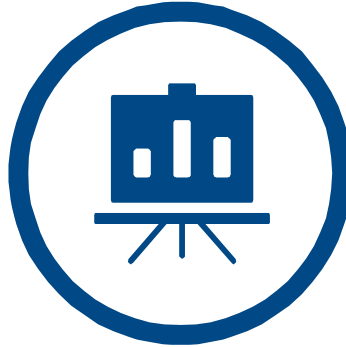
1. **Extend BPCI Advanced** for two years through 2025.
2. **Launch a new model** focusing on beneficiaries with cancer—the Enhancing Oncology Model.

Short-term

3. **Test a new mandatory acute episode payment model** that improves acute care and care transitions, while supporting the goals of longitudinal, accountable care.

Long-term

Audience Poll Question #1



Please write your response:

What are two top considerations for providers and patients in the testing of a mandatory acute episode-based model?

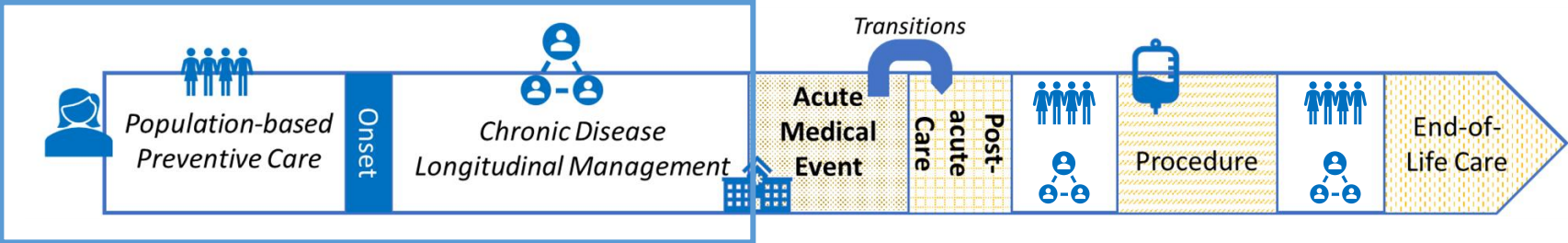
Prompt 2: What are the key issues to consider in testing an acute mandatory bundled payment model that would aim to improve patient outcomes, care transitions, and transition back to primary care?

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Element #3: Create Financial Incentives within Primary Care for Specialist Engagement



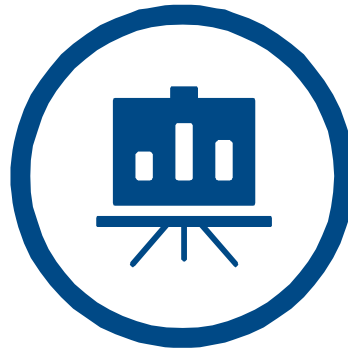
1. Explore the use of e-consults and enhanced referrals in advanced primary care models to improve access to specialty care and reduce wait times for specialty visits.

Short-term

2. Test the potential to establish financial targets for high-volume, high-cost specialty care within population-based models.

Long-term

Audience Poll Question #2



In your opinion, what should be the focus of service delivery and payment approaches aimed at improving the experience of specialty services for beneficiaries?

- A. Increasing communication and coordination between primary care and specialists
- B. Expanding specialty integration with primary care
- C. Increasing equitable access to specialty care
- D. Ensuring primary care leverage for specialist management
- E. Other (enter in Q&A)

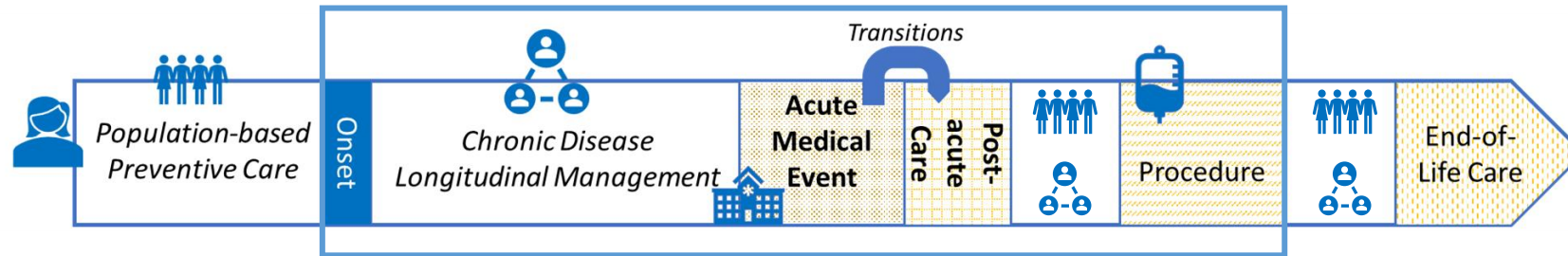
Prompt 3: What types of incentives could support specialists engaging with primary care providers to deliver accountable care?

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Element #4: Create Financial Incentives for Specialists to Affiliate with Population-based Models



- 1. For hospital-affiliated ACOs**, explore sub-population condition and procedure-based spending targets, layered underneath the ACO’s benchmark, to promote active longitudinal management of high-volume and costly conditions.
- 2. For physician-affiliated ACOs**, encourage specialists to meet sub-population condition and procedure-based spending targets with same risk and reward as hospital-affiliated ACOs.

Long-term

Prompt 4: What are promising approaches to engaging specialists in value-based care and affiliating with ACOs?

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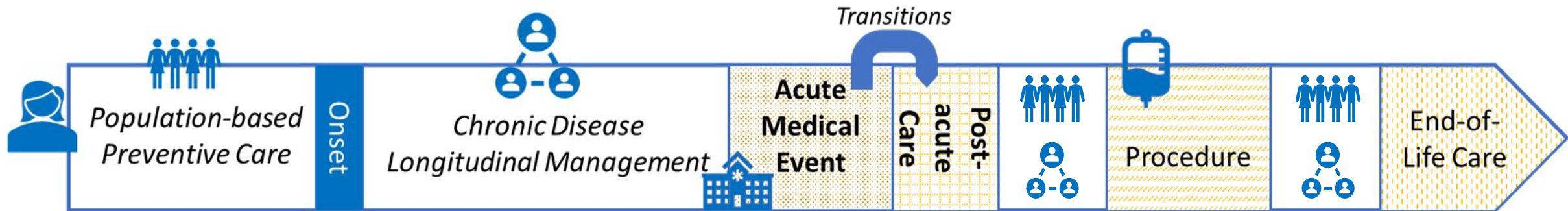
How Do the Solutions Fit Together?

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Increase Transparency Through Enhanced Data Sharing and Specialist Performance Measures

2

BPCI Advanced Extension
Mandatory Episode Payment Model



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Specialist Engagement with Advanced Primary Care

4

ACO Condition and Procedure Management

Closing Remarks

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- Read the [November 2022 CMS Blog: The CMS Innovation Center's Strategy to Support Person-centered, Value-based Specialty Care](#)
- Read the [June 2022 CMS Blog: Pathways for Specialty Care Coordination and Integration in Population-based Models](#)
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