Home-Based Primary Care

What is it?

- In a Home-Based Primary Care model, an interdisciplinary team provides comprehensive, coordinated primary care to patients in their homes.
- This program is intended to serve the most vulnerable older adults. It targets the highest risk, highest cost Medicare beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions.
- The Affordable Care Act created a demonstration project to test this home-based primary care model, called the Independence at Home program.

Where is it happening?

- More than 70 health care organizations in 24 states and the District of Columbia operate home-based primary care programs.
- The Independence at Home demonstration program created by the Affordable Care Act will begin January 1, 2012. Under the program, up to 10,000 high risk, high cost Medicare beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions may receive comprehensive home-based primary care services.

Why is it a good thing?

- Evidence shows that by providing highly coordinated, comprehensive, team-based care, home-based primary care has helped patients to avoid unnecessary hospitalizations and trips to the emergency room, and reduced the need for patients to be in nursing homes.
- The home-based primary care model holds providers accountable for achieving good health outcomes for patients, and high patient and caregiver satisfaction.
- By targeting these services to the highest risk, highest cost patients, home-based primary care has shown the potential to significantly reduce health care costs.

For more information, visit:

- Independence at Home – http://www.iahnow.com/

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