

Full Practice Authority in Tennessee: Lessons Learned

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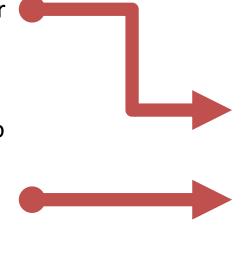




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National Investment in Quality Improvement

- Changes to the health care system are here
- Nurse practitioners (NPs) will play a key role during the critical transition from Feefor-Service to Value-Based Reimbursement
- NNCC and the AANP have partnered together to create the Nurse Practitioner
 Support & Alignment Network (NP SAN):
 - Prepare NPs for the upcoming changes to the health care system
 - Provide free continuing education & professional development centered around value-based health care practices
 - Offer key training opportunities that ready practices for Value-Based
 Reimbursement



Preparing NPs for Value-Based Reimbursement

What is the Quality Payment Program?

Began in 2017 as a result of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) and requires CMS by law to implement an incentive program referred to as the *Quality Payment Program*, that provides for two participation tracks:

Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

MIPS

If you decide to participate in MIPS, you will earn a performance-based payment adjustment through MIPS.

OR

Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs)

Advanced APMs

If you decide to take part in an Advanced APM, you may earn a Medicare incentive payment for participating in an innovative payment model.





MIPS vs. APMs



MIPs vs. APMs Timeline



- Designed for individuals & small practices
- Four (4) performance areas
- Replaces all current incentive programs
- Exempt if practice DOES NOT meet low volume threshold.

- Higher risk model
- Risk is shared throughout the APM
- Number of acceptable payment models is limited
- Rules to being considered a qualified provider (QP)





Where Can I Go to Learn More?

1. CMS QPP website www.qpp.cms.gov

2. NPI Lookup for participation status

https://qpp.cms.gov/participation-lookup

3. AANP

https://www.aanp.org/legislation-regulation/federal-legislation/macra-s-quality-payment-program







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Learner objectives

- Describe distractions and distortions used by physician members of a Tennessee General Assembly (TGA) Scope of Practice Task Force to block efforts to advance full practice authority (FPA) for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs)
- Discuss lessons learned from the TGA Scope of Practice Task Force
- Describe the value of media for advocacy and advancing policy goals
- Discuss media messaging basics
- Review media options



Distractions & distortions

Distraction

Adequacy of APRN education

- Comparing years of education & clinical hours physicians & APRNs have before practice is irrelevant
- Care should be evaluated using clinical & patient satisfaction outcomes
- Limiting APRN scope of practice because physicians have more education is misdirected; physicians are over-prepared for the majority of primary care services delivery

Distortion

Dismissal of scientific evidence

- Physicians questioned evidence by questioning methodology
- Health services research frequently relies on natural experiments & other methodologies
- Frieden (2017):
 - Use complement of evidence
 - Natural experiments provide actionable recommendations & should not be excluded in favor of RCT data

Distortion

Denial of access problems

- Rural health care access & health disparities are persistent problems
- Evidence of access problems & disparities in Tennessee from reputable sources is strong
- Denial of access problems in the state was shameless political posturing & contradictory to prior Tennessee Medical Association statements

Distortion

Blaming APRNs for state's prescription drug abuse epidemic

- Many controls already implemented:
 CSMD, limits MME, top prescriber report
- Every APRN has a supervising physician; supervision relates to prescribing
- Agreement on need to address opioid overprescribing & improve efficiency & improve efficiency of disciplining outlier prescribers



Lessons learned

Imperative to engage nurses & stakeholders from all sectors

- Resistant states need to re-think strategies & develop messages that appeal to conservative stakeholders
- Target non-nursing sectors:
 - Business & industry, local & state elected & appointed government officials, consumer groups, & health care associations
- Need to build coalitions & nurture relationships; this takes time

Evidence is a beginning & means, but not an end

- Need to translate evidence into easy-tounderstand, effective message(s) that resonates with stakeholders & motivates them to act
 - Focus on benefits FPA to individuals, diverse communities, & state
 - Need consistent talking points, handouts, & policy briefs tailored to specific audiences
 - Harness power of stories
 - Clearly outline what needs to change & why

Unity is powerful

- All APRN groups & specialties need to unite to work for common purpose, pool resource, & coordinate efforts
- The opposition exploits divisions & discord

Full practice authority is about access to high-quality, cost-effective care that honors patients' choice of providers

- Motivation & discussion on FPA must be patient-centered.
 - Transform delivery of care
 - Facilitate delivery of care that is supported by 50+ years of evidence
 - Promote competition & patient choice



A later lesson learned

Media is an essential advocacy tool.

Leaders & public not getting information & ideas needed to make best decisions.





THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Source: OpEd Project



Why nurses?

- Nurses, women in general, are underrepresented
- Can speak to the human experience
- Have specialized expertise on major topics of broad interest

Woodhull studies (1997 & 2018)

Nurses	1997	2018
% quotes newspapers	4%	2%
% quotes weekly & industry pubs	1%	
% mentioned in article	14%	13%
% identified in photographs	0%	4%

Nurses wholly absent from many stories despite relevancy of nursing perspective to topic

(Mason, Nixon, Glickstein, Han, Westphaln, & Carter L., 2018).

Woodhull studies (1997 & 2018)

Gender disparities	2018- Female	2018- Males
Quoted	34%	65%
Included in images	28%	72%

Nursing remains a predominately female profession, so the underrepresentation of women, in general, is undoubtedly a factor

(Mason, Nixon, Glickstein, Han, Westphaln, & Carter L., 2018)



Woodhull studies (1997 & 2018)

- 10 journalists interviewed; key findings:
 - Infrequently reach-out to nurses & other people not in position of authority
 - Asserted they have to justify using nurses
 - Journalists confused about what nurses do
 - Nurses not viewed as experts or key leaders
 - Nurses not promoted as subjects or sources

Power of YOU: Building your brand

- What happens because of me?
- What is my differentiation?
- What do I want to do?
- What makes me an expert



Ask yourself

- Why should readers trust you?
- Can you back up what you say?
- What's new?
- So what?
- What's the difference between being "right" and being "effective"?
- How will your ideas and arguments contribute to the conversation, and be helpful to your audience?

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Claim it!

- You are an expert; claim your expertise
 - Have "closer-than-normal" perspective
 - Education
 - Training
 - Personal experience
 - Privileged position
 - Trust

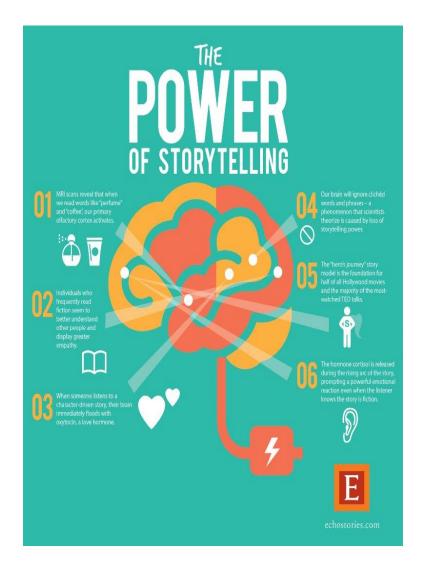
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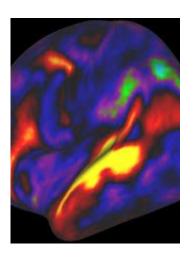
- Messaging is the foundational media skill: need short, compelling points
- Need to have a message plan: What am I trying to get "them" to do?
- For each media opportunity, make three points



Types of media

- Professional publications
- Twitter
- OpEds
- Other







Data makes us credible Stories make us memorable

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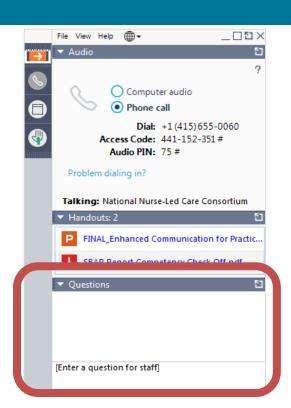
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