# Preparing Baccalaureate Graduates for Practice at the Interface of Population Health and Value-Based Programs

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# Learning Objectives

- Describe the evolution and scope of valuebased programs as enactments of population health initiatives.
- Identify key curricular strategies needed to prepare the baccalaureate nurse for population health practice and leadership in the context of value-based programs

# Nursing Practice at Intersections: Population Health and Value-Based Programs



# **Driving Forces**

- Magnitude of Health Care Cost
  - O 2017: \$3.5 Trillion, \$10,739/person, 17.9% of GDP (CMS, 2019)
  - Projected \$6.0 Trillion and 19.4% GDP by 2027 (CMS, 2019)
- Health Care Harm
- Diminished Health Outcomes
  - Particularly for those with physical and behavioral comorbidities
- Health Care Waste (Shrank et al. 2019; Berwick 2019)
  - \$760-935 Billion / year, approx. 25% of HC Spending

### Population Health – Evolving

#### Evolving definition of Population Health

- From focus on outcomes of groups (Kindig & Stoddard, 2003)...
- To include a collaborative focus with emphasis on upstream factors and inequities (Storfjell et al. 2017, p5;Stoto, 2013)

#### Population Health Management

○ Integrates health services design, delivery, coordination, and payment toward achieving IHI Triple Aim outcomes for a population (IHI 2014)

The IHI Triple Aim



**Experience of Care** 

Per Capita Cost

# Value-Based Programs (VBP)

- AKA: Value-based care, Value-based purchasing, Value-based payment
- A form of reimbursement that ties payments for care delivery to the quality of care provided and rewards providers for both efficiency and effectiveness
- An alternative and potential replacement for fee-forservice reimbursement
- Reflects federal, state and commercial purchasing initiatives that enact the IHI Triple Aim.
- Despite political discourse on the ACA, VBP has had solid bipartisan support
- NY: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9D4M-QsaNfM
- WA: <a href="https://youtu.be/bkBbcWldZHs">https://youtu.be/bkBbcWldZHs</a>

# Population Health + VBP

Goal: "Move the Needle" on Health



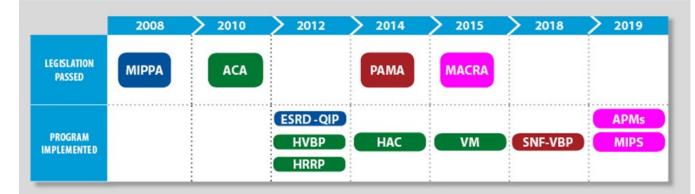


## Value-Based Programs

- Initiatives Driven by Federal Legislation
  - ACA
  - MACRA (Medicare access and Chip Reauthorization act of 2014)
- MACRA: Major Elements
  - Quality Payment Program (QPP)
    - Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
    - Individual provider/clinician/practice focused
  - Alternative Payment Model (APM)
    - Focused toward systems, ACOs, and large group
    - Multiple variations
- Progression to increased provider exposure to two-sided risk (savings benefit and loss risk)

### CMS VBP Timeline (CMS,2019)

#### **VALUE-BASED PROGRAMS**



#### **LEGISLATION**

ACA: Affordable Care Act

MACRA: the Medicare Access & CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015

MIPPA: Medicare Improvements for Patients & Providers Act

PAMA: Protecting Access to Medicare Act

#### **PROGRAM**

**APMs:** Alternative Payment Models

ESRD-QIP: End-Stage Renal Disease Quality Incentive Program

HACRP: Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program

HRRP: Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program

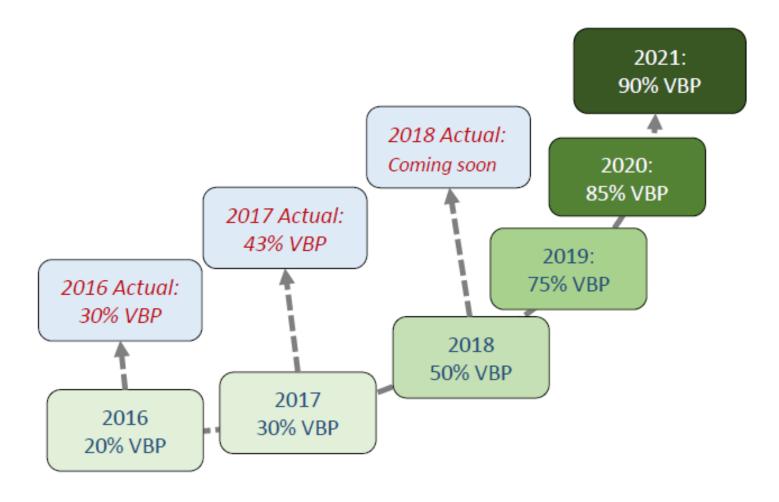
HVBP: Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program

MIPS: Merit-Based Incentive Payment System

VM: Value Modifier or Physician Value-Based Modifier (PVBM)

SNFVBP: Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program

# Washington State VBP Progress



WA Health Care Authority, October 2019

### Nursing Competencies for Population Health

(Storfjell, Winslow, & Saunders, 2017, p28)

Key Population-Focused Nursing Competencies	
BASIC*	ADVANCED**
Wholeness (whole-person & whole- community care)	Data fluency, assessment & analytic skills (including use of epidemiological data)
Coordination	Systems thinking
Collaboration (teamwork/partnering)	Public health science
Advocacy	Financial planning and management
Communication	Policy development/program planning
Assessment/Analysis	Ethical principles
Cultural competency/Diversity	
Attention to determinants of health	
Relationship-building	
Leadership	

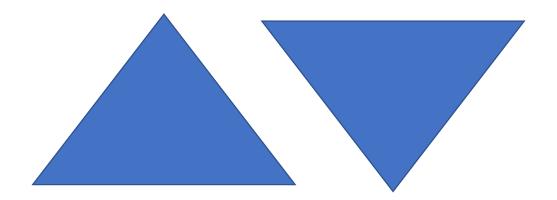
<sup>\*</sup>Basic population health competencies are required of all RNs.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Advanced competencies are required for BSN and graduate-level RNs.

### VBP, Population Health, & Nursing Education: Preparing the Baccalaureate Nurse

#### Curriculum considerations

- Policy
- Health Economics / Finance
- Population Health
- Primary Health Care
- Clinical/Practicum experiences



#### VBP, Population Health, & Nursing Education: *Preparing the Baccalaureate Nurse*

#### Emerging roles for BSN graduates

- Examples: Care Coordinator; Nurse Navigator; Community Health Nurse; Community-Centered Nurse; Public Health Nurse; Primary Care Nurse; Case managers, etc.
- ...but with impact on all realms of practice

### VBP, Population Health, & Nursing Education: Preparing the Baccalaureate Nurse

- Not necessarily additive
- Represents a culture change for nurses and educators
- Philosophy to be integrated through all curricula
- Preparation for emerging roles

Public health and Community Health experiences are not necessarily population health experiences

# Curriculum Strategies Social Determinants of Health

- Account for 80%+ variability in health
- Key Upstream-focused strategy
- Integrating SDOH assessment
  - CMS AHC-HRSN Tool
  - PRAPARE
  - Health Leads
  - ICD-10 z-codes in primary care

# Curriculum Strategies Cultural Competency/Humility/Diversity

Practicums/clinical with diverse communities

Simulation experiences

- Motivational interviewing
  - Values recognition and alignment

# Curriculum Strategies Collaboration/Communication/Advocacy

IHI/NPSF (2017) Network of Collaborators for Quality/Safety



- Integrative/Intersectoral mindset…"beyond interprofessional"
- Example: Engagement with area AHCs & ACOs

# Curriculum Strategies Data/Informatics Competency

#### **Emphasis on:**

- Understanding & recognizing data interoperability
- Application of community assessment data sets
  - Example: County Health Rankings & Roadmaps
    - https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/
- Analytic skills
- Information security

# Curriculum Strategies Financial Fluency

- Beyond Calculating FTE and staffing
- Speaking the <u>same</u> <u>language</u> as finance team
- Being a partner, not victim
- Impact of payment models
- Alternatives in allocation of resources & staffing
- Total cost/revenue perspectives

## **Curriculum Strategies**

