

# Finding and Managing Program Income: A Key to Financial Sustainability

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#### GOAL

Learning how an organization can achieve improved fiscal health and sustainability through program income diversification.





#### **OUTCOMES**

 Recognize the advantages and challenges of program income

 Understand the steps and decision process to establish, expand or hold

 Understand how to develop a plan for program income diversification





#### QUICK FACTS





- Most CBOs and CHCs struggle to stay solvent or face cash shortages from time to time.
- 2. The ACA is opening up revenue opportunities.





#### Primary Reason for Financial Issues

Insufficient cash inflow (revenue) to more than just cover expenses. There needs to be positive surplus, AKA gain, profit, income, margin.





## No Margin... No Mission









#### Further...

## ...your RW contract requires:

A. A written policy stating RW is the Payer of Last Resort, i.e., to first collect from Medicaid and other third parties.

B. Staff training on how to meet the above requirement.





#### and...

C. The screening of clients and assisting their enrollment.

C. Having the infrastructure to conduct third party billing.

D. Obtaining Medicaid certification as a provider, if offering billable services.





## On the plus side...

1. RW program revenues are not limited by the spending caps, and can be used for any admin or other expense that is program related, as well as capital expenditures.

2. This source of revenue is renewable as long as clients are retained.





#### More Motivation

 Some RW grant \$ for core services will likely be shifted to Medicaid.

Charitable donations



Corporate donations



Individual donations







## 501(c)(3) Tax Form

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## 501(c)(3) Tax Form

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## Some Myths

1. Nonprofits can't make a profit

2. If we earn money we will lose our nonprofit status

3. We will need to pay federal tax on any profits





## Nonprofit Funding Mix

Source	СВО	University	Red Cross
Individuals	2	35	51
Government	80	5	1
Foundations	13	5	0
Fundraising	5	0	0
Investments	0	20	2
Program Income	0	35	47
Total	100%	100%	100%





## OK... so how?





## Best New Opportunity

The Affordable Care Act has opened up new avenues for receiving fees for service, AKA Program Revenue and Program Income.





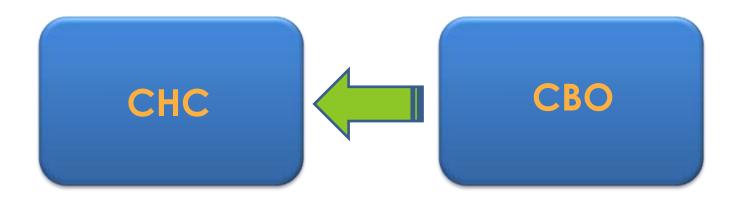
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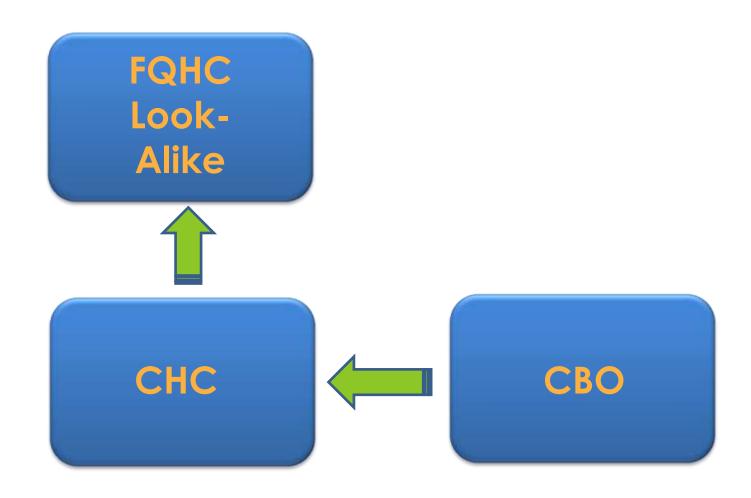
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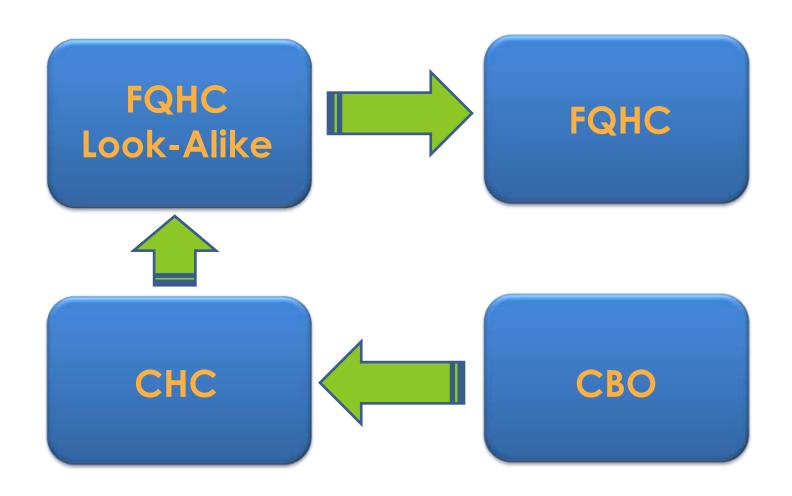
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#### If interested...

Community Health Care Association of New York 212-279-9866 info@chcanys.org





#### **FACT**

Revenues derived from patients or third parties can play an important role in financial sustainability as well as comply with grant requirements.





#### FACT

Ryan White grantees and subcontractors must observe the requirement of Payer of Last Resort... they are expected to make reasonable efforts to secure other funding for expenses whenever possible. Primary focus is upon Medicaid, ADAP or other third-party payers.





#### **ASSESSMENT**

# So, let's take a look at third party billing....





## Third-party Billing

Taking wing....









#### Advantages of Medicaid/Medicare Revenues

Provides ongoing revenue stream

- Expands patient access to services
- Eligibility to apply for additional federal grant funds





### Medicare Patient Qualifications

Age 65 and older

U.S. Citizen or 5 year legal resident

Under 65 but disabled

Miscellaneous other exceptions to age





#### Medicare Provider Qualifications

- Eligible type of service(s)
- Operational
- Licenses and certifications
- Regulatory compliance
- Site inspection





#### Medicare & Medicaid Fiscal Intermediaries

- Provider enrollment
- Claims processing
- Claims payment
- Audits
- Reports





## NY Fiscal Intermediary Medicare 2014

National Government Services (NGS)

phone: 888-379-9132

<u>Applications</u>

paper: CMS 855

online: pecos.cms.hhs.gov/





#### Medicare Provider Education\*

Medicare University

New Provider Center

Advisory Group

Training Event Calendar

Training Summaries

\*www.ngsmedicare.com





## Medicare

#### Peer Comments





## Medicaid

Now: 50 million enrolled 2030: Est. 80 million







## Medicaid

It is estimated more than half of people living with AIDS receive Medicaid benefits





## Medicaid

Approximately 50% of cost is paid by the State

eMedNY NY State Dept. of Health





# NY Medicaid Fiscal Agent 2014

Computer Sciences Corp. 800-343-9000





#### Medicaid Patient Qualifications

NY Resident

• U.S. Citizen or qualified alien

Income and wealth limitations





#### Medicaid Provider Qualifications

- Medicare certification
- Eligible service
- Operational
- Licenses and certifications
- Background check





## The ACA Opportunity

+ 300,000 new Medicaid enrollees in NY

+ 950,000 total new enrollees, 70% previously uninsured

15 Marketplace companies





# Medicaid

#### Peer Comments





#### HRSA 340B Program

- Outpatient discount drugs
- RW grantees are eligible
- Online registration:

#### http//opanet.hrsa.gov/opa

- Local pharmacy contract
- Patient eligibility
- Bill Medicaid or other third party
- Related business revenue





# 340B Case Study

# Callen – Lourde FQHC in NYC

www.nyshealthfoundation.org











# Management of Program Service Revenues: The Revenue Cycle





Healthcare providers in 2014 are facing significant financial challenges. High on the list are increasing costs and increasing numbers of uninsured and underinsured; providers are now required to collect a greater share of payment from patients.





Financial Realities: In the most severe cases, hospitals and clinics are closing, employees are out of work, and entire communities are losing healthcare access. Over 20% of hospitals are not self-sustaining.





To cope with these challenges, the primary area of focus has been to improve Revenue Cycle performance, allowing an increase in the amount of reimbursement for services, fewer bad debt write offs and faster receipt of payments.





The short-term benefits of increased patient revenue, reductions in bad debts, reduction in accounts receivable, improved cash flow and employee productivity...can also achieve strategic goals of clinical growth, new/improved facilities, and improved satisfaction of employees, physicians and patients.



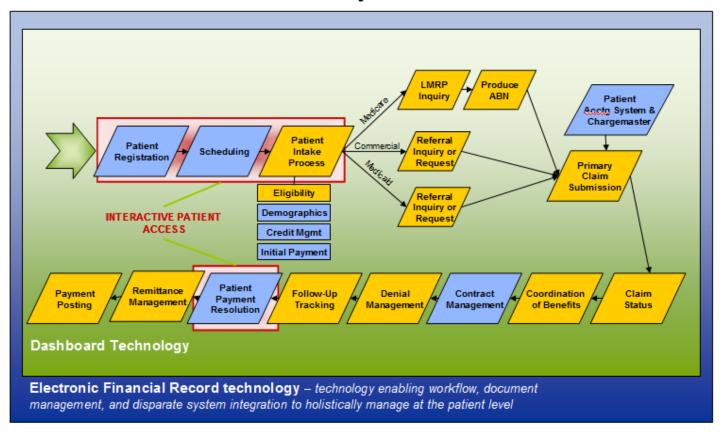


# Healthcare Financial Management Assn. (HFMA) www.hfma.org





#### Healthcare Revenue Cycle Process Overview



Building an Electronic Medical Banking Community





#### Revenue Cycle "Front End"

- Scheduling
- Pre-registration
- Bill estimation
- Cash collection
- Insurance verification
- Medical necessity
- Financial counseling





### Revenue Cycle Middle

Charge capture

Coding and documentation

Case management review





### Revenue Cycle "Back End"

- Billing
- Accounts Receivable management
- Denial management
- Collections
- Remittance processing







Two of the most critical elements in the Revenue Cycle





A Best Practice is to provide the patient with an estimate of their outof-pocket expense when the appointment is made, and agreement reached on method and amount of payment in advance of arrival.





This requires the "Front End" to be precise regarding registration, eligibility and financial resources available, capturing as much revenue as possible before services are performed.





It requires the "Middle" functions of the Revenue Cycle to correctly document and code each patient encounter...avoiding insurance claim "denials".





Best practices in the "Back End" of the Revenue Cycle, where most of the billing and collection functions happen, include the use of technology and electronics to reduce denials, improve cash flow, reduce write-offs and lower Accounts Receivable.





#### Common Breakdowns:

- Inconsistent or incomplete patient information
- 2. Treating patients without insurance authorization
- 3. Failure to collect co-payments and deductibles before patients leave
- 4. Returned claims/denials
- 5. Weak collection process





#### Tips on how to enhance it:

- Board of Director involvement
- Established performance goals
- Clear and consistent payment policy
- "Front End" experts in patient financial communications and counseling
- Accurate and timely billing
- Use of electronics for verifications, approvals and billing.





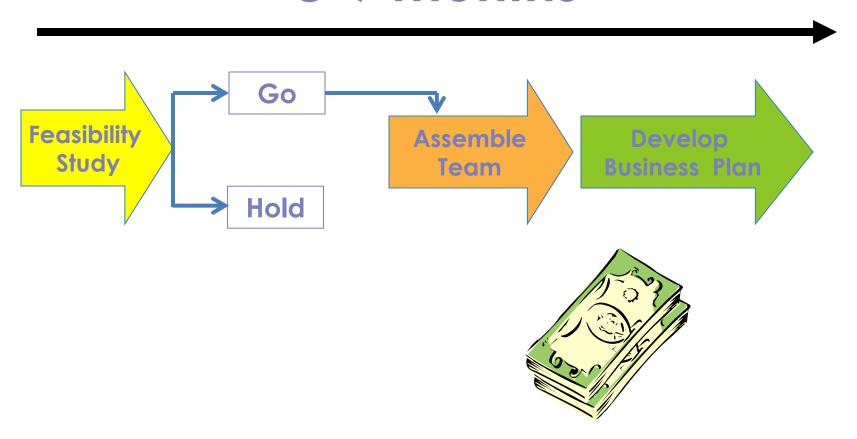
# Peer Comments on the Revenue Cycle





### Planning for Program Revenue

#### 8-9 months







### Planning Tips

 Obtain professional help to conduct the feasibility study.

 Have board make go or no-go decision based on feasibility study.

 Designate a senior-level task force to develop the plan.





#### **Business Plan Basics**

- Environmental Assessment
- Goals, Objectives & Strategies
- Responsibilities/Timelines
- Resource Requirements
- Financial Projections/Budget





### Final Thoughts

#### Decide on FQHC play

#### Housekeeping

- Acctg. Policies/Procedures
- Acctg. System Upgrade
- Acctg. Staff Upgrade
- Grant Fiscal Compliance





#### CONCLUSIONS

- Program service revenues can provide fiscal health and sustainability.
- 2. The ACA opens up new potential.
- 3. Not easy, not quick.
- 4. There is a decision process involved.
- 5. There is a planning process involved.





# Thank you!

Questions?

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