

# Aetna Better Health<sup>SM</sup> Care Management

## Progression of Care

Learning  
opportunities  
from Aetna  
developed with  
**you** in mind



# We Believe in Our Values



# Integrated Care Management

- We help improve collaboration among members, providers, and healthcare systems by establishing innovative programs using medical management processes that view the member as a whole person.
- By comprehensively addressing members' physical, behavioral, and social needs, we help members become more effective in managing their overall health.

# Focusing on the Right Members and The Process To Care Management



Member self-reporting

- Health risk questionnaire
- Member request



Outreach and referrals

- Provider requests
- Admissions/readmissions data
- Referrals by utilization staff



Predictive modeling



Assigned to professional care manager or coordinator

# Right Staff – Right Skills

- Professional care managers (RNs, LCSWs) and care coordinators
- Complexity of cases and specialization of staff considered when assigning cases
- Case load adjustment and focus on “single point of contact”-individualized, relationship-based
- Training through frequent in-services, clinical “rounds”

# Aetna Better Health's Biopsychosocial Approach to Care Planning

Medical Model	Biopsychosocial Model
Diagnosis: The injury or disease	Formulation: Person with the injury or disease
Primary vs. secondary	Co-occurring
Compliance/adherence	Engagement/commitment
Decrease modifiable risk factors	Enhance protective factors/resiliency
Decrease signs and symptoms	Promote recovery
Task accountability	Outcome accountability

# Aetna Better Health's Biopsychosocial Approach to Care Planning

- Consider physical, behavioral and social factors as root causes in developing the member's care plan
- Include other care providers and stakeholders
- Reach a consensus with the member on goals and action items that are most important to them for their own care
- Formulate a care plan that the care manager and member agree is sensible and actionable
- Share the care plan with the member, the member's primary care physician, other providers, caregivers and family support

# Addressing Behavioral Health Concerns

- Collaboration with the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CTBHP) monthly clinical “rounds” of co-managed cases
  - Monthly “operational” meetings
- Behavioral health clinical consultant
- Educating staff through in-service learning opportunities



# Addressing Social Concerns

- Use member advocates who focus on inspiring resilience with each member:
  - Direct members to community organizations that can assist with critical issues such as housing, food, finances, etc.
- Educate staff through in-service
- Collaborate with dental/vision providers, transportation vendors and community resources
  - Resource database

# Perinatal Program

- Pregnant members are followed by care management through 90 days post partum
- Member condition drives level of care management
- Perinatal outcomes are measured
- Incentive program to encourage care management enrollment and medical visits
- Text4baby

# Program In Action

**Step 1:** Concurrent review nurse refers member's case to care management – unnecessary hospital admission could have possibly been prevented with proper supports

**Step 2:** Care manager contacts member then member's PCP -- discovers member is concerned about pending eviction, has neglected medical condition and reports behavior that suggests she may be experiencing depression

**Step 3:** Care manager works with member advocate to resolve housing issue

**Step 4:** Care manager refers member to CTBHP

**Step 5:** Care manager works with member, in consultation with PCP to manage medical condition

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- Care managers adapt the intensity of care management to the member's needs as the member moves through recovery toward self-management and autonomy.