Discussion and Conclusions

• Preliminary results of PROMETHEUS® pilot sites have been successful in demonstrating on average decreased costs and estimated to reduce by 5.45% between 2010 to 2019. It encourages care coordination as defined by the Accountable Care Organization and also aligns with the Medical Home concept, which the Obama Administration cites as a path towards improving quality, access, and reducing healthcare costs.

• The incentive system is monetarily based which fails to address potential team issues encountered in CMS where these patients are seen by multiple providers. Furthermore, operating alongside current payment schemes, i.e. paying out FFS up to a fixed predetermined budget could result in providers taking more risk than anticipated.

• Future confirmatory studies are warranted to compare the Model against other ECR® and design ECR® for primary care services. The disclosure claims data, used for the pricing the ECR®, was originally intended for reimbursement, for the purpose of quality reporting has been proved to cause challenges with reliability and validity.

• A significant investment in socio-techno-logistical infrastructure and the need for collaborative partnerships with payer and provider stakeholders is essential for a nationwide launch. Relationships with large corporations should be leveraged to implement a strategy for scaling up and help attract KOLs who would promote the model to health care providers, gaining public trust and greater exposure for peer review.

• As a long term plan, the Model could be expanded to assess the appropriates of care delivered and begin marketing for nurse practitioners and physician assistants. This segmented market of healthcare professionals could be captured as the workforce demographics shift.

• Collectively these findings suggest that implementing the Model would increase quality, decrease cost, and in emerging trend of consumer driven care, the Provider Scorecard can aid in patients' constructing their own values indexes without eliminating choices.

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