Practice Facilitation in a Multi-System, Multi-Initiative Environment

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Introduction

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TMF Health Quality Institute is an Austin, Texas-based nonprofit consulting company focused on promoting quality health and health care through contracts with federal, state and local governments, as well as private organizations. TMF partners with health care providers in a variety of settings to ensure that every person receives the appropriate care, every time.

Practice Facilitation Challenges and Solutions

**Challenge:** Participation in an innovation model that does not have a standard format

**Solution:** Think outside of the box to foster cooperation and transparency, including between organizations that are historical competitors

**Challenge:** The infrastructure and resources vary for participants in the model

**Solution:** Reinforce that requirements can be met through multiple conditions

**Challenge:** Engagement is not uniform across all practices

**Solution:** Tailor coaching support for different combinations of clinic staff (e.g., administration, practitioners, support staff, etc.)

Key Findings

- Networking with peers and regional payers produced more actionable items for practices to implement in their own clinics
- Scheduling recurring, face-to-face meetings between health systems and independent clinics built strong relationships and encouraged the sharing of best practices
- Sharing aggregated data from participating practices helped initiate meaningful conversations during meetings
- Allowing practices to drive educational topics improved overall practice engagement in the model

Conclusions

- Participants shared contact information and continued conversations after the multi-system meetings
- Participants gained confidence in their performance in the model after hearing stories from their peers
- Participants shared workflows and action plans that could be implemented throughout each of their clinics