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**Improving Care Coordination Improves Quality and Pay-For-Performance Bonuses In Physician Led Practices**

**Objectives**

To study the effect of care coordination in a large medical practice over three years to understand the cost benefits and reimbursements.

**Methods**

5,637 patients were studied over a period of three years. Various quality measures were tracked. Care coordination was instituted. After collecting the baseline data, reimbursements were tracked from two different organizations for these measures. Performance-based bonuses and cost savings were compared.

**Results**

A positive increment was seen in most quality measures. Significant improvements were found diabetes management, nephropathy evaluation and vaccinations.

Care coordination resulted in an increase in performance-based bonuses year after year. Total cost of care coordination was approximately fifty thousand dollars. Total bonus received over three years was over two hundred thousand dollars.

**Conclusion**

Care coordination led to significant improvement in multiple measures across physician practices over a three-year period. Care coordination resulted in an increase of performance-based bonuses. Significant cost savings were achieved with the institution of care coordination. These results are different from the previously shown absence of financial benefit from care coordination.