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39 FQHCs, **2** Look-Alikes, and **3** Native American Tribal Health Service providers, serving **1 in 14** Michiganders across rural and urban communities.



For **health policy** at the state and federal levels, fosters **collaboration** among health centers and external partners, and supports **high-quality**, **cost-effective**, **patient-centered care**.



Michigan's Health Center Controlled Network (MQIN), Clinically Integrated Network (MCHN), and VirtuALLY, a healthcare IT solutions provider.



Michigan Community Health Network (MCHN)





MCHN is a Clinically Integrated Network (CIN) owned by MPCA and 39-member health centers.



Established in 2015, MCHN was created to facilitate group contracting with Michigan Medicaid Health Plans, focusing on value-based-care agreements.



Negotiates value-based-agreements to improve patient outcomes and share cost savings.



Current focus: Medicaid populations and Medicare ACOs REACH and MSSP.



How many of you use Azara Care Connect (ACC)?



Azara Care Connect

A fully integrated solution to efficiently manage and coordinate care that:

Leverages DRVS data to optimize performance.

Integrates clinical, claims, HIE, and practice management data.

Helps care teams improve productivity and efficiency.

Closes care gaps and tracks adherence to health plan contract requirements.

How many of you are beginning to integrate ACC into your work?

Are you finding new ways to grow with ACC and use it to its fullest?

Planting the Seeds of Success: Growing Implementation and Utilization



ACC Use Across the Network

ACC is used across our network to enhance care coordination, track performance, and strengthen care team workflows.

Programs using ACC vary based on funding sources and organizational priorities including:

VBA funded CHW Patient Engagement Programs

Care
Management
Services

Accountable
Care
Organization
Programs

CHW Patient Engagement Program

Partnered with four
Medicaid health
plans through Value
Based Care
Agreements to fund
CHW positions at
health centers.

for a reporting
structure to track
patient data,
generate outreach
alerts, and space for
staff to document
outreach.

Azara and MCHN
partnered to develop
a Care
Coordination
framework to
support these needs.



Health Center Care Management

Health Centers across the MCHN network have implemented a diverse range of Care Management services, including:

- Transitional Care Management
- Chronic Care Management
- Behavioral Health Home Model

Utilizing **cohort identification** and **template building**, teams can tailor workflows, documentation, and reporting to align with their specific care models —enhancing both **efficiency** and **patient care delivery**.



Medicare ACO Programs

Partnered with an external organization to assist us in implementing the **ACO REACH and MSSP** program across 18 health centers.

Highlighted the need for a system that was payer agnostic and could streamline the multiple, fragmented workflows that were currently being used to adhere to program requirements.

Once again partnered with Azara to develop "ACC 2.0" to streamline and support a unified, payer agnostic, documentation experience.



Blossoming Together: Cultivating Success Across **Diverse Health** Centers



Challenges in the Current Landscape

- 1 Use of multiple documentation systems
- 2 Manual entry of reportable fields with limited automation & integration
- 3 Redundancy in Health Center workflows
- 4 Utilization of 10 different EHR systems across the network
- 5 Diverse staff roles contributing to documentation
- 6 Complex data and reporting requirements

Key Limitation: No interoperability between systems led to inefficiencies and increased administrative burden on staff.

Essential System Design Elements

To support the work across our network, we need a solution that enables us to:

- 1. Ingest member-level data and open care gaps such as:
 - High ED Utilizers
 - Unmet Health Related Social Needs
 - Unmet HEDIS and Clinical Quality Measure (CQM) Gaps
 - Transition of Care Notifications and Details
- Track Outreach and Care Gap Closure
 - Enable documentation of outreach activities
 - Capture status and resolution of care gaps

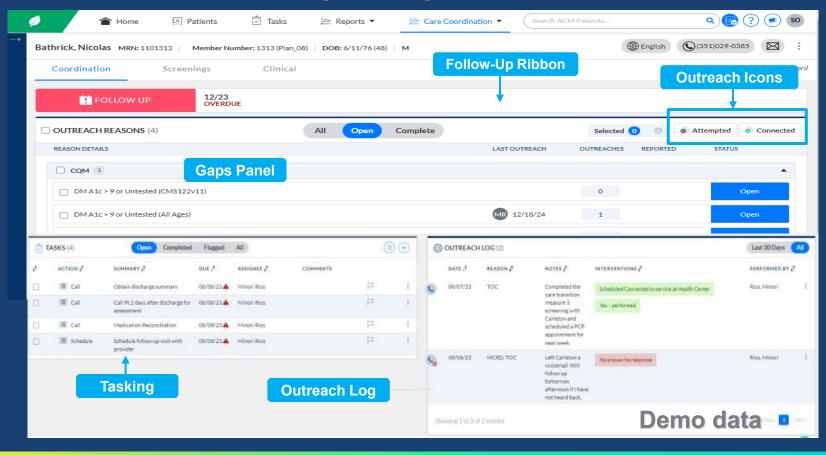
- 3. Identify and Stratify High Risk Members for Targeted Care Management
- 4. Document Comprehensive Care Plans
 - Create a standardized format across all health centers
- Create Cross-Functional and Payer Agnostic Workflows

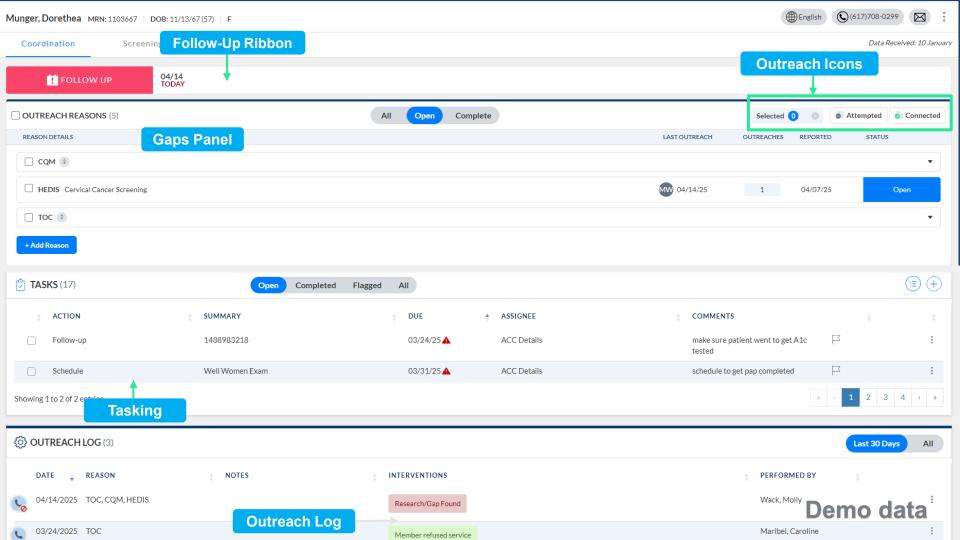
Enhancements: One System, One View

Network health centers now receive monthly member files directly through ACC, which provides timely notification of patient needs, and allows staff to access a comprehensive profile – all within a single

platform. All selected (68) -Outreach Directory ✓ ACCESS Recently Viewed ✓ HIGH ED ✓ MCRD PATIENT 1 GAP COUNT 1 CONTACT REASONS 1 LAST OUTREACH 1 OUTREACH COUNT 1[†] USER 1 FILTERS MANAG ✓ PRP+ MARTIN, ANGELA ED, SDOH, HEDIS, COM 02/10/24 Jackie Brown 1 NADDOW DESILITS BY ✓ SDOH SCHINNER, ANGELO 17 02/25/24 Jackie Brown No Contact in last 30 days ✓ TOC Attributed in Last 30 Days STOKES, HILLARY SDOH 03/11/24 3 Jackle Brown ✓ com -CONTACT REASONS O'CONNER, BRIANA ED, HRA 03/05/24 Jackie Brown in Di 6 selected -✓ HEDIS → HARBER, JAZMIN ED 03/09/24 Jackie Brown FOLLOW UP STATUS JAST, HERMINIA COM 03/10/24 Jackie Brown PLAN None selected -HERMAN, FRANCES HEDIS, SDOF 03/11/24 Jackie Brown None selected ▼ FRITSCH, LILLIE 03/11/24 Jackie Brown None selected ▼ DUBUQUE, DAGMAR ED 03/12/24 Jackle Brown CLEAR SELECTIONS O'CONNER, HENRI COM Jackle Brown PROVIDER (PCP) MONAHAN, ADRIEL 30 HEDIS, HRA, COM 03/12/24 Jackle Brown None selected • Medicare REACH ACO STRACKE TIMMOTH ACCESS SDOH 02/28/24 1 a Jackle Brown Meridian HEGMANN, OLEN HEDIS 03/12/24 Jackie Brown 2 Jackie Brown 🕶 Molina **GUTKOWSKI, NELLA** ACCESS, HEDIS 02/28/24 Jackie Brown Priority Health UHC Demo data RESET FILTERS

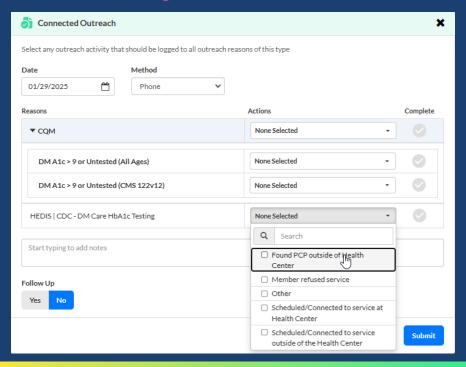
Patient Landing Page

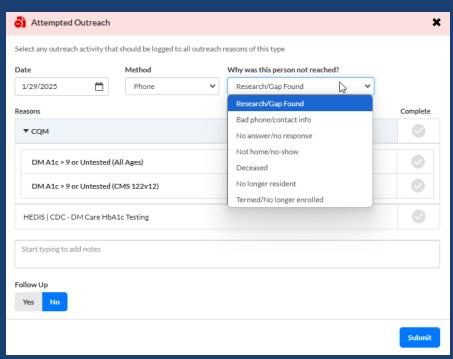




Streamlined Documentation

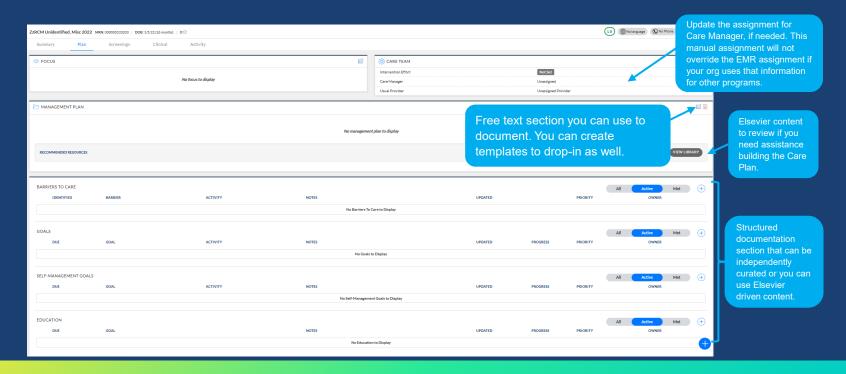
Granular, gap-specific documentation capabilities enable staff to efficiently record outreach activities, capture follow-up actions, and document gap closures—all within a single, streamlined interface.





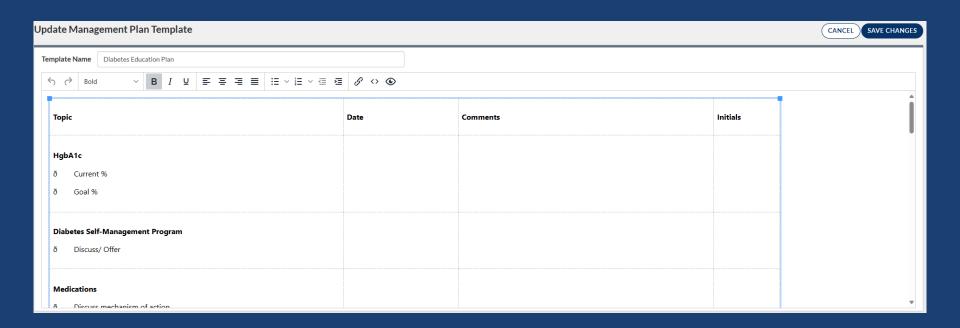
Care Management Updates

Updated Care Plan structure offers a flexible approach, incorporating both free text and structured data elements that can be tracked and prioritized. Additionally, built-in evidence-based resources provide care plan development support to the care team.



Customized Templates

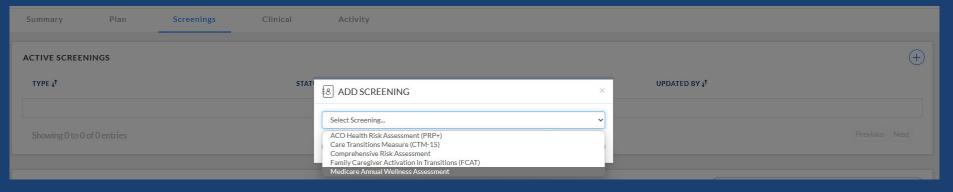
Customization is key! Templates can be created to model EHR or staff preferred documentation styles and ensure program requirements are met.



Screenings Tab

Multiple screenings were embedded within the platform to capture required elements:

- 1. Care Transitions Measure (CTM-15)
- 2. ACO Health Risk Assessment (PRP+)
- 3. Medicare Annual Wellness Assessment
- 4. Comprehensive Risk Assessment
- 5. Family Caregiver Activation in Transitions (FCAT) Tool

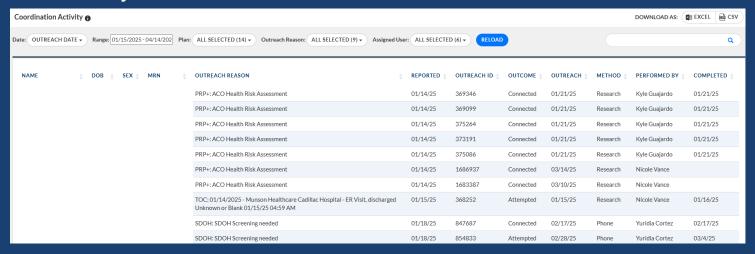


Coordination Activity Report

Delivers real-time, in-depth insights from the outreach activities staff are actively carrying out.



Tailored data filter options let you choose exactly the information you need—when and how you want it:



From Seeds to Strategy: Gaining Buy-In

1. Shared Governance:

Health centers actively participate in decision-making, identifying needs, and prioritizing project deliverables.

2. Shared Costs:

Through our shared savings, we can distribute the costs of new product development, implementation, and utilization across the network, significantly reducing or fully covering the expenses for individual centers.

3. EHR Integration and Visibility:

By integrating key elements from each health center's EHR, we enable the use of a single system, eliminating the need for multiple systems to complete tasks.

From Seeds to Strategy: Gaining Buy-In

4. Increased Insight into Outcomes:

Unified and streamlined documentation provides a single source of truth, helping the network meet program reporting requirements, track trends, and support centers in making projections and ensuring compliance.

5. Interfacing Potential:

Expansion of a platform currently used by health centers creates future opportunities for enhanced interfacing with EHR vendors, expanding capabilities across the network.

6. Network-Level Support and Oversight:

Dedicated network staff act as liaisons with external partners, allowing health center staff to focus on their work without the burden of operational design or data reporting tasks, while also ensuring the system meets the needs of all participating value-based agreements.

Key Responsibilities Within the Network

- Streamline work and programs to support payer-agnostic utilization
- Align requirements across all VBA agreements and Health Center programmatic requirements to reduce operational and administrative burden
 - Example: ACO MSSP Quality Measures align with UDS Clinical Quality Measures and MCHN VBA
 Focus Measures
- Assist centers in evaluating their current use of Azara modules and EHR systems to uncover opportunities for workflow enhancements and optimize platform utilization
- Establish internal support structures and communication channels to ensure consistent messaging and identify key subject matter experts

Insights Learned & Key Takeaways



Intentional Planning

Identify and address the needs across the care continuum to develop a program that is functional and effective at all stages.



Staff Involvement

- Ensure key staff members are involved in the design and development of new systems to avoid missed opportunities and prevent duplication of efforts.
- Pilot all new implementations before full release to identify and resolve any issues, minimizing disruptions and maintaining staff confidence in the system.



Training & Support

- Develop training materials and provide spaces for team collaboration, ensuring proper documentation and efficient workflow utilization.
- Establish feedback mechanisms and communication channels to quickly identify issues and implement solutions in a timely manner.

From Seeds to Flowers: Impact in Bloom

Health Center



One System, Full Visibility

Direct, real-time insight into operations and patient data—all within a single, unified platform. No more juggling multiple systems.



Role-Based Work Management

Workflows are powered by integrated EHR, DRVS, and HIE data, allowing centers to assign tasks strategically based on staff roles and responsibilities.

From Seeds to Flowers: Impact in Bloom

Network



Centralized Support with Precision

Centralized MPCA support teams, in close collaboration with Azara support, ensures fast and accurate error resolution.



Less Staff Time, More Impact

MPCA has reduced staff time spent on data processing and report creation by 70%, freeing up resources for higher-value work.

From Seeds to Flowers: Impact in Bloom

Health System



Stronger Integration, Better Outcome



Real-time TOC alerts empower staff to take immediate action, resulting in measurable improvements in care trends.

Medicare ACO IP Events:

- 9% increase in follow-up call completion post discharge
- 6% increase in follow-up appointments being scheduled post-discharge

Medicare ACO ED Events:

- 10% increase in follow-up call completion
- 3% increase in follow-up appointments being scheduled

Next Steps & Future Planning

Workflow Support

- Reduce redundant documentation and save valuable staff time by integrating key areas in ACC with EHR documentation.
- Pull in Health-Related Social Needs (formerly SDOH) screening responses to clearly identify and address patient needs.

Feature Enhancements

- Improve current tools and introduce real-time, networklevel analytics for smarter, faster decision-making.
- Refine directory filters to include more comprehensive and customizable options, making it easier to surface critical data.

Data Integration

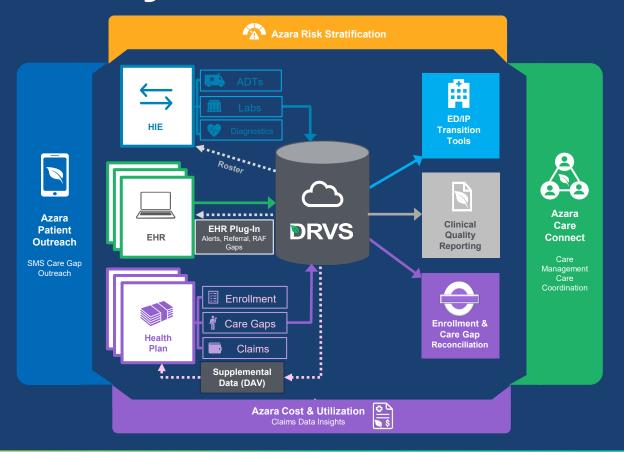
- Move beyond payer-driven lists to support a broader range of patients and care strategies.
- Integrate with communication tools like text messaging and mailing software to automatically capture off-platform staff activity—eliminating the need for double documentation.

And so much more!

ACC in Action



Azara Ecosystem



Essential Elements of VBC



Care Management + Coordination

By proactively managing patient populations through care coordination and care management programs, healthcare providers can close care gaps, improve population health outcomes, and achieve success in value-based care models.

Key Challenges:



Ineffective processes for identification and placement of patient into the appropriate care program



Staffing shortages



Tools/technology does not align with workflows

Care Management Basics



Who is being care managed + how are they "enrolled" in your program?



What are the required activities for patients in a care management program?



What are the goals your organization has for its care management program?

Common Methods to Identify CM Patients

Pre-defined lists

- Often provided by payers or state agencies.
- Includes list of patients who meet specific criteria, either. generated by a payer or submitted by the practice for approval to a payer/program.

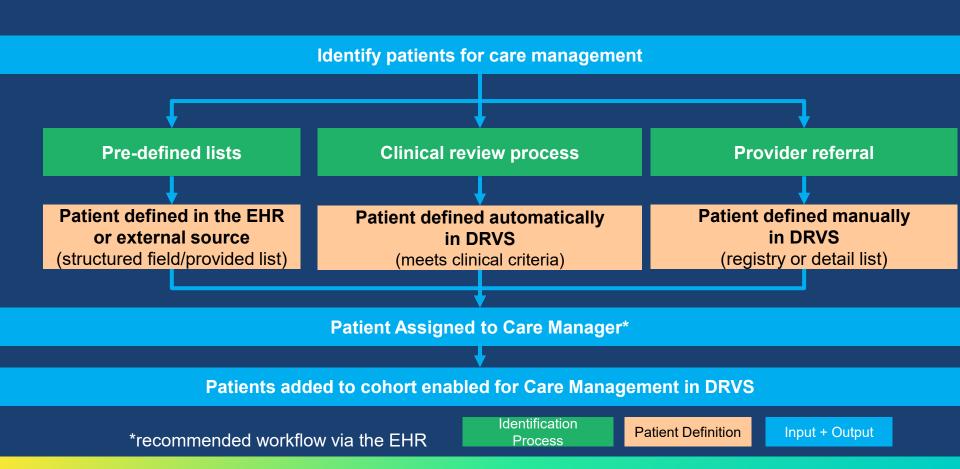
Clinical review process

- Group of clinical and administrative staff meet regularly to review list of potential patients for care management.
- Can be a blend of those who have been referred or identified.

Provider referral (ad-hoc post-patient visit)

- Providers determine if a patient could benefit from care management services at the visit and send a referral.
- Determination for enrollment in care management plan varies.

Workflow to Enroll in CM



Common Activities of Care Management

- Creating and updating patient care plan
- Setting regular check-ins/touchpoints with the patient
- Following up on visits and provider instructions
- Helping manage specialist referrals, medications, and coordinating other services/appointments

These activities are in service of the larger goals of care management: to establish a relationship with the patient, provide support for identified needs, and ultimately improve outcomes and lower costs.

New Patient Workflow

Patients > New | Find patients

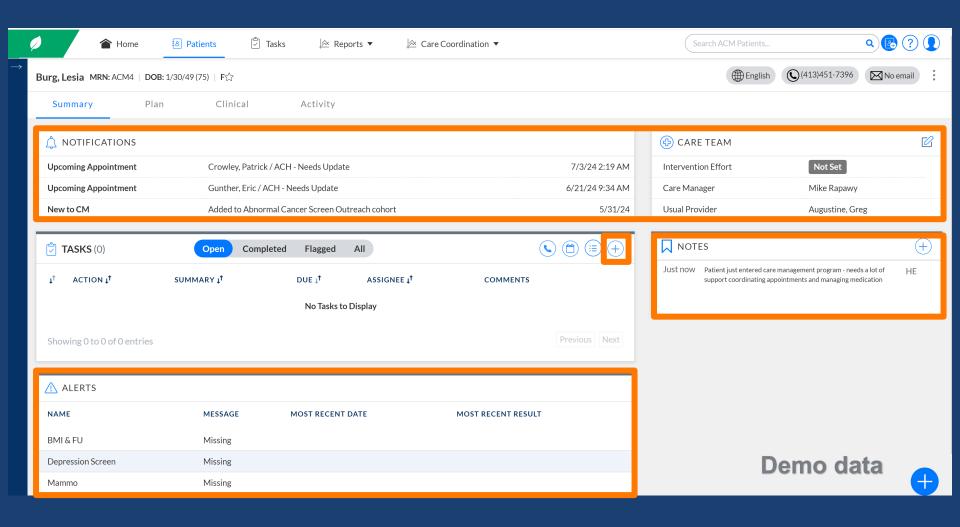
who have recently entered care Filter to Assigned Patients management program **Patients** identified in Click on each new patient and: care management Review Care Team, Notifications, Alerts, Notes, cohort Clinical Tab, and Medical Care Plan to learn basics about patient **Utilization** | Ensure follow up has Enter tasks corresponding to regular, required occurred for patients with IP/ED activities for ~6 months. Assign as appropriate. events * Review Care Coordination tab for any outreach activities or notes from coordinator Create Care Plan using structured fields as well

* Note: requires Transitions of Care Module. This follow up could be done through care coordination or care management, depending on established roles and workflows.

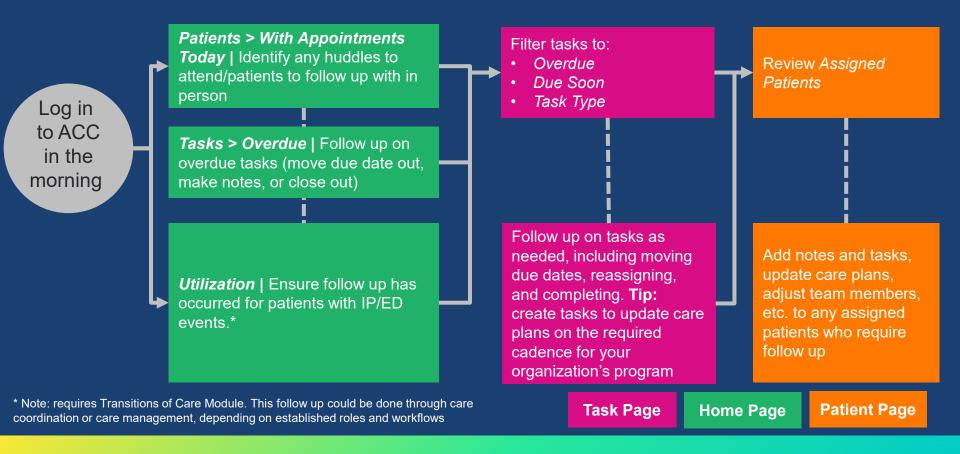
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Patients Page



Established Patient Workflow



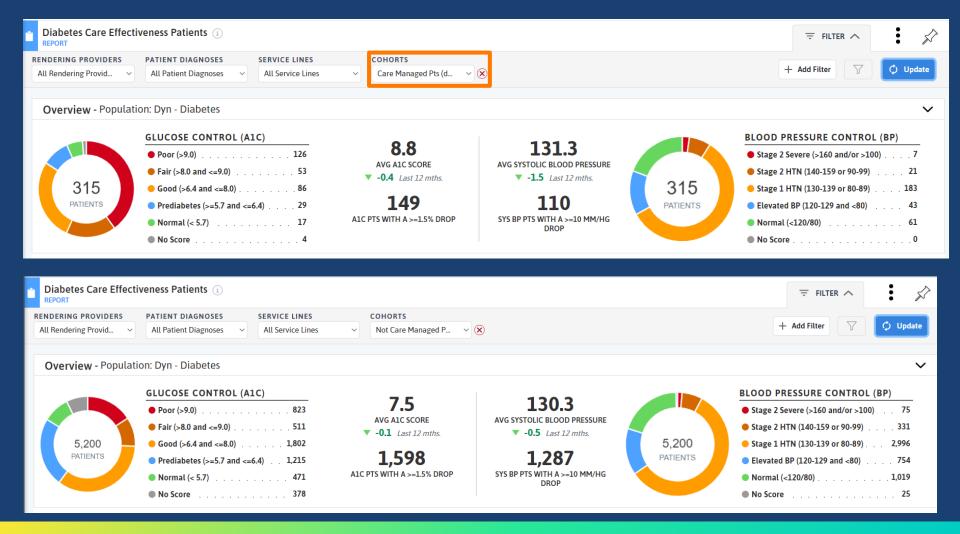
Broad Goals for CM

Identify + reduce risks for patients

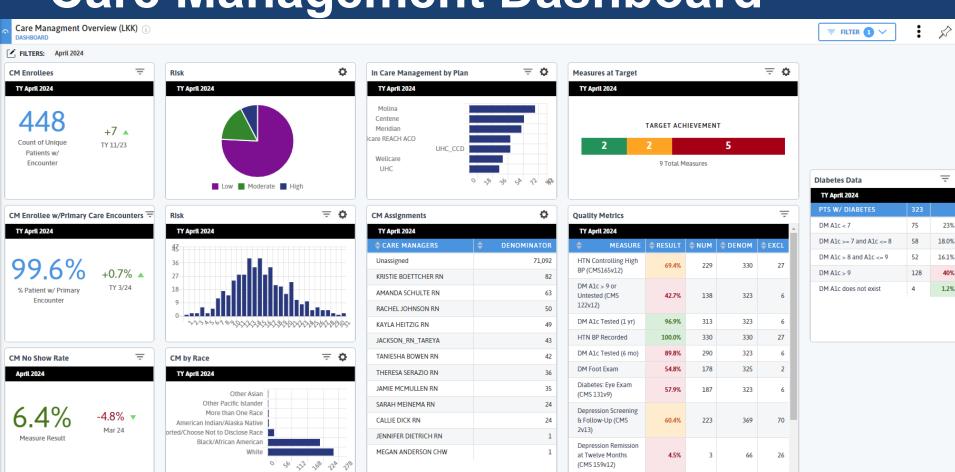
Improve patient outcomes

Improve patient experience + engagement with care team

Lower costs



Care Management Dashboard

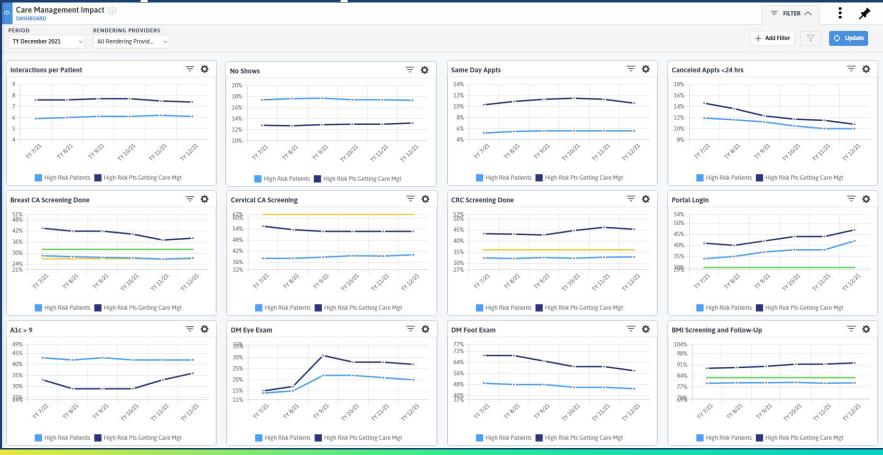


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Example Comparison



Care Coordination



Care Coordination Considerations



What services are being coordinated?



What is the primary method of intervention?



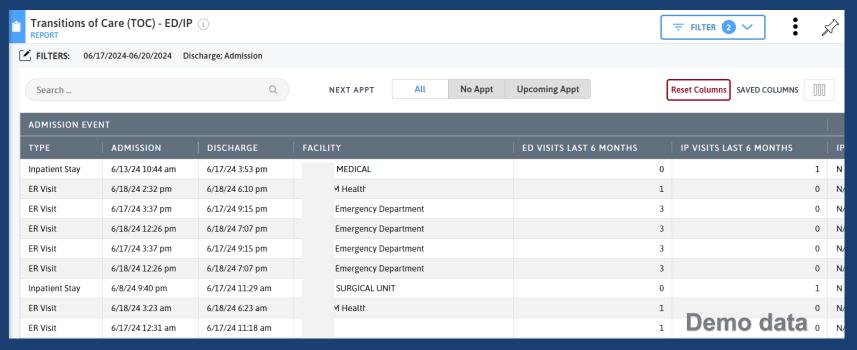
What staff do you have available?

Populations for Care Coordination

Contact Reason	Use Case	Considerations
CQM	Close measure-specific gaps for the entire population	Population(s) can be very largeWorkflows can vary by gap
Plan-Calculated HEDIS	Close measure-specific gaps for enrolled populations	 Only includes data for enrolled members on care gap files Care gap file data can conflict with EHR
Transitions of Care	Complete follow up for patients with ED or IP events	Must have Transitions of Care module in DRVS to use this contact reason

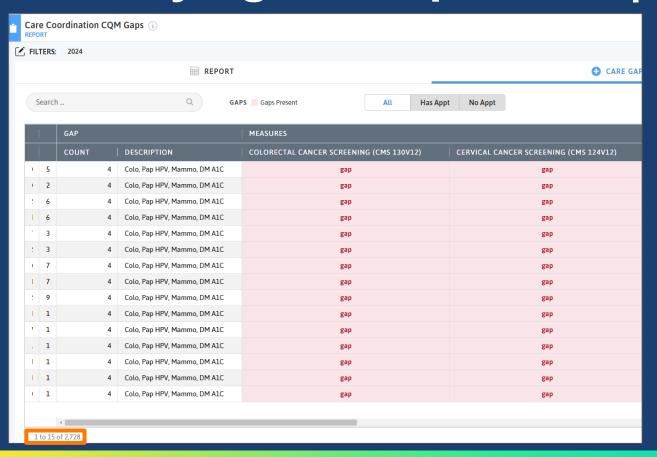
Note: for other contact reasons, please contact your Client Success Manager or Support.

Identifying the TOC Population



- 1. The Transitions of Care (TOC) ED/IP report in DRVS filtered to the last 3 days provides an estimate how many patients will flow into ACC.
- 2. Users can view the quality of TOC data, particularly discharge diagnosis and status on the TOC report. If the data is not in DRVS, it will not be in ACC.

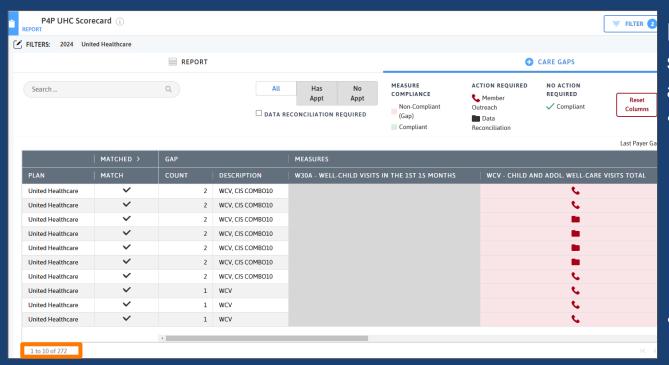
Identifying the Population | CQMs



Review gaps on a custom CQM scorecard and assess:

- Do you have the staff to reach even 50% of patients with gaps?
- Can you remove lower-impact, point of care focused measures like tobacco screening, BMI, etc.

Identifying the Population | Plan-Calc



Review plan-calc scorecards in DRVS and assess:

- Gaps in context of value-based care contract payments which gaps are prioritized for quality gates and incentive payments?
- If an equivalent CQM can be used

Azara does not recommend loading both CQM and plan-calc measures into ACC, as the measure logic and source data differs and gaps may be difficult to interpret.

Care Coordination General Workflow

Patients identified for Care Coordination

Directory > Filters | apply appropriate filters for worklist:

Manage | Assign patients to specific staff

Contact Reasons Follow Up Status Plan*

Provider (PCP)

User (note: if someone has already assigned patients to the user who is logged in, the list will be default filtered to that user)

Click on first patient and begin working gaps:

- 1. Expand detail list of each gap
- 2. Review previous contact attempts in the *Outreach Log and* any relevant clinical and care management information on the patient page tabs (this step should align with workflows established at the practice)
- 3. Contact patient and enter results of outreach
- 4. Complete gap when no further action is needed

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* Note: requires Enrollment integration in DRVS

Directory

Patient Page

Transitions of Care Workflow

Patients identified for TOC Care Coordination

Directory > Filters | apply appropriate filters for worklist:

Contact Reason | TOC

Apply additional filters depending on team and allocation of work

Consider: Do the staff doing transitions of care work also close other gaps?

Directory

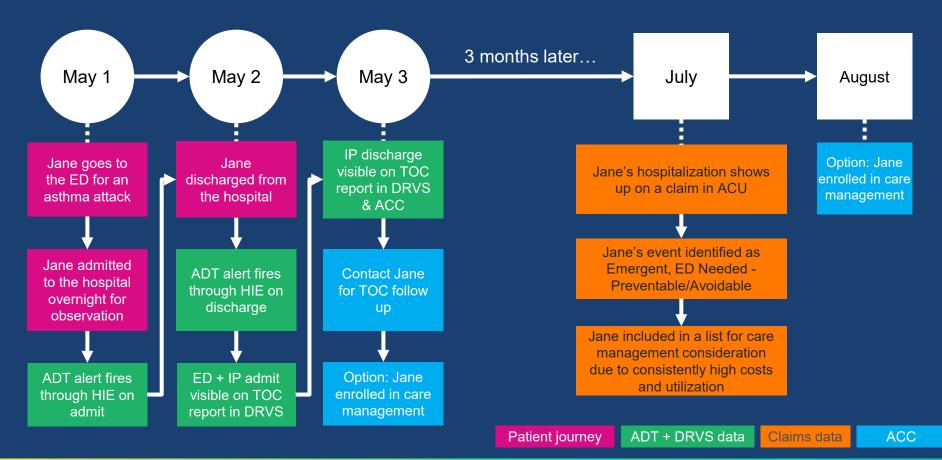
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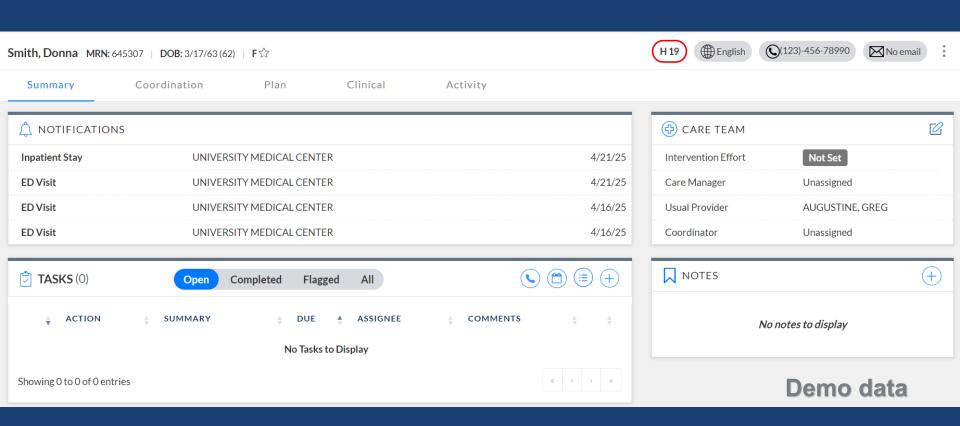
- 1. Conduct any necessary review required by protocol (see General Workflow)
- 2. Expand TOC gap and evaluate next steps.

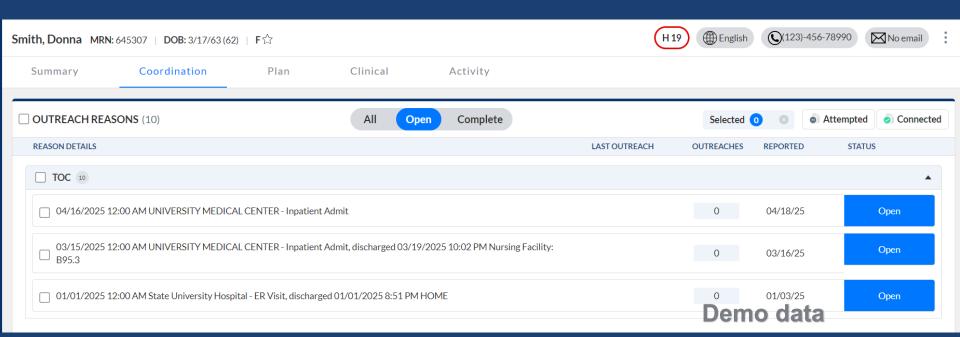
 Consider: does your team outreach when a patient is still in the hospital or only after discharge?
- 3. Add TOC task group using the stacked list icon and link TOC gap. Remove any unnecessary tasks from list.
- 4. Record outreach according to General Workflow. For TOC outreaches, recommendation is to set follow ups to 1 day to ensure timely coordination of care.

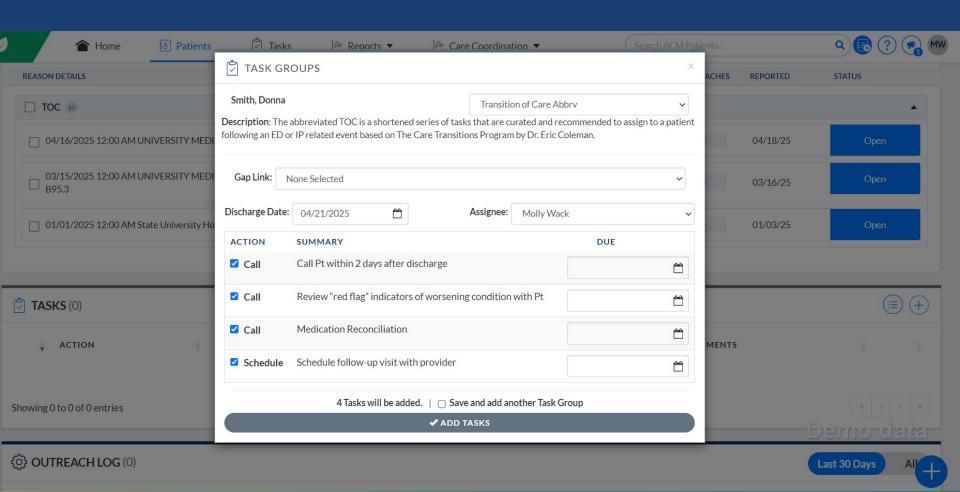
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Transitions of Care

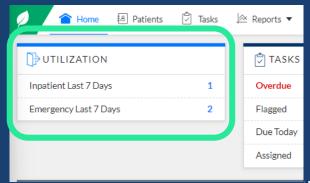








Utilization Widget vs. TOC Gaps in CC

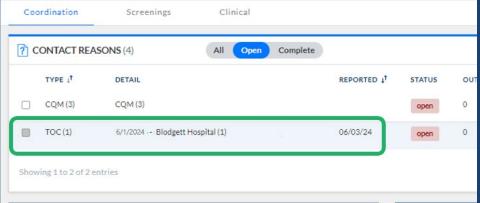


Utilization Widget

- Flows in based on discharge event
- Identified patients already part of care management

TOC Gaps

- Gaps flow in based on admit date
- Admit date must be within the last 3 days



Broad Goals for Care Coordination

Identify patients needing care

Coordinate care for patients

Improve patient's ability to access and utilize healthcare services

Lower costs

ACC Take-Aways



You must define your population of patients for care management & care coordination in a **repeatable**, **structured way.**



ACC can help **replace spreadsheets** and other difficult-to-share documentation.



Aligning required activities for your care management & coordination program to measure performance improvement will streamline use of ACC.



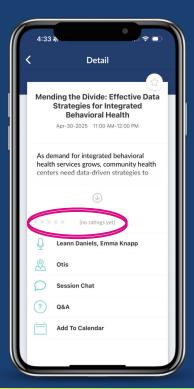
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