

## Building Care Coordination Linkages between Local Health Departments and Primary Care Clinics

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### Overview of the Session

- Review the current health environment and drivers of change
- Summarize some of the current linkage projects that are underway
- Discuss some of the major benefits/successes and the challenges/barriers of these projects
- Explore some of the future opportunities for linkage projects

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### Background of the Project

- In 2016 and 2018, the CATCH Network received a HRSA planning grant
- The goal of the 2018 grant is to develop effective and flexible care coordination strategies that are responsive to the needs of complex, high need patients. It targets populations with health and social needs of chronically ill patients.



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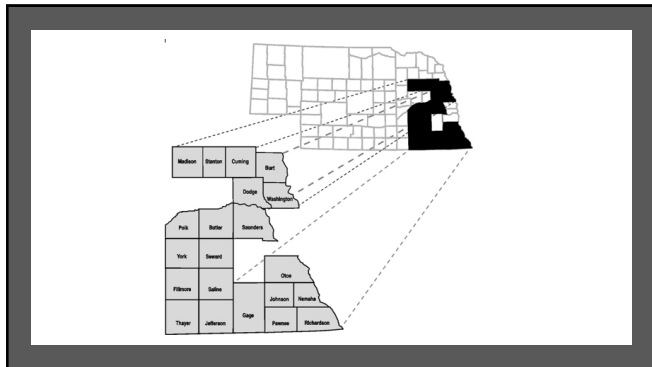
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## Key Grant Activities

- Work with one or more PC clinics to identify care coordination strategies
- Develop a MOU or contract that identifies the roles and responsibilities, a plan for patient referrals and sharing information, and funding arrangements
- Evaluate success factors, lessons learned, and challenges
- Build a sustainability plan



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## The Changing Health Environment

## Focus on the Triple Aim

## Health care expenditures are unsustainable

Many drivers of change for both LHDs and PC Clinics

Growing recognition that better health outcomes depend on addressing all of the determinants of health

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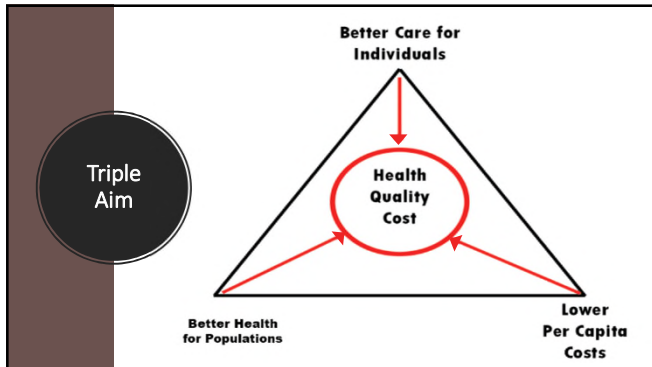
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**U. S. Spending by Disease Condition**  
(2016 JAMA Study)

Diabetes	Heart Disease	Lower Back and Neck Pain	Hypertension Treatment	Falls	Depressive Disorders
\$101 Billion	\$88 Billion	\$88 Billion	\$84 Billion	\$76 Billion	71 Billion

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### Reducing Preventable Deaths

The CDC reported that these percentages of all deaths are preventable:

- ✓ 30% of heart disease deaths
- ✓ 15% of cancer deaths
- ✓ 43% of unintentional injuries
- ✓ 36% of chronic lower respiratory disease
- ✓ 28% of strokes

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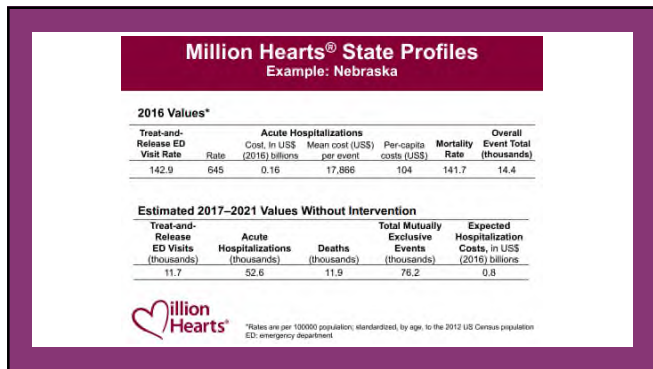
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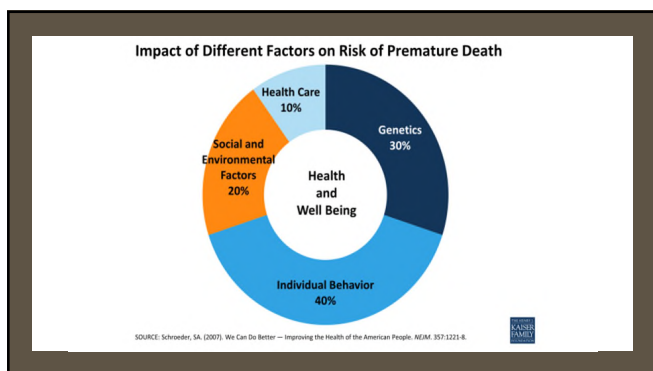
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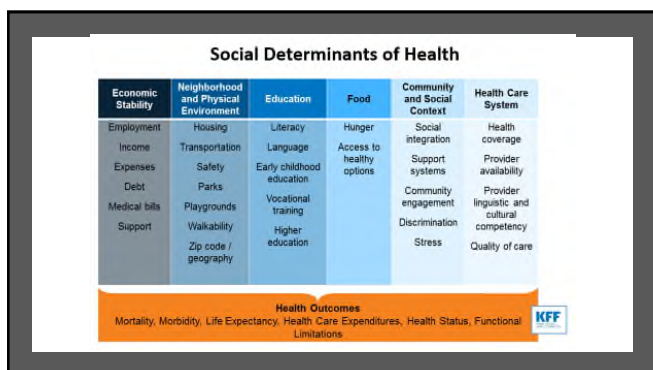
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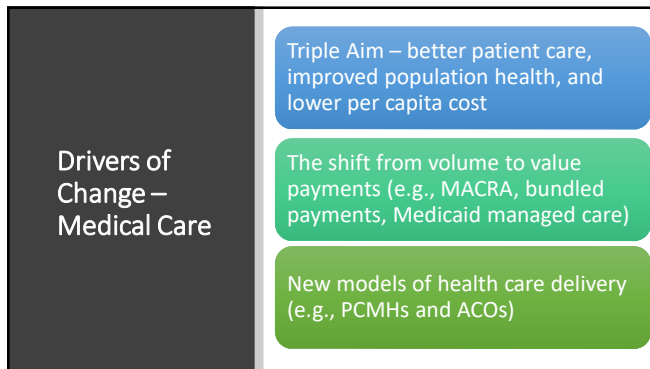
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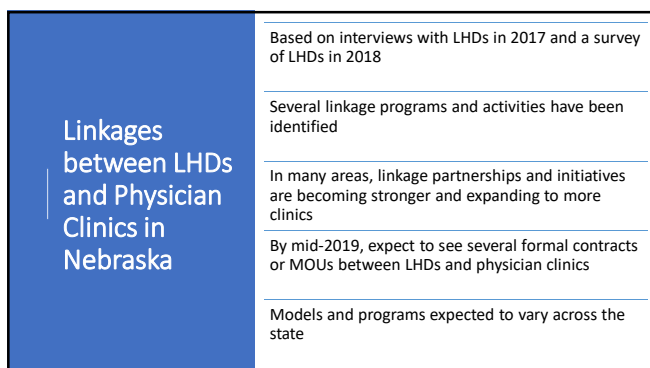
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### Linkages between LHDs and Physician Clinics

Screening programs for diabetes and hypertension	Work site wellness programs	Cancer screening promotional campaigns	Home visitation programs
Helping patients enroll in Medicaid or insurance exchanges	Medication assistance programs	Analysis of EHR data	Coordination of immunization programs

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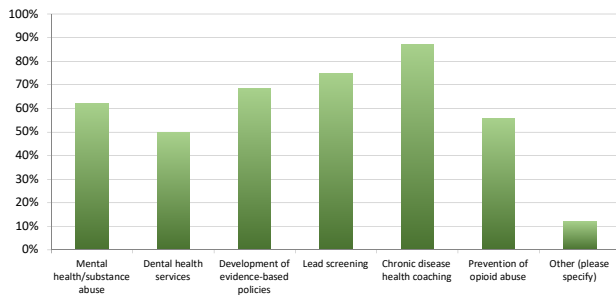
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### What do you feel are new opportunities for linkages between your LHD and physician clinics in your district?



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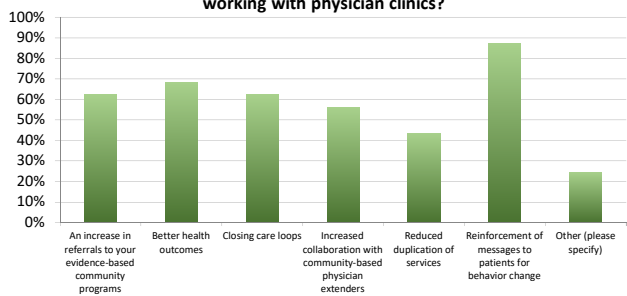
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### What are the primary benefits your LHD is gaining by working with physician clinics?



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### Some Options for Sustainable Funding

- Use some of the savings from keeping people healthy (e.g., diabetes and hypertension) and reallocate to prevention programs and addressing the social determinants of health
- Between 2017 and 2021, CDC is projecting 11,900 preventable deaths in Nebraska at a cost of \$800 million dollars
- Better target community benefits spending - nonprofit hospitals in rural NE spent about \$13 million on community health initiatives in 2014
- Encourage Medicaid and private insurers to fund promising care coordination projects and evaluate their outcomes

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### Funding Options Continued:

Chronic Care Management Program

Medicare Pre-diabetes program

RHCs and FQHCs eligible

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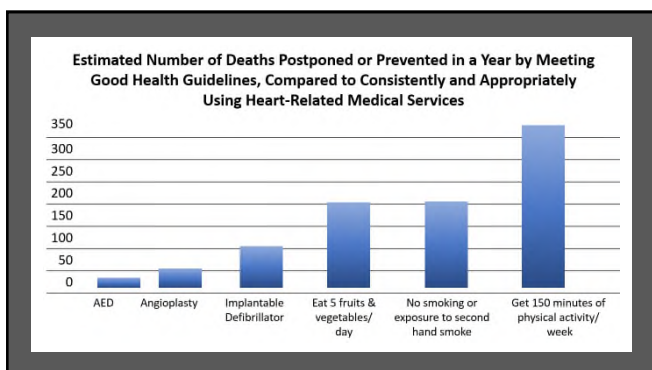
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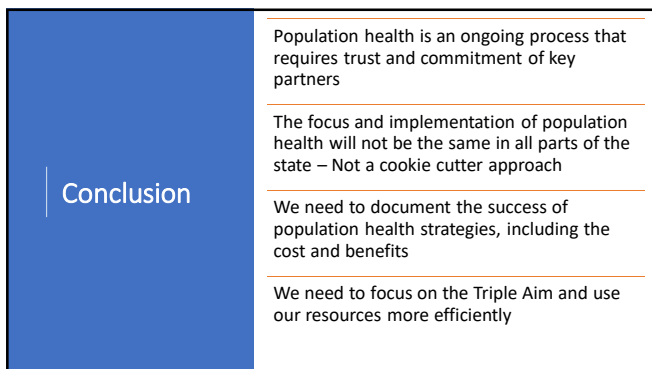
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