

# Atrius Health and AAAs: Partners in Accountable Care:

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# Today's Discussion

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- Atrius Health: Who We Are
- Atrius Health's Pioneer ACO Strategy
- Atrius Health - ASAP Partnership
- Lessons Learned and Next Steps

# Atrius Health Core Competencies

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- **Corporate Data Warehouse** integrates single platform, electronic health record data with multi-payer claims data to manage quality and cost
- Long history with and majority of revenue under **Global Payment** across commercial and public payers
- Widespread **Population Management** tools including disease-based and risk-based rosters
- Sophisticated development and reporting of **Quality and Performance Measures**
- **Patient-Centered Medical Home** foundation, achieving level 3 NCQA
- Newest Addition to Atrius Health: home health care, private duty nursing and hospice care through VNA Care Network & Hospice



# Why Participate in Pioneer ACO?

## “Reason for Action”

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High quality, high –value care for all Medicare-eligible patients across the care continuum with spillover for commercial risk

Unique opportunity to be accountable for quality and costs for a PPO population

Further Atrius Health position as a market leader in payment reform, moving towards 100% global payment

Achieving Triple Aim Goals

# Key Features of Pioneer & Performance Measures

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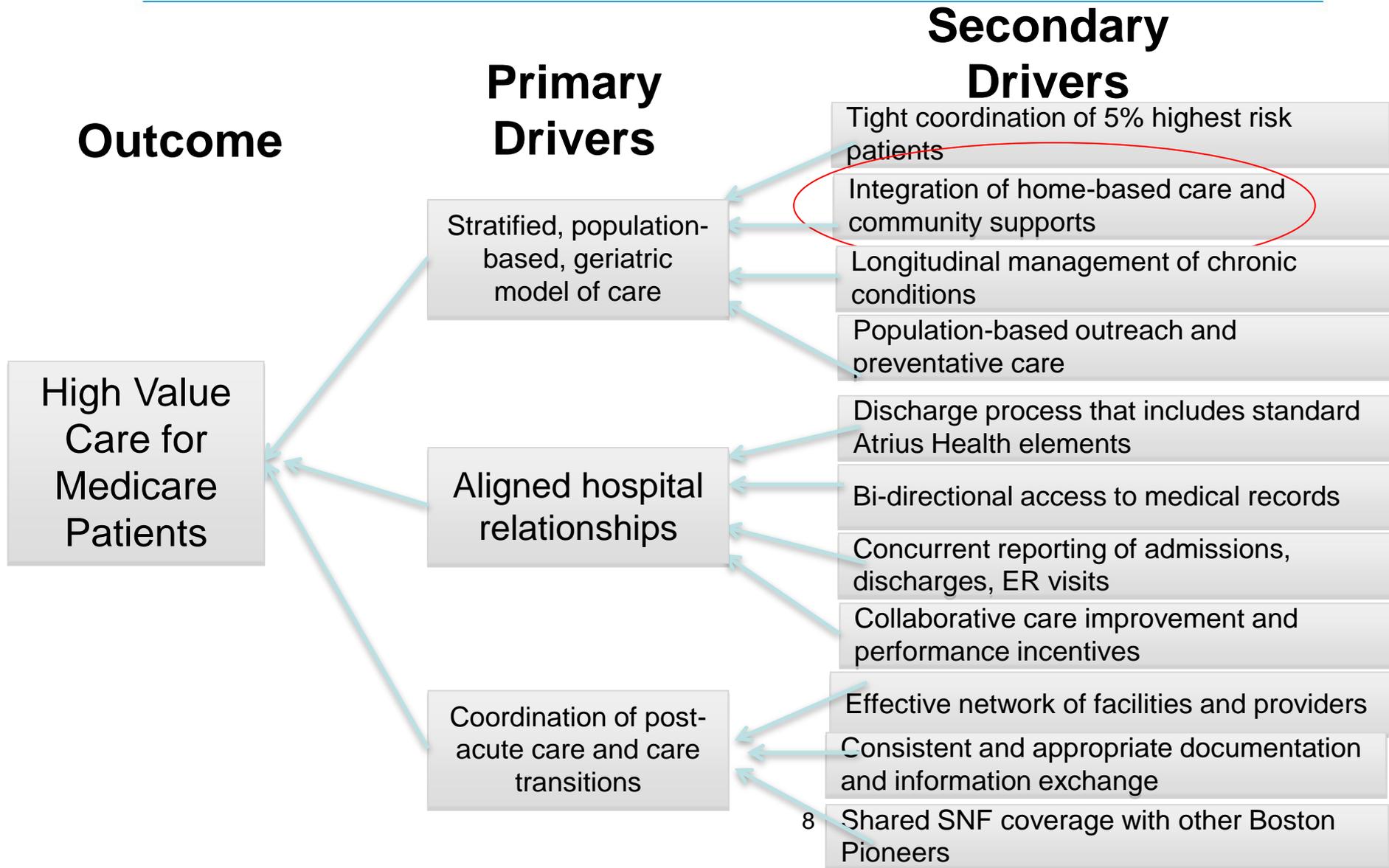
- Three year contract effective January 2012; accountable for all Medicare A and B benefits
- Partnership with Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation
- Medicare FFS beneficiaries aligned with ACO based on their historical claims data
- Global budget and performance measured against national benchmark
- Upside and downside risk sharing with CMS
- Incentives rewards to achieve high quality performance measurements
- Accountable to Pioneer ACO obligations

# Quality Measures: Key Features

**33 Quality Measures:**  
many new, or  
with new features

- **Patient/Caregiver Experience, measured by CG-CAHPS**
- **Meaningful Use (double weighted)**
- **Care Coordination/Patient Safety, measured by claims data**
  - Ambulatory Sensitive Condition Admissions
  - Readmissions
- **At Risk Population/Preventive Health, measured with EMR data**
  - Diabetes
  - IVD
  - CAD
  - Heart Failure
  - Hypertension
  - Immunizations

# Atrius Approach to Pioneer

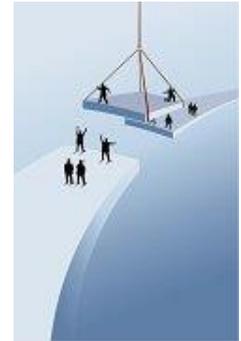


# Addressing the Gaps in Home-Based Care

## Accountable for managing care, cost and quality of Medicare services in the home setting.

- Costs are substantial across dozens of post-acute providers.
- Patients have choice and are geographically distributed.
- Poor transitions result in unnecessary readmissions and other wasteful costs, harm, and errors.
- No standard model of home-based care across Atrius Health, no standard measurement

**ASAPs, while not currently Medicare providers, can be an important resource in closing these gaps.**



# ASAP Strategy: *Link Primary Care to Community Home Care Services*

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**Achieve triple aim objectives** by linking primary care practices to community resources

- Reduce costs through **prevention** and/or **reduction of unnecessary utilization** of health care services
- Improve health outcomes through **better care coordination** and **patient education**
- Improve patient experience and satisfaction by **aligning with goal of remaining functionally active at home**

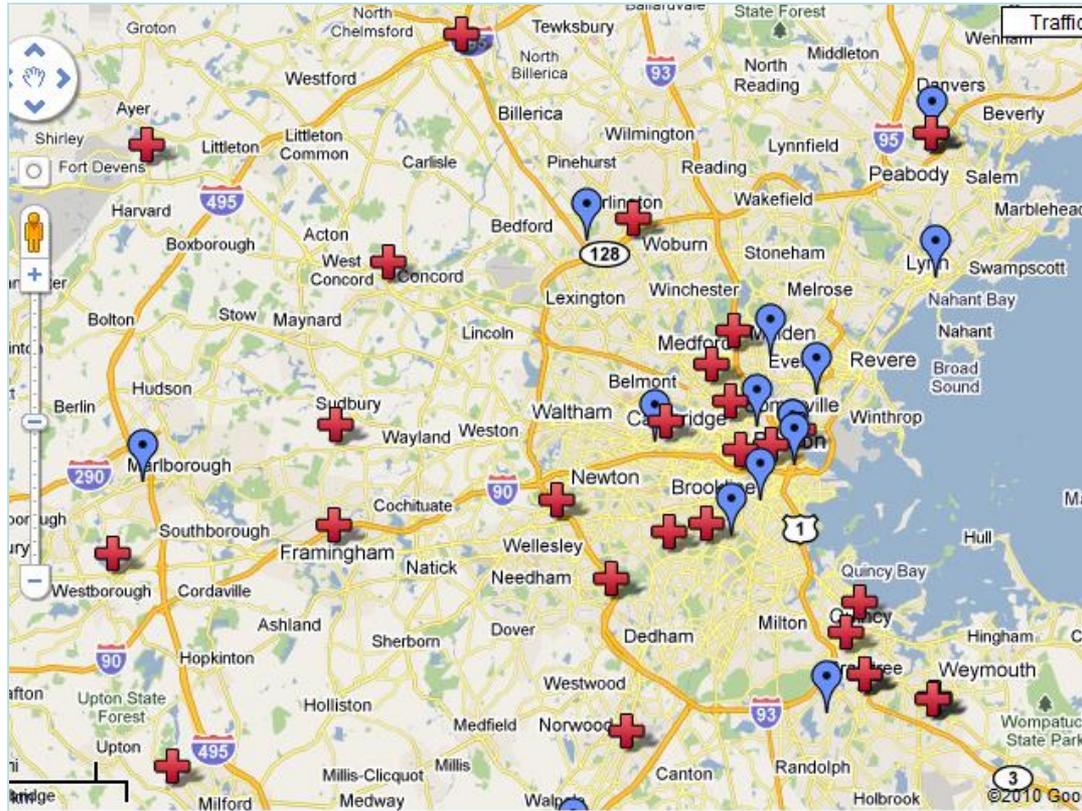
# Atrius Health – ASAP Collaboration

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- Expansion of the “**Care Team**” to include the patient’s **home** and community-based networks
- Requires: effective communication for timely and efficient referrals, hand offs, and “**closing the loop**”
- Results in: **patient centered care plans with realistic goals and resources for implementation**
- **Collaboration through:**
  - ✓ Practice-based Pilots
  - ✓ Population-based Interventions



# Atrius Health/ASAPs Practice-Based Pilots



1. HVMA Chelmsford & Elder Services of Merrimack Valley
2. Southboro & BayPath
3. HVMA West Roxbury & Ethos
4. HVMA Wellesley/Watertown & Springwell

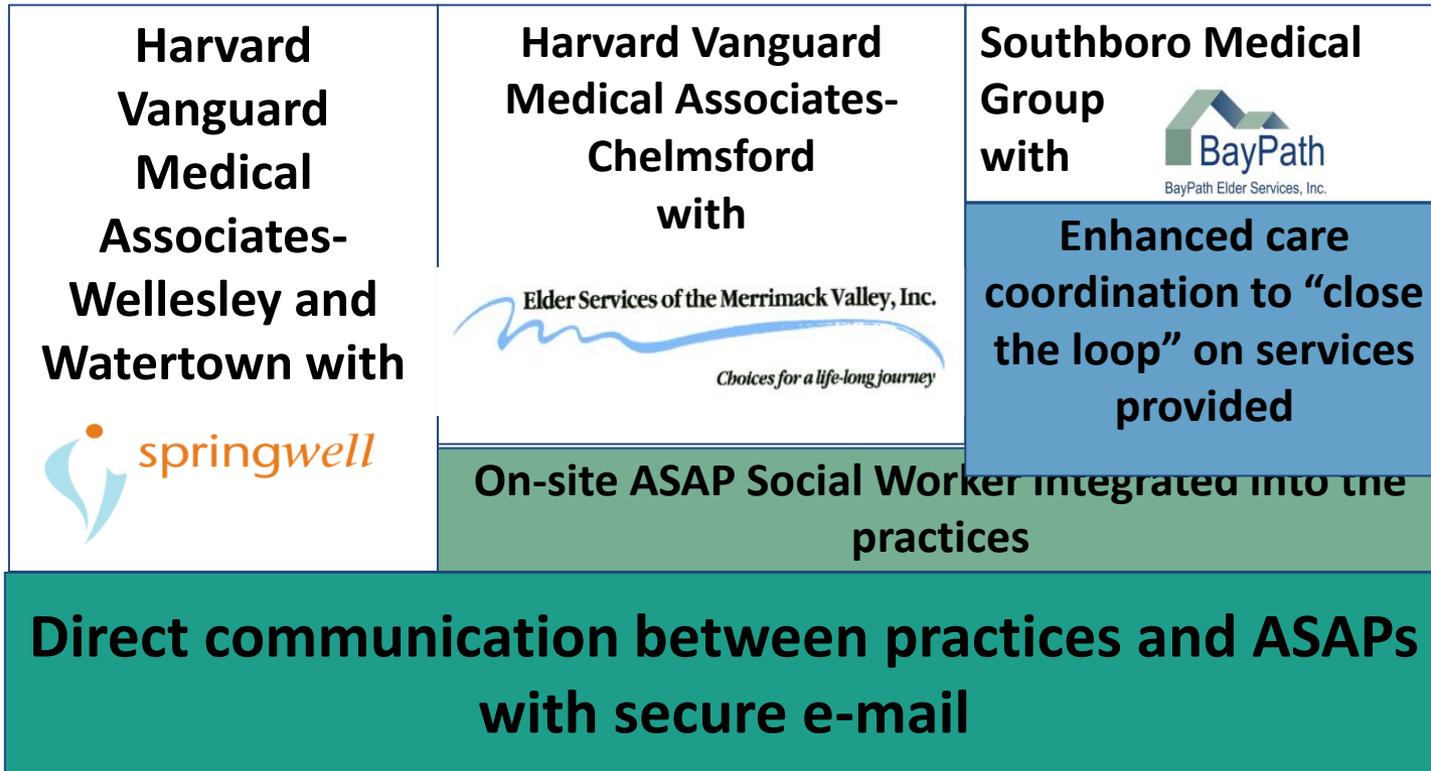
*Currently expanding to new sites*

 Atrius Health Sites

 ASAPs

# OUR PARTNERSHIPS

- Practice-based pilots and population-based interventions of varied intensity
- Creation of patient centered care plans with resources for implementation
- Development of standard work processes for optimal care coordination



## PROGRESSION OF SERVICE DELIVERY

# Opportunities & Challenges

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- Opportunities

- Build sustainable relationships beyond individuals
- Continuous learning together => innovation
- Demonstrate Value => Clinical and Financial Commitment

- Challenges

- Slow Start Up
  - Hard to scale
  - Building as we go
- Data timing
  - Utilization & costs
  - Quality measures
- Integration into primary care protocols
  - Work flow changes
  - Education

# Value Proposition for Southboro Medical

## *ASAP as Authentic Member of Care Team*

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- Quicker and "more economically feasible" to buy
- Better access to ASAP services through embedded staff in practice (vs. standard I&R)
- Improved care management that reduced duplication of handoffs
- More patients access ASAP network services through relationship
- Opportunity to focus on prevention, develop innovative model for best practice
- Align with ACO measures
- Reduces burden on MD practices

"wish she was here 5 days per week"

"Our staff can focus more on care management and less on the details or making arrangements"

# Lessons Learned

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## ASAP Collaboration

- Build relationship with one point of contact and spread
- Allow time for MD practice staff to experience value of ASAP, one patient at a time
- Participation in case “roster” review is powerful

## Internal Atrius Health

- MD engagement drives change
- Care Managers are key to everything
- New opportunity to spread pilots across Atrius Health

## External

- Potential conflicts AND/OR opportunities with other initiatives
  - CCTP, MSSP ACOs, Bundled Payment Pilot

# What's Next?

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- For Pioneer and ASAP work
  - Spread the good work
  - Track the results
  
- For Atrius, More “O”s.....
  - SCO – Existing MA duals plan, 65+
  - ICO – New MA plans, < 65

# Questions?

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