

# Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Provider Impact

#### What We Know

- PCPs that develop meaningful and sustainable relationships with patients and provide integrated care have:
  - Greater patient trust
  - Better outcomes
  - · Improved Continuity of care
- ~85% of responses are correlated to the physician-patient interaction
- With consistent PCP visits, commonly higher CAHPS scores
- When HEDIS/Medication adherence ↑, then CAHPS ↑



#### Access to Care Getting needed care quickly

- Seen within < 15 min of scheduled appt.
- Review & Prepare (HUDDLE)
- Engage patient in care
- Prescribe tier 1 formulary Rx
- Educate on diagnosed disease
  process
- Evaluate/Eliminate barriers



### **Flu Vaccine** Did you get 100%

- Instruct patients about the value of getting vaccinated
- Encourage patient to get the flu vaccine
- Partner with WellCare on joint initiatives or programs that focus on Flu education



### Care Coordination Clear Provider Communication

- Create a specialty Care TEAM
- Reconcile & Educate for current medications taken
- Deliver test results timely
- Increase CAHPS knowledge
- Inform patient on importance of completing the CAHPS Survey



# **CAHPS** Provider Impact

## **Getting Needed Care**

- Office staff should help coordinate specialty appointments for urgent cases
- Encourage patients and caregivers to view results on the patient portal when available
- Inform patients of what to do if care is needed after hours
- Offer appointments or refills via text and/or email



## **Getting Care Quickly**

- Ensure a few appointments each day are available to accommodate urgent visits
- See patients within 15 minutes of the appointment time
- Maintain an **effective triage system** to ensure that frail and/or very sick patients are seen right away or provided alternate care via phone and urgent care
- Keep patients informed if there is a longer wait time than expected and provide them with an **option to reschedule**



## **Care Coordination**

- Ensure there are open appointments for **patients recently discharged** from a facility
- Integrate PCP and Specialty practices through EMR or fax to get reports in a timely manner
- Ask patients if they have seen any other providers; discuss visits to specialty care as needed
- Encourage patients to bring in their medications to each visit



## **Doctor Communication**

- Spend time talking to the patient
- Explain things in a way that is easy to understand
- Listen carefully
- Show respect for what the patient has to say

