Collaborative Transition of Care Models: Lessons learned during a pandemic
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Agenda

Agenda Topics

- Introduction to ILS
  - Meals Programs
  - Care for 12,000 seniors
- COVID-19 in South Florida
- Avoiding hospitalization
- Reductions in hospital LOS
- What we found
Independent Living Systems, LLC, offers a comprehensive range of clinical and third-party administrative services to managed care organizations and providers that serve high-cost, complex member populations in the Medicare, Medicaid and Dual-Eligible Market.

ILS has been an industry leader in managing home and community-based programs for over 18 years providing assistance beyond the clinical realm at every stage of care from hospitalization to the treatment of chronic illnesses to personalized care management including nutritional support.

ILS is one of the country’s leading providers of Nutritional Support Services and medically tailored meals. ILS provides nutrition counseling and home delivered meals for individuals transitioning from acute settings to the home as well as for those combatting the effects of one or more chronic diseases.
ILS is the parent company of Florida Community Care, a Long-Term Care Plus Plan serving ~ 14,000 LTSS members across all Florida counties:

- Acute care, long term care and home and community-based services all resident in one plan of care
- Arrangements with community-based organizations and provider groups that include:
  - Delegated management of provider networks
  - Quality assurance and quality improvement activities
  - Medicaid eligibility redetermination assistance

ILS is the Lead agency for the Miami-Dade Community Care for the Elderly (CCE) Program which provides community-based services to help functionally impaired elders live in the least restrictive yet most cost-effective environment suitable to their needs.

**Services or Activities:**
Eligible clients receive a wide range of goods and services, including: adult day care, adult day health care, case management, case aide, chore, companionship, consumable medical supplies, counseling, escort, emergency alert response, emergency home repair, home-delivered meals, home health aide, homemaker, home nursing, information and referral, legal assistance, material aid, medical therapeutic services, personal care, respite, shopping assistance, transportation, and other community-based services.
Care for Seniors in South Florida

Care Coordination

Clinically Tailored Meals Designed by a team of Nutrition Specialists:

- Delivered directly to the member’s door, with up-to-date delivery status
- Prepared in U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) inspected facilities
- Nutritionally balanced and carbohydrate, fat, sodium, and portion controlled
- Meets the Federal Nutrition standards
- Menus designed and reviewed by our registered, licensed Dietitians
- Designed as Healthy Lifestyle menus
- Flash frozen for guaranteed freshness
- Formulated to retain nutritional integrity
South Florida
COVID-19 Impact

Cumulative Cases

Known Cases

Cases
Deaths

Miami-Dade
Broward
Palm Beach

4000
1800
66000
108000
1800

230,000
200,000
175,000
150,000
125,000
100,000
75,000
50,000
25,000
0

Feb 2
Mar 23
May 18
Jul 5
Aug 21
Oct 9
Nov 30
South Florida
Overarching Goals

Limit exposure of seniors to COVID-19 by reducing hospitalizations and, if hospitalized or in post-acute or long-term care community, reduce the length of stay:

- Evaluate which Seniors are most at Risk
- Help seniors avoid ER and hospital admission by addressing the sources for preventable admissions:
  - Food insecurity
  - Social Isolation
- Help seniors transition as quickly and safely as possible when discharged from the hospital.
  - personal care,
  - homemaker,
  - shopping assistance,
  - home-delivered meals,
  - Transportation
Evaluating at Risk Seniors
COVID Assessment

COVID-19 Mini Assessment

1. Have you or a close relative or friend traveled outside the country within 2 weeks?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don’t know

2. Do you suffer from heart or lung disease?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don’t know

3. Have you been recently diagnosed with a condition that affects your immune system?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don’t know

4. Are you taking any medication that your doctor has told you may affect your immune system?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don’t know

5. Do you have symptoms of a cold or flu?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don’t know

6. Do you have family or friends that you can call on if you are not feeling well or if your caregiver is unable to assist you?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don’t know

7. Do you have enough medicine for 2 weeks?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don’t know

8. Do you have home delivered meals?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don’t know

9. Do you have enough food for the next two-weeks in your home?
   - Yes
   - No
   - I don’t know

10. Do you have someone that can food shop for you?
    - Yes
    - No
    - I don’t know

11. Do you attend group meetings, religious service, Adult Day Care, or any place where there were more than 20 people gathered?
    - Yes
    - No
    - I don’t know

12. Do you have a place to go and someone to assist you if your Adult Day Care facility closes?
    - Yes
    - No
    - I don’t know

13. Are you familiar with the prevention methods set by the CDC, such as frequent hand washing, avoiding large groups for the next couple of weeks, avoiding others who are sick?
    - Yes
    - No
    - I don’t know

Responses to Questions Trigger Care Plan interventions for services and Education
Evaluating at Risk Seniors
Assessing Adult Day Care Impact

- Early concerns regarding Adult Day Care (ADC) led to considerable confusion regarding status of ADCs by mid-March, prompted by Miami-Dade order closing “senior community centers.”
- In mid-March, FCC began contingency planning in advance of ADC closures.
  - FCC completed mini-assessment of each ADC recipient – 100% enrollees statewide.
  - FCC conducted survey of ADC provider capabilities in anticipation of new flexibilities.
- By the end of March, two-thirds of ADC recipients in Miami-Dade had stopped attended ADC; well in advance of Miami-Dade order closing ADCs effective April 3rd.
### Evaluating at Risk Seniors

**Assessing Adult Day Care Impact**

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Evaluating at Risk Seniors
Assessing Adult Day Care Impact

ADC closures monitored and mitigated through provision of other HCBS Services including PDO
Care Strategies to Avoid Hospitalizations

Food at Home

- It is now commonly understood that seniors faced with Food Insecurity are more likely to experience a higher volume of hospital stays and re-admissions.

- In response to COVID-19, South Florida senior centers and food banks closed or stopped serving in-house meals while there was a significant reduction of volunteers in food banks exacerbating food insecurity in the region.
Care Strategies to Avoid Hospitalizations

Food at Home

**Home Delivered Meals**
Over 8 million meals produced and delivered directly to the homes of residents affected by the Covid-19 epidemic.

**Groceries**
Over 100,000 “grocery kits” of fruits and vegetables delivered directly to the residences of seniors unable to procure their own groceries due to the Covid-10 epidemic.

**Assessment**
Assessed entire care managed population to determine increased risk for food insecurity under Covid.
Transportation
Turning a challenge into an opportunity

- As the need for non-emergency transportation decreased due to the epidemic, many NET drivers were about to be displaced.
- With the increased need for home delivered meals we were able to redeploy nearly one hundred of these drivers to deliver meals to the community.
Care Strategies to Avoid Hospitalizations

Socialization

- Higher perceived loneliness was associated with more frequent ambulatory and emergency room visits and hospital admissions in seniors
- In June of this year, 56% of people over the age of 50 said they sometimes or often felt isolated from others double the 27% who felt isolated from others in a similar poll in 2018
Care Strategies to Avoid Hospitalizations

Socialization

- Frequency of contact with members has increased significantly since March.
- Continue to contact and monitor special populations on a weekly basis.
Care Strategies to Reduce Length of Stay

Socialization

Staff are Electronically Notified of Current and Future Admissions
Care Strategies to Reduce Length of Stay

Care Coordination

- Evaluate Community members admitted to facilities to proactively identify services that support a faster transition
- Coordinate w/discharge planner to identify members that will benefit from “virtual ward”
- “Virtual Ward” provides Community members with services outside the facility that support the faster transition:
  - Home health personal care,
  - homemaker,
  - shopping assistance,
  - home-delivered meals,
  - Transportation
- Ensure services are in place at time of discharge
What we Found

Care Coordination

Initiated Emergency Plan

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY

6.08     6.16     6.27     6.53     6.58     7.41     8.60     7.19     6.25     6.18     5.89     5.84     5.10
Challenges Faced

Care Coordination

• **Direct Care Workforce** conversations with many HCBS providers have pointed to employees leaving due to the COVID-19 pandemic due to fears of becoming infected; these employees have not yet returned.

• **Transitions** with Nursing Facility (NF) discharge and/or Assisted Living Facility (ALF) admissions have hampered due to reluctance from ALF operators to admit new residents, especially those transitioning from NF.
Next
Care Coordination

Continue high-contact, member focused Care Management (CM) based on interactive data through telephonic care management, with particular emphasis on supporting special populations.

Implement more innovative telehealth solutions for community members including IOT devices for monitoring and communication.

Apply lessons learned to the broader population.
Questions?