

Aligning Incentives for Better Outcomes: State of Play

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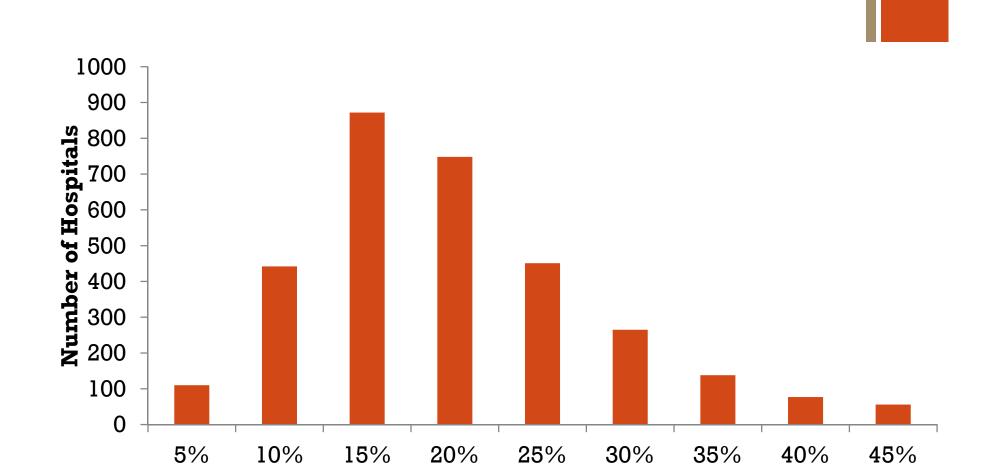
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Why do we need pay for performance?

Variations in AMI Mortality



Risk-adjusted 30-day Mortality Rates

Incentives 1.0: What did we try?

- ■Small dollars
- Process measures

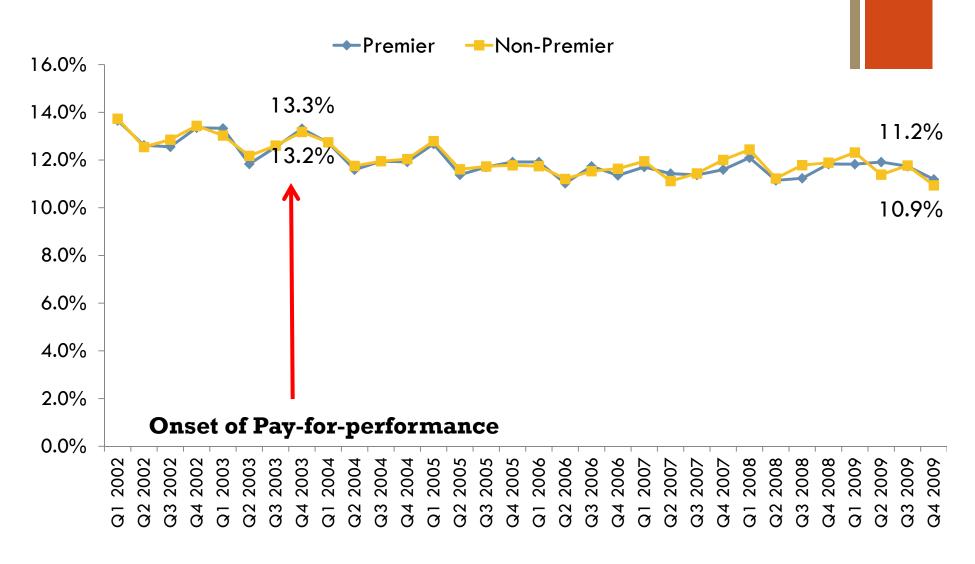
Did it work?

- ■News headlines over past five years:
 - "Health Affairs article finds Medicare's pay-forperformance did not spur quality improvement"
 - "'New NEJM Report: Pay-for-performance...a bust"
 - "Paying doctors for quality doesn't work"
 - "Medicare's policy did not reduce infection rates"

And the more formal evidence?

- Houle et al. Systematic Review:
 - "The effect of P4P targeting individual practitioners on quality of care and outcomes remains largely uncertain"
- Evidence is variable, underwhelming

Premier HQID: Did It Work?



* What is ACA doing?

Value-based purchasing

Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program

Accountable Care Organizations

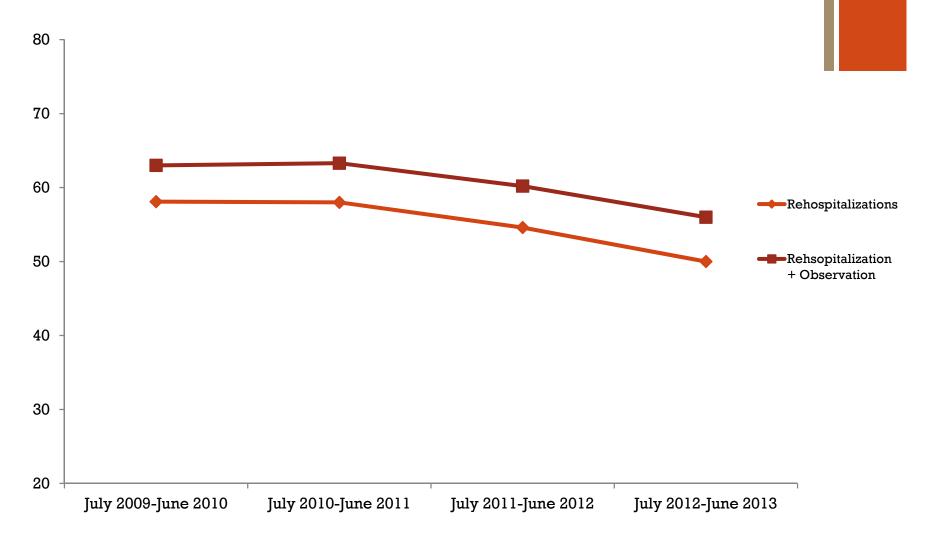
Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction

Program

* What is ACA doing?

- ■Incentives are generally small
- ■Mix of process and outcomes measures
- ■The effects to date are modest

Rates of readmissions are falling



Daughtridge GW et al. JAMA. 2014;311(10):1013-4.

Pay-for-performance

Old question: "Does pay-for-performance work?"

New question: "How do we get pay-for-performance to work?"

ACA 2.0: What might it look like?

- ■Bigger incentives?
- ■Target a small number of outcomes?
 - Especially over the longer run
 - Across a broader set of measures
- ■Structure it right
- Play into intrinsic motivations
- More nuanced approach to the safety net