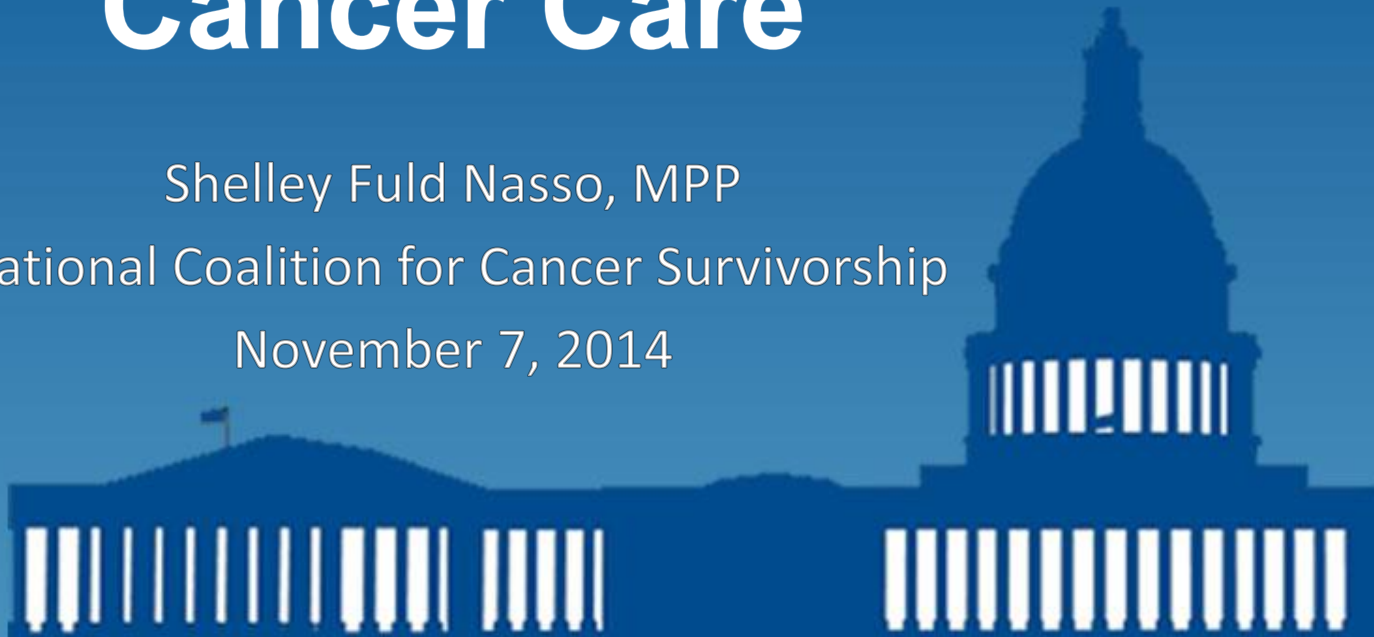


The Role of Payment Reforms in Improving Cancer Care

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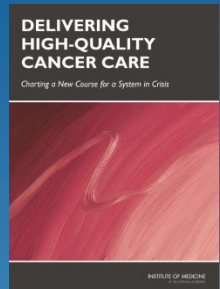


ABOUT NCCS

- Our mission is to advocate for **quality cancer care** for all people touched by cancer
- We represent **cancer survivors** in **public policy efforts** to improve cancer treatments and enhance access to quality cancer care
- **Our goal** is to foster a cancer care system that is evidence-based, quality-driven, **patient-focused** and affordable and accessible to all
- We **convene** cancer advocates, industry, payers, professional societies, academia and providers
- We champion **cancer care planning**, at diagnosis and at major transition points during treatment and survivorship

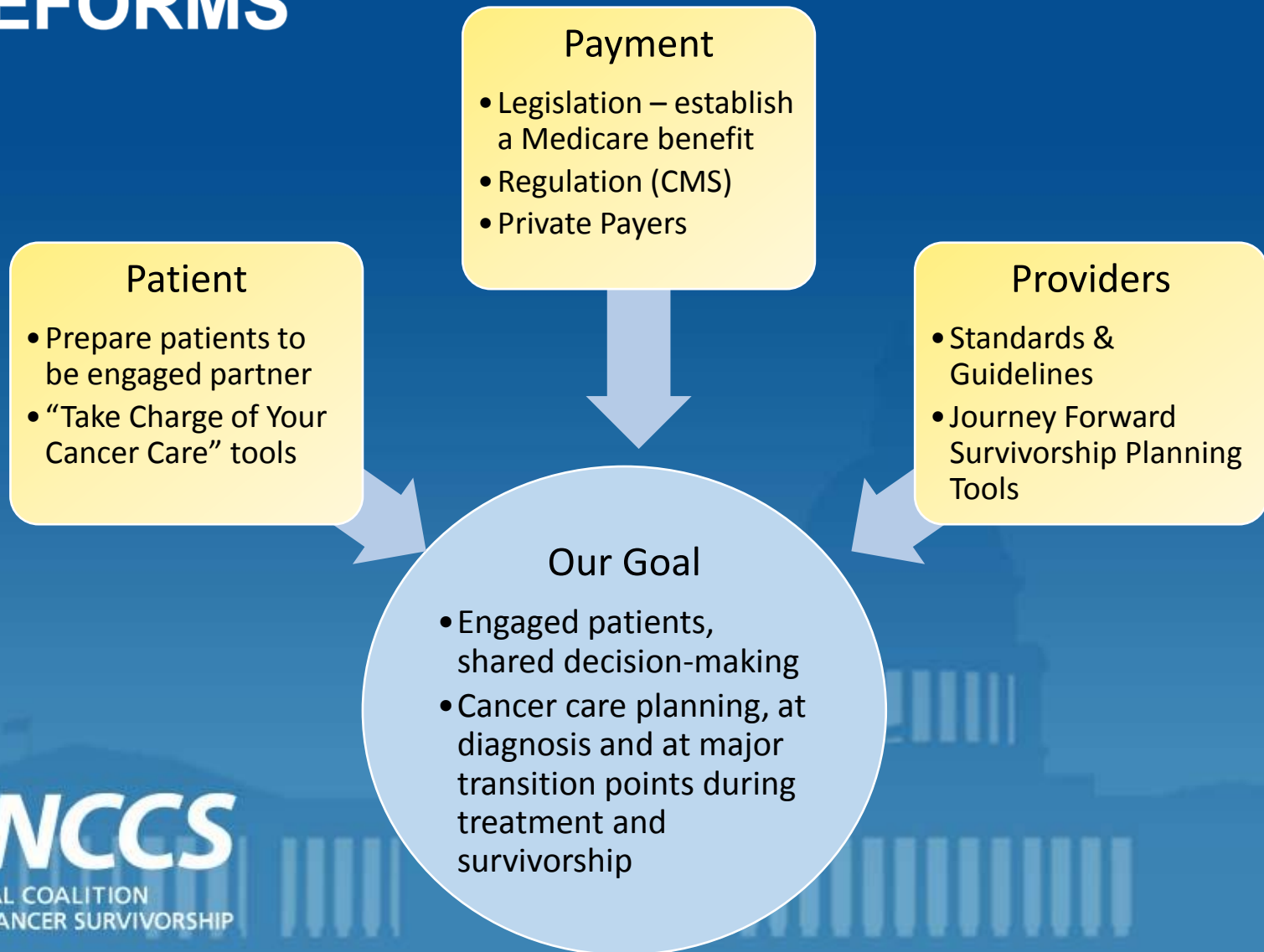
Recommendation 1

- The **cancer care team** should:
 - **Communicate** and **personalize** this information for their patients at key decision points along the continuum of cancer care, using decision aids when available
 - **Collaborate with their patients** to develop a **care plan** that reflects their patients' needs, values, and preferences, and considers palliative care needs and psychosocial support across the cancer care continuum.
- CMS and other payers should design, implement, and evaluate **innovative payment models** that incentivize the cancer care team to discuss this information with their patients and document their discussions in each patient's care plan.



SOURCE IOM (Institute of Medicine). 2013. Delivering high-quality cancer care: Charting a new course for a system in crisis. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.

ADOPTION OF **CANCER CARE** **PLANNING: DELIVERY & PAYMENT** REFORMS



DELIVERY & PAYMENT REFORMS ESSENTIAL TO QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- NCCS considers changing the conversation between doctor and patient as the essential foundation of **delivery reform**.
- **Payment reforms** must be aligned to improve communication, treatment decision-making, symptom management, and coordination of care

NCCS PRINCIPLES FOR PATIENT-CENTERED PAYMENT REFORM

- Reward **quality of services**, not just quantity
- Require **shared decision-making and a cancer care planning process**, including advance care planning
- Promote **evidence-based care** by encouraging adherence to guidelines, quality measures, and standards of care
- Include **consideration of clinical trial** options, where appropriate, in the care planning discussion

NCCS PRINCIPLES FOR PATIENT-CENTERED PAYMENT REFORM

- Communicate **patient cost-sharing** responsibilities as part of the care planning process
- Include protections against **underutilization or overutilization**
- Incorporate **outcome, process, and patient-reported outcome measures**, developed with input from patients
- Ensure that therapeutic **innovations will be rapidly incorporated** into the standard of care
- Reimburse for **coordination of care**, from screening through survivorship

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What Caught Our Eye This Week: Patient-Centered Care, "The Fault in Our Stars" and Genetic Data
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Three articles caught our eye at NCCS this week. The one that raises the most questions for us in terms of policy development is from our friend, Amy Abernathy, appearing as a blog post for the June 10th issue of The Hill. Her argument in support of patient-centered care is something we have advocated for over 20 years. Keeping the patient at the center of cancer care is recognized as a common-sense approach to best practices, as well as a way to achieve payment reforms for oncology that reward health care providers for delivery of such care. Dr. Abernathy's critical point about the cost/value equation is even more compelling, as the word "innovation" is often used as a term to [...]

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