

# AMA and the Medical Home

# Medical Home Implications

- Education
- Workforce
- Quality and Standards
- Cost

# Burden of Chronic Illness

# ITME

“A number of recent reports have raised concerns about the process and product of the U.S. medical education system, especially the inadequacies in physicians’ preparation for practice in a health care system that is newly focused on patient-centered care and on quality and safety.”

# ITME June 2007 Report

- Identified gaps in physician preparation.
- 10 recommendations for change.
- Now in implementation phase.

# Workforce

- Physician workforce shortages by geography and specialty identified.
- Declining interest in primary care careers.
- Health care environment drives demand for physicians.

# AMA Policy

D-200.986 Impact of Increasing Specialization and Declining Generalism in the Medical Profession:

(4) Support the concept of partnerships between primary care physicians and patients to coordinate access to all needed medical services and consultations (a “medical home”) for all patients.

(5) Encourage physician reimbursement changes which would make generalist physician practice more attractive.

# Quality

- What are the standards for provision of a medical home?
- What are the barriers to providing a medical home?
- Transferring disease management funds from health plans to physicians.

# Medical Home Pilots

- In 1998, North Carolina's Medicaid program paid physician-led networks offer medical homes to Medicaid enrollees and saved \$60 million in Medicaid costs in 2003 and \$120 million in 2004, according to one analysis.
- The Tax 2006 Relief and Health Care Act of mandates Medicare begin a medical home demonstration project by 2010.

# Medical Home Pilots

- IBM and Boeing have established medical home initiatives.
- NCQA announces voluntary criteria to recognize practices as medical homes on 11/7/07.

# Costs

Estimated Per Capita Health Expenditures, by Age and Sex, 1995

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# Cost of Chronic Illness

- More than 90 million Americans live with chronic illnesses.
- Chronic diseases account for 70% of all deaths in the United States.
- The medical care costs of people with chronic diseases account for more than 75% of the nation's \$1.4 trillion medical care costs.

# Next Steps

- What should the AMA and the Council on Medical Education do next?
  - Follow-up on CME Report 12-A-06
  - ITME implementation and medical home
  - Professional standard setting activities
  - Specialty society partnerships



