

Evidence-Based Behavioral Health Integration

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Key Points

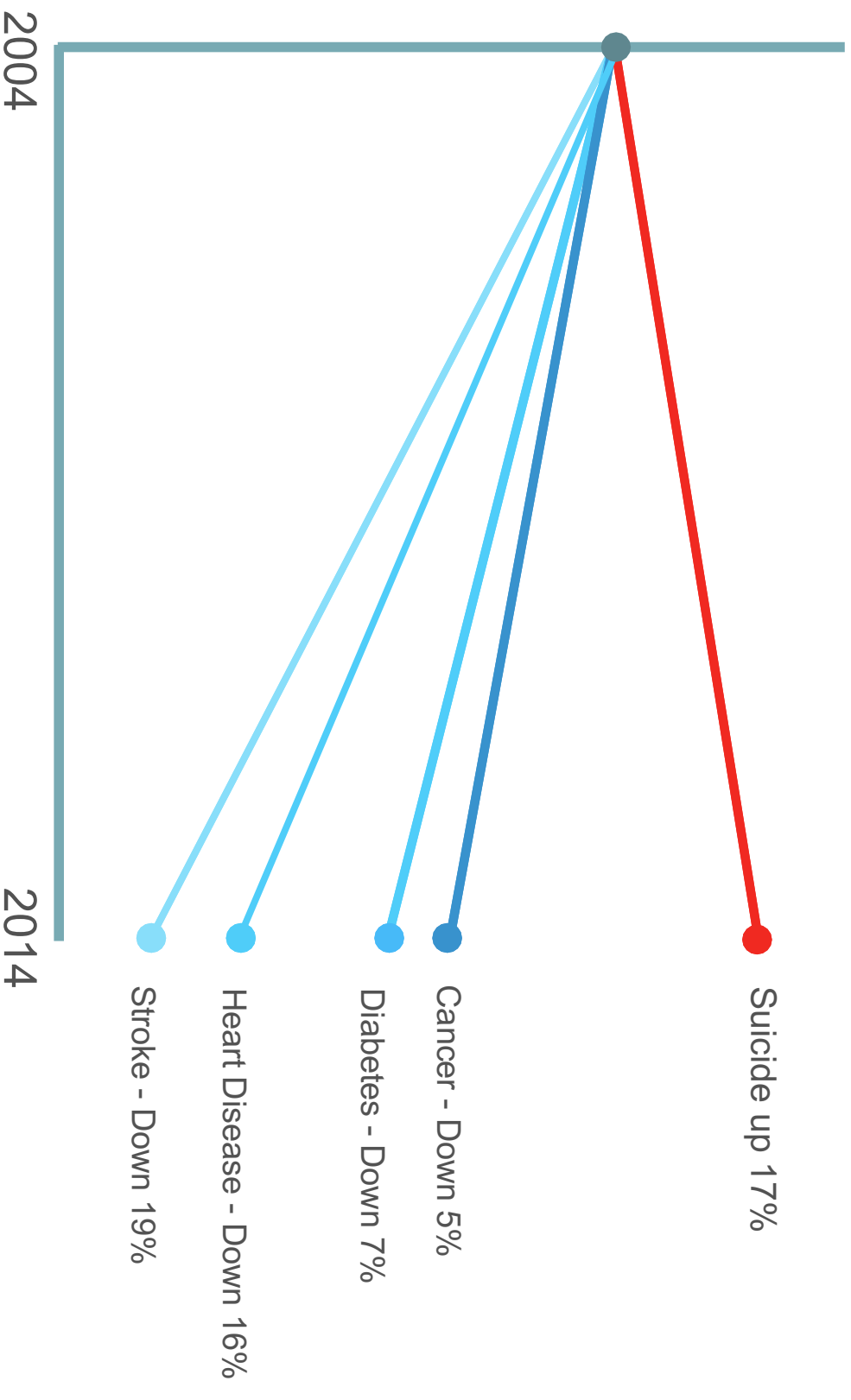
- Mental illness and substance use (**behavioral health problems**) are major drivers of disability & costs
- Effective treatments exist, but currently no more than 1 in 4 of people in need receive indicated care
- Not enough specialty providers to address this gap
- Effective integration of behavioral health care with primary care can achieve:
 - Better **access** to care
 - Better health **outcomes**
 - Lower **costs**



Burden of Behavioral Disorders

- **Common**
 - >1 in 4 Americans struggle with a mental health or substance use problem at some point in their lives
 - No family goes untouched
- **Disabling**
 - Cause nearly 25% of all disability worldwide
 - Premature mortality, via **suicide & medical comorbidity**
- **Costly**
 - Health care costs
 - Productivity: unemployment, absenteeism, “presenteeism”
 - Social costs: homelessness, criminal justice system

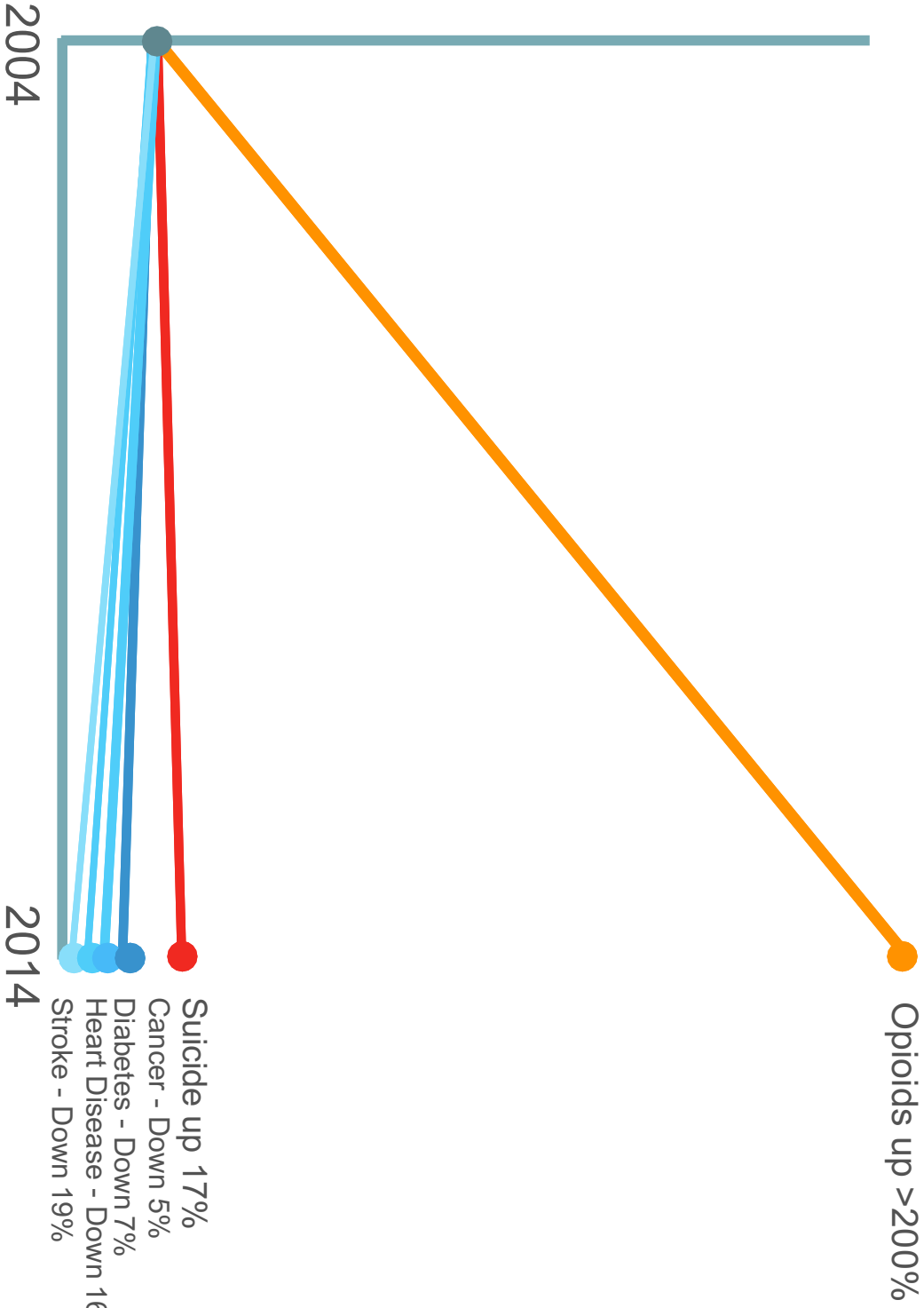
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Impact of MHSUD on Medical Costs

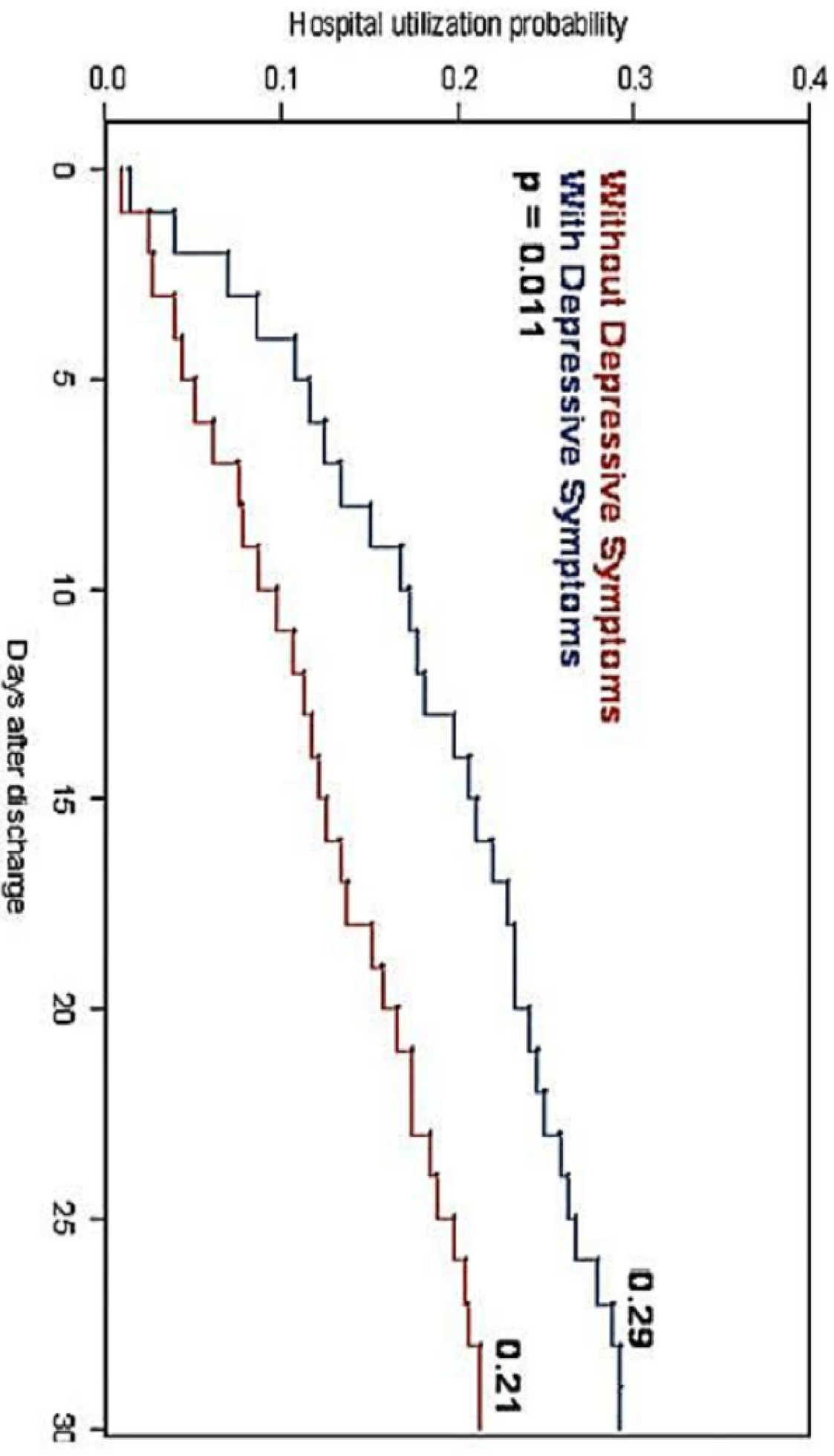
POPULATION	% WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIAGNOSIS	PMPM W/HTOUT BH DIAGNOSIS	PMPM WITH BH DIAGNOSIS	INCREASE IN TOTAL PMPM WITH BH DIAGNOSIS
Commercial	14%	\$340	\$941	276%
Medicare	9%	\$583	\$1429	245%
Medicaid	21%	\$381	\$1301	341%
All Insurers	15%	\$397	\$1085	273%

Melek S, Norris D, Paulus J: Economic Impact of Integrated Medical-Behavioral Healthcare: Implications for Psychiatry. Edited by Milliman I. Denver, CO, Prepared for American Psychiatric Association; 204. pp. 1-39.



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Depression increases risk of 30-day readmission by nearly 40%



[Mitchell et al, J Hosp Med 2010](#)

Relative risk of medical admission with & without MH and SU comorbidity — Maryland Medicaid Adults, 2011

Diabetes

Relative Risk



Source: Hilltop Institute, 2012

Across these top 9 chronic conditions, depression and anxiety go UNDIAGNOSED 85% of the time.

Medical Costs per Disease State

Chronic Medical Condition	PMPM With Behavioral Condition	PMPM Without Behavioral Condition	% Treated For Depression or Anxiety	Expected Depression or Anxiety Prevalence	% Missed
Arthritis	\$871.88	\$564.76	7.1%	32.3%	77.9%
Asthma	\$861.99	\$470.05	6.8%	60.5%	88.8%
Cancer (Malignant)	\$1,180.96	\$1,018.45	5.7%	39.8%	85.7%
Chronic Pain	\$1,210.56	\$884.70	5.9%	61.2%	90.4%
Coronary Artery	\$1,305.00	\$958.34	5.7%	48.2%	88.1%
Diabetes	\$1,110	\$828.18	5.2%	30.8%	83.2%
Heart Failure	\$2,242.85	\$1,888.11	7.0%	43.8%	84.1%
Hypertension	\$880.33	\$588.04	5.5%	30.5%	82.0%
Ischemic Stroke	\$1,461.57	\$1,254.68	7.7%	52.4%	85.2%

Cost Burdens from unrecognized/undiagnosed/Mental Health Cases.

Source: United Healthcare



Usual Care is Poor

- Half or more of people with mental disorders get NO CARE*
- Of those who receive any care, half receive sub-therapeutic or even contraindicated care*
- ~30 million people receive a prescription for a psychotropic medication in primary care each year; only 25% improve

No (Specific)
Treatment

Inadequate
Treatment

Minimally
Adequate
Treatment

*Wang PS et al., *Arch Gen Psychiatry*, 2005

How Do We Close the Gap?

- Develop better treatments
- Train & retain more mental health professionals (>50% of US counties don't have a single practicing mental health professional)
- Improve delivery of existing treatments, via integration & measurement-based care

Proactive, Measurement-Based Care

- Screen routinely, & assess positive screens
- If positive assessment, start appropriate treatment
 - Indicated medication at appropriate dosage
 - Indicated psychotherapy
- Assess clinical progress at defined intervals
- If patient isn't improving, adjust treatment
- Expect $\geq X\%$ of patients to achieve target outcome in defined timeframe

Not All Programs Are Effective

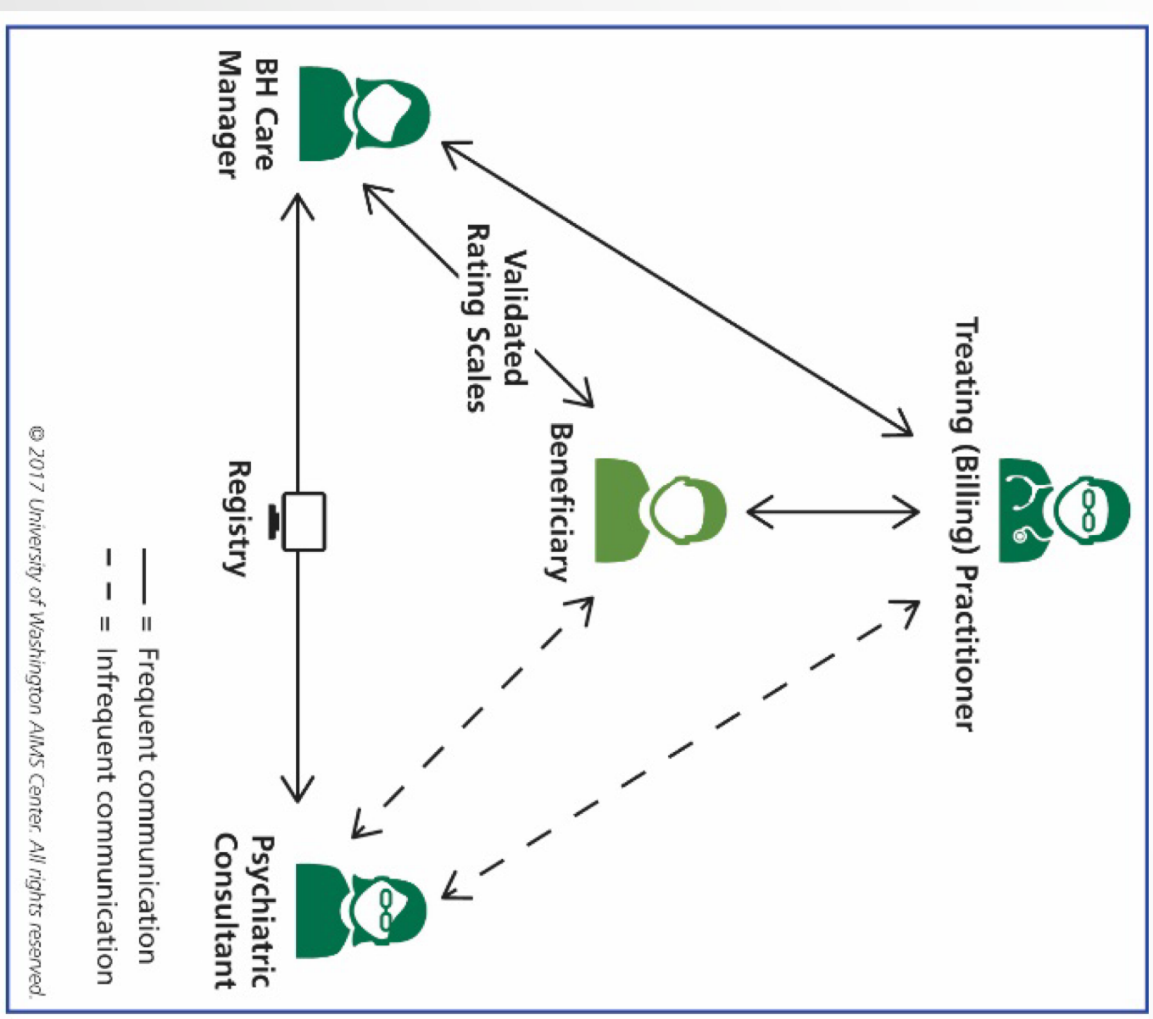
- “Integration” approaches that aren’t enough:
 - Screening without adequate treatment
 - Referral to specialty care without close coordination: 50 % fall through the cracks
 - Co-located behavioral health specialists, without effective oversight or evidence-based treatments
 - Treatment without measurement: patients ‘fall through the cracks’ or stay on ineffective treatment for too long

Collaborative Care – An evidence-based model for treating behavioral health conditions in primary care

EXISTING TREATMENTS

- Medications
- Psychotherapy

DELIVERED VIA:



Incentivizing Collaborative Care

- **Payment of core components**
 - Care management (especially via telephone)
 - Psychiatric consultation
 - Payment for Collaborative Care via CPT **99492, 99493, & 99493** (previously HCPCS G0502/3/4)
 - Also payment for “general BHI” via CPT **99484** (G0507)
- **Measurement / Treatment to target**
 - At minimum:
 - Universal screening via standardized instrument
 - Benchmark for % of cases who remit within 12 months
 - *CMS requires for depression in Medicare ACOs, as of 2015; also part of HEDIS*
- **Pay for Performance**

Payment for Collaborative Care (99492/3/4)

- **Care Team**
 - **Treating (billing) practitioner**
 - **Care manager** – designated individual with behavioral health training; must be available for face-to-face Pt contact
 - **Psychiatric consultant** – medical professional trained in psychiatry & qualified to prescribe full range of medications; can be located remotely
- **Eligible Conditions** – Any mental, behavioral health, or psychiatric condition being treated by the billing practitioner, including substance use disorders, that, in the clinical judgment of the billing practitioner, warrants BHI services
- **Service Components**
 - (Elements of measurement-based care described earlier)

Questions?

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