



Provisions, Principles and Potential:

Can the ACA Improve Outcomes for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness?

Arthur C. Evans, PhD

American Psychological Association 2014 Convention, Washington, DC 08/08/14

Provisions, Principles and Potential

- Provisions
- Principles
- Potential

The ACA contains certain provisions that will positively impact people with serious mental illness. It also contains provisions that may help.

The ACA will also

What Do People Need to Recover?

Hope. Respect. Choice. Partnership.
Person Directed. Trauma-Informed.
Self-Care. Holistic. Supports.
Opportunity. Effective Treatment.
Strength Based. Social Connection.
Educations. Housing.

How will ACA support recovery?

- Access and Coverage
- Person-Centered Care
- Integrated Care
- Evidence-Based Practices
- Outcomes and Financing

ACCESS AND COVERAGE

- Greater Numbers
- Greater Benefits
- Earlier Intervention

PERSON-CENTERED CARE

- Greater emphasis on people's experience of care
- Value-Based purchasing



INTEGRATED CARE

Greater attention to physical health needs

- Medical/Health Homes
- Use of Health Information Technology



EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES

- Clinical guidelines
- Patient Centered-Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)
- National Quality Strategy and Measures



OUTCOMES & FINANCING

- Accountable Care Organizations
- CMS Innovation Center-Innovation Grant Fund
- Medical Loss Ratio



SUMMARY

- ACA has potential to improve the outcomes of individuals with SMI
- Need to leverage ACA to enact change
- Requires advocacy

CALL TO ACTION



DEPARTMENT of BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
and INTELLECTUAL disABILITY SERVICES

Connect With Us



@ DBHIDS @ArthurCEvans



DBHIDS



DBHIDS