



# Payer as Partner

A Discussion on Working with Medicaid Health Plans to Impact  
Social Determinants of Health and Health Equity

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# Learning Objectives

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- Develop knowledge about how to engage with Medicaid Health Plans (MHP) around topics of health equity and social determinants of health
- Understand challenges experienced by MHPs which are attempting to impact health equity and social determinants of health
- Describe a population health management model that emphasizes locally rooted practice transformation and a person-centered approach to quality improvement and risk management.



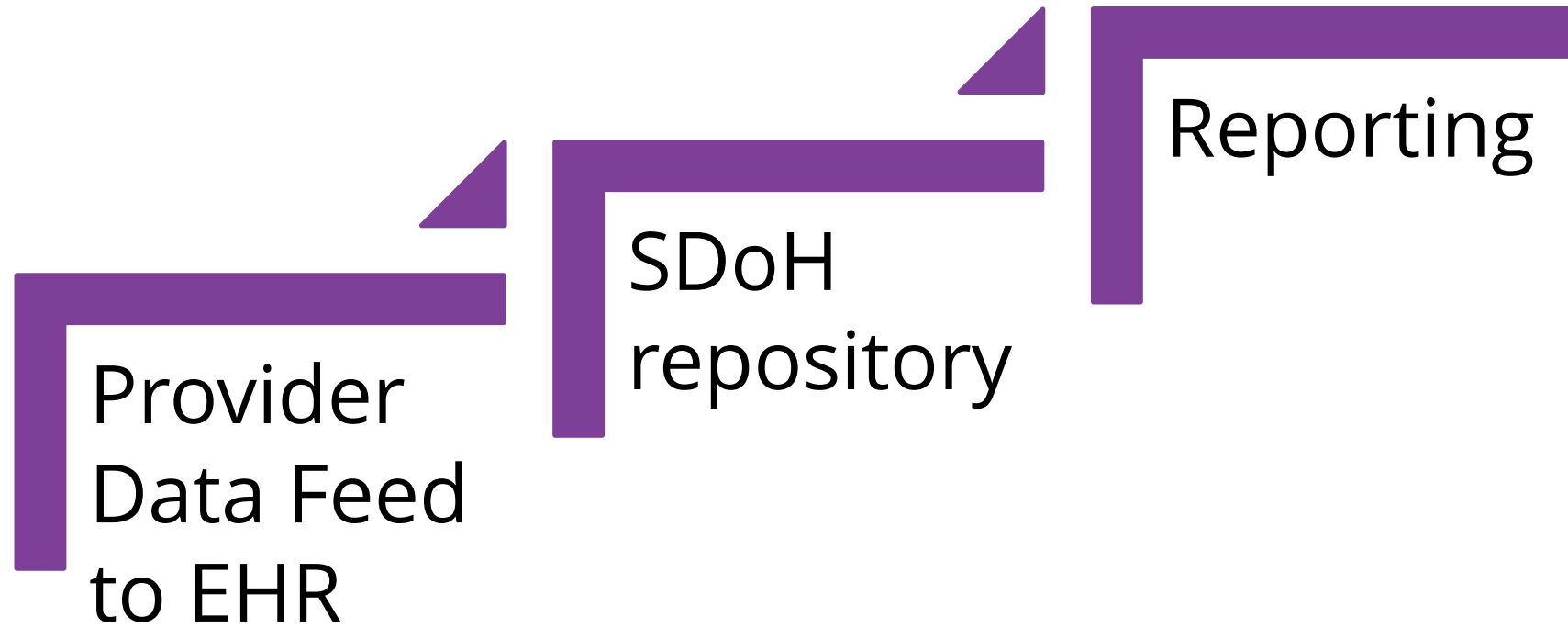
# Current SDoH initiatives

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# Challenges with SDoH Collection

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# Aetna's Pop Health Management Approach

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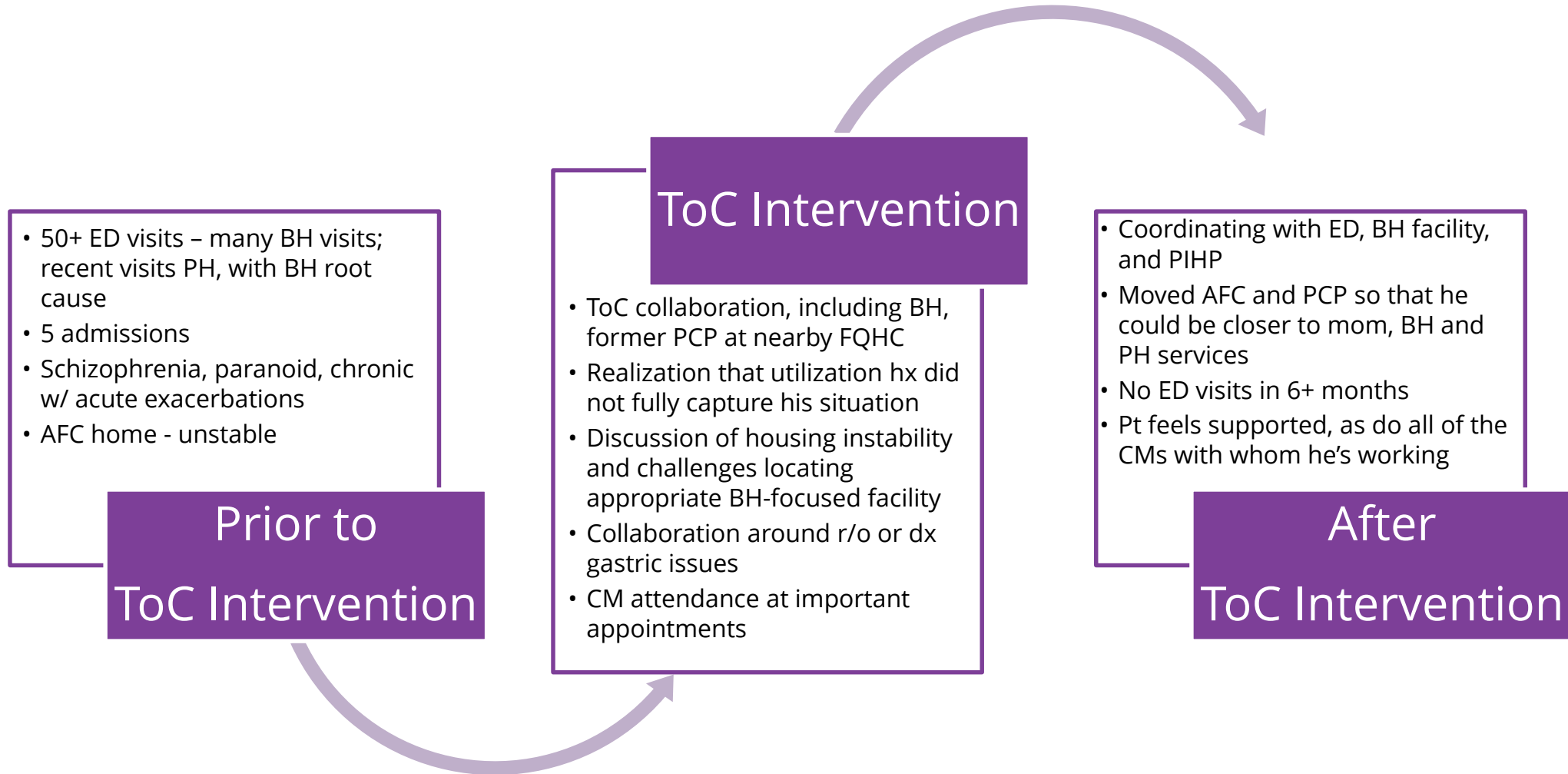


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# Aetna Medicaid's Population Health Approach

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## Objectives

### **To promote a collaborative Population Health management approach that:**

- Delivers the best care to patients
- Offers the most insightful data to health providers for optimal decision making
- Manages costs, minimizes duplicative efforts and services

### **Supporting the collaborative approach through:**

- CareUnify: A proprietary software for comprehensive patient care
- Population Health Specialist: Open and supportive communication with knowledgeable staff
- Value Based Contracts: support new delivery models and sophisticated value-based arrangements driven by payment based on achieving quality outcomes





# Helping hands

## Population health specialists



Value-based contracting



Real relationships



Personalized health



Workflow analysis



Onsite support



Data-driven decisions



Experienced clinicians



Care coordination

Improve your patient outcomes



View care data points in near-real time



Use across mobile devices



Receive personal training and support

Track patient activity across care points



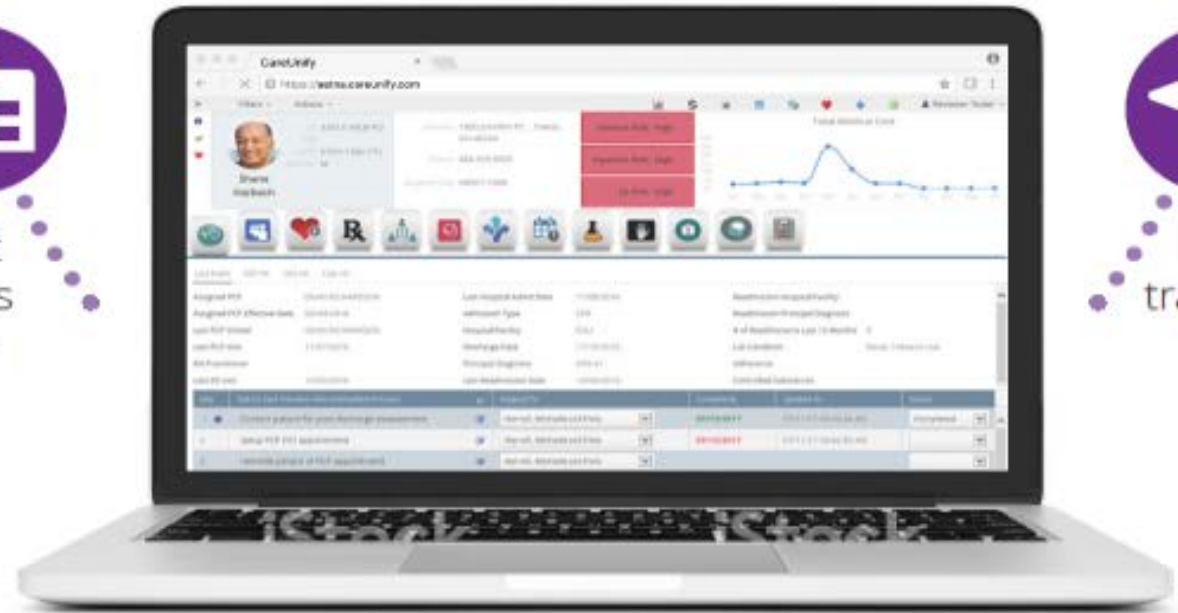
Direct patient contact



Receive high-risk patient alerts

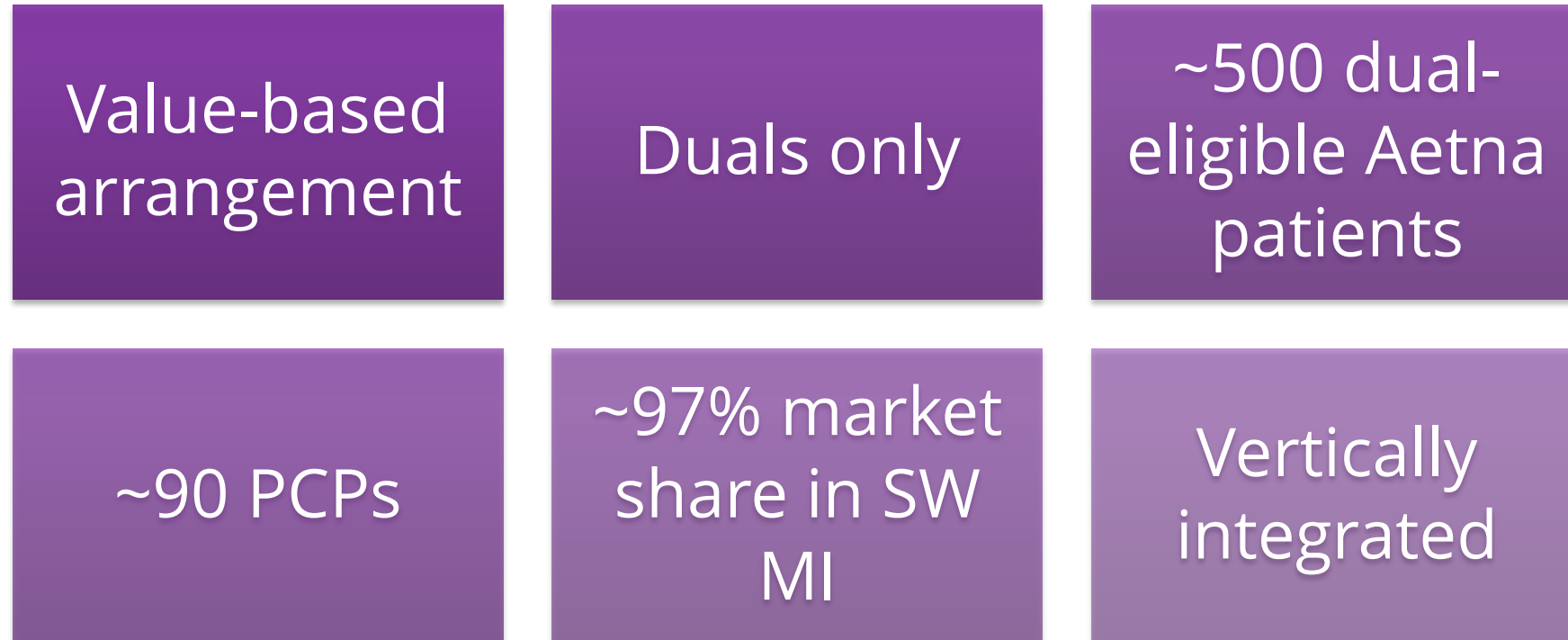


# Introducing CareUnify

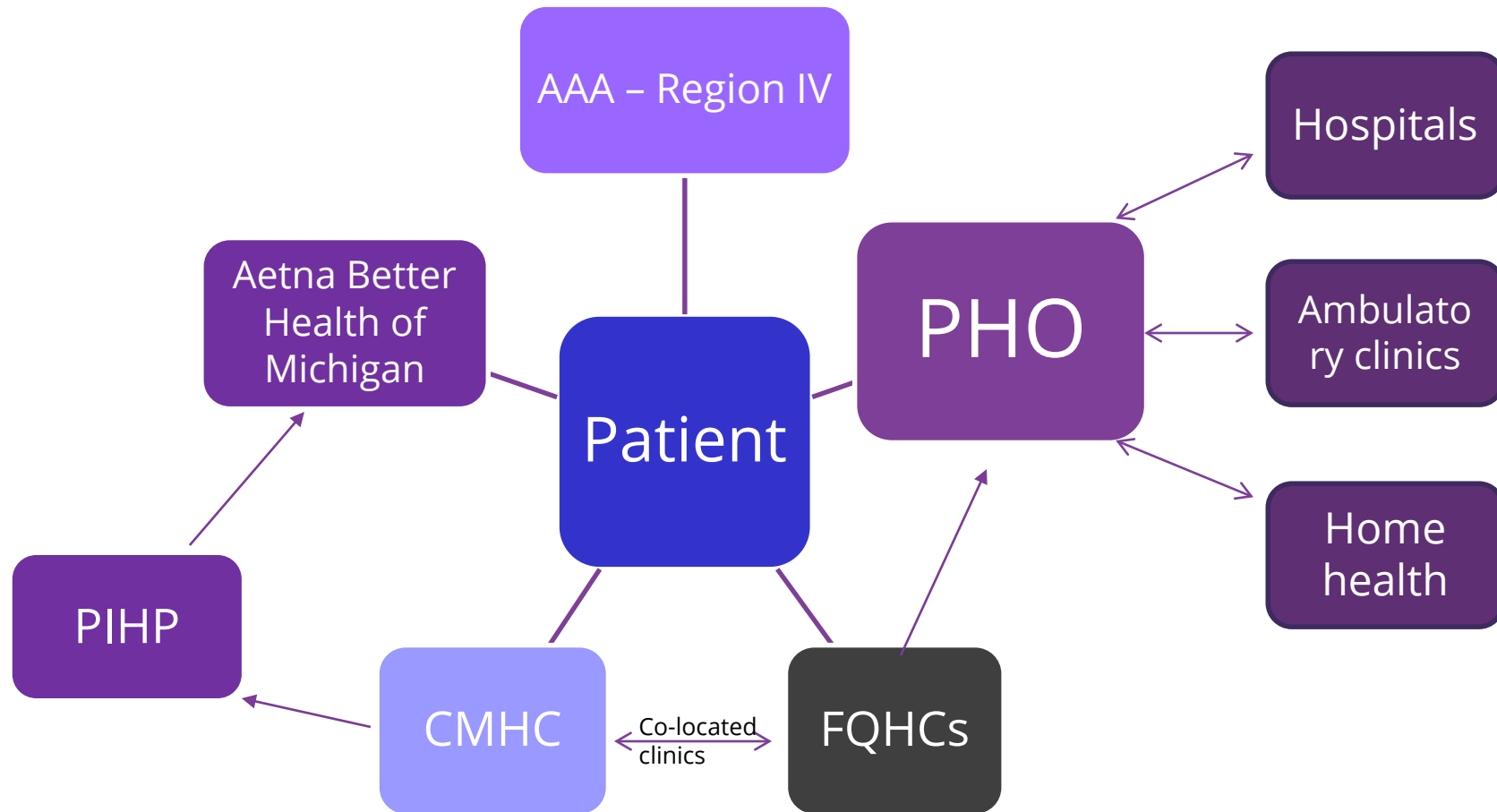


# Case Study

# Health System Overview



# Healthcare Ecosystem



## Goal-Setting

- Determined collaboratively by stakeholders
- By the numbers: Impacting utilization and cost
- More difficult to measure: Stronger relationships, improving experience of care, integrating BH/PH, addressing SDoH

## Initial Planning

- Facilitated by Population Health team, decisions made by stakeholders
- Stakeholders include clinical and quality teams at both plan and provider
- Establish new forum to address ongoing, nearly universal challenges
- Level of involvement and collaboration determined by stakeholders

# Care Collaboration Model – Preparation & Action

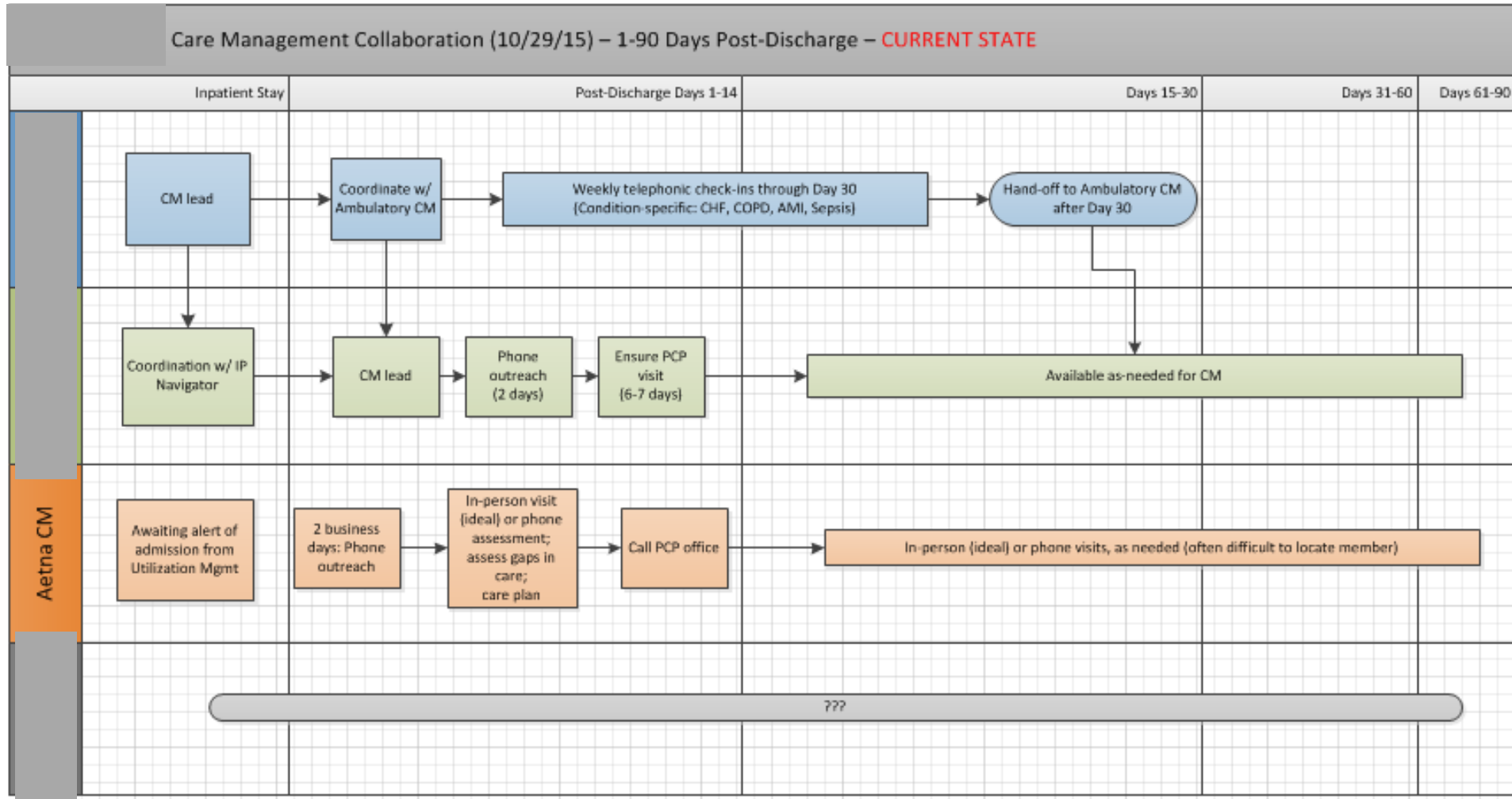
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- Pain point discussions
- Workflow analysis and proposed revisions
- Evaluation planning
- Establishment of regular touchpoint/accountability opportunity
- Launch meeting and training sessions

## Ongoing Action

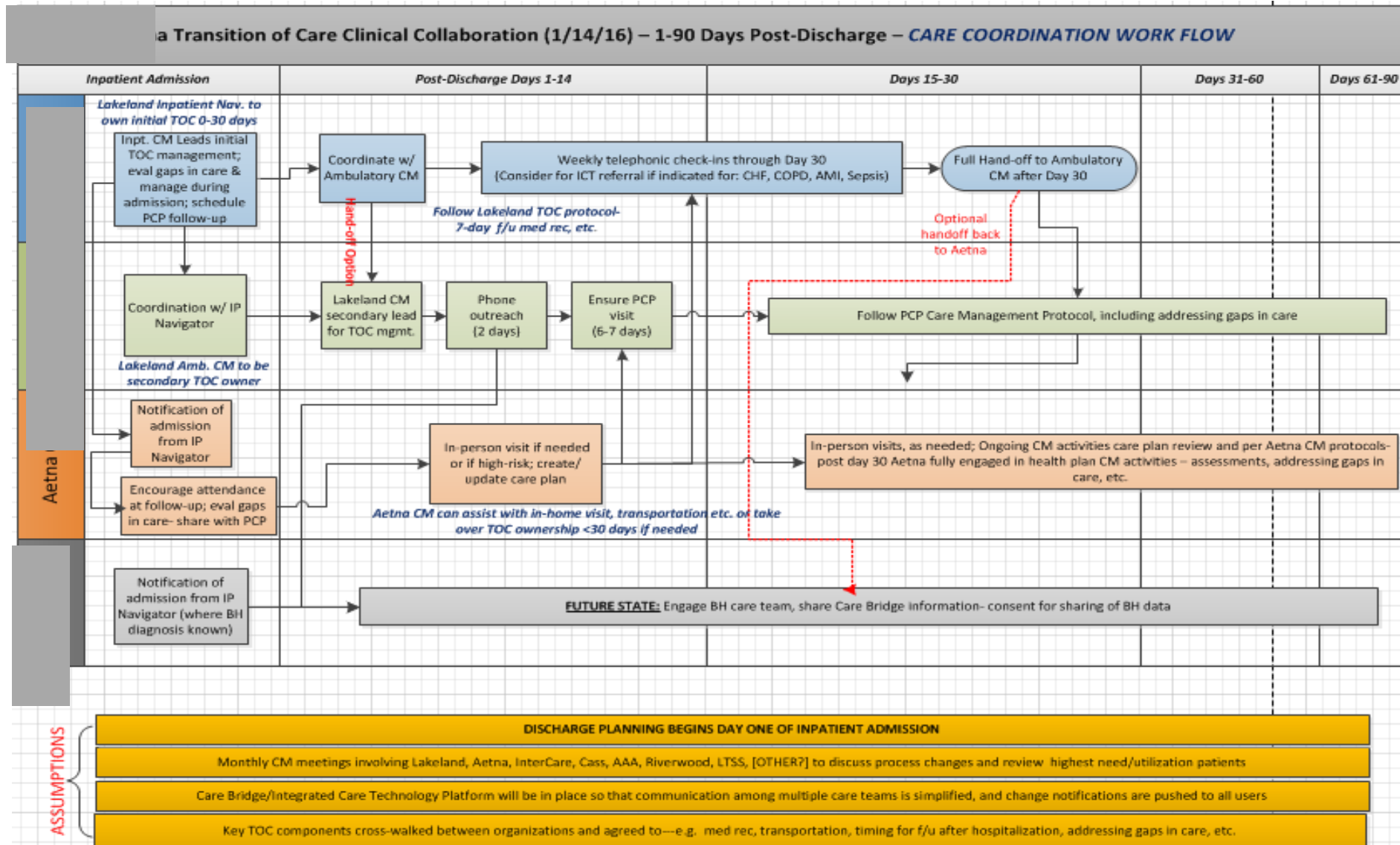
- Monthly evaluation conversations – monitor progress, iterate quickly
- Modify internal processes where possible and necessary
- Supported by Aetna Medicaid's online population health platform (CareUnify)
- Concerted effort to integrate BH/PH, and address SDoH

# Establishing Case Rounds – Workflow analysis





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# Engaging with Medicaid Health Plans

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- Medicaid Health Plans (MHPs) want to engage with you – if you haven't been approached yet, you may be soon
- NCQA has rolled out new, robust Population Health Management standards for all accredited health plans, which include identifying/addressing SDoH
- Many states are strengthening their expectations for MHPs around SDoH
- MHPs are using data sets (e.g., ICD-10 Z codes, CM assessments) to identify and address SDoH – this data is sorely needed at plans
- Once plans understand member SDoH needs, we can better address/support addressing them through care management, CHW activation, food security programs, etc.
- We're trying to improve! Could we explore collaboration?



# Discussion

# Activity: SDoH Practices and Needs

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## What works?

- What SDoH-focused efforts have been successful in your experience? Write down the specific practices with which you're engaged (and outcomes, if you have them). Categorize them on the wall.

## What barriers do we face, and what's needed to overcome them?

- What's still needed in order to identify and address consumers' SDoH needs? Categorize them on the wall.

## Discussion: SDoH Practices and Needs

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Under what category do most comments fall?

What observations do you have about the posted comments?

How can we work together to address SDoH?

Who else should be at the table?

**Thank You!**

