Iowa Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (IPOST) Work Plan

Mission: To promote community care coordination and advanced care planning

Vision: Seamless communication and execution of individual patient care choices across the healthcare continuum

Goal 1: Develop and implement statewide IPOST strategy

Objective 1.1: Convene an IPOST Coalition to develop and oversee the deployment of a statewide Iowa IPOST strategy

   Tactic 1.1.1: Develop a task force charter describing focus, scope and responsibilities

   Tactic 1.1.2: Align strategies in Iowa to improve care coordination (Iowa Department of Public Health-IDPH, Iowa Healthcare Collaborative -IHC, Iowa Department of Aging-DoA, Telligen Medicare Quality Improvement Organization-QIO, etc.)

   Tactic 1.1.3: Develop a plan for ongoing evaluation of the program

Objective 1.2: Develop a coordinated IPOST communications strategy

   Tactic 1.2.1: Work with the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) to promote IPOST within the Emergency Medical Services (EMS), long-term care organizations (LTC), Medical Home, and Home Health communities.

   Tactic 1.2.2: Promote IPOST to the physician community through membership organizations such as Iowa Medical Society and the Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association.

   Tactic 1.2.3: Promote IPOST to the Long Term Care community through membership organizations.

   Tactic 1.2.4: Promote IPOST to the hospitals through the Iowa Hospital Association

   Tactic 1.2.5: Promote IPOST to the palliative care community.

Goal 2: Spread the community-wide application of IPOST in Iowa

Objective 2.1: Establish form management and distribution strategy

   Tactic 2.1.1: Promote one common format for IPOST in Iowa.

   Tactic 2.1.2: Post standard form format on the IDPH website.

   Tactic 2.1.3: Advise on revision of the form as needed.

   Tactic 2.1.4: Designate form repository resource to produce and distribute form.

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**Objective 2.2: Generate awareness of IPOST among Consumers and Providers (statewide/vertical strategy)**

Tactics 2.2.1: Create awareness about national physician’s orders for life-sustaining treatment (POLST) (care coordination) standards.

Tactic 2.2.2: Spread best practices for IPOST use and deployment through venues of IDPH, IHC and others.

Tactic 2.2.3: Identify training options by weaving IPOST content into existing educational venues

  a. IHC Hospital Engagement Network (HEN) Meeting – November 19, 2013
  b. IHC Care Coordination Conference – June 2014
  c. Governor’s Public Health Conference
  d. Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association (IEMSA) annual conference
  e. Medical Home training opportunities
  f. Long term care opportunities
  g. Iowa Hospital Association
  h. Legal community

Tactic 2.2.4: Use IPOST training to promote care coordination across the community.

**Objective 2.3: Develop resources to support deployment (community/horizontal strategy)**

Tactic 2.3.1: Create a local dialogue with critical partners necessary to execute this strategy (hospital, EMS Medical Services Director, Long Term Care Administrator, etc.)

**Objective 2.4: Develop strategies to spread learning and best practice across the community continuum.**

Tactic 2.4.1: Explore statutory and regulatory barriers to community deployment

Tactic 2.4.2: Explore other dissemination opportunities such as faith-based organizations and the Iowa State Extension.

**Goal 3: Monitor IPOST deployment, spread and effectiveness (measuring spread separate from outcomes)**

**Objective 3.1: Track IPOST deployment and spread (measuring vertical vs. horizontal deployment)**

Tactic 3.1.1: Define IPOST deployment parameters (what are the deployment metrics?)

Tactic 3.1.2: Monitor deployment across select delivery communities.

**Objective 3.2: Establish outcome measurement strategy**

Tactic 3.2.1: Develop metrics to measure effectiveness.

Tactic 3.2.2: Explore a data collection & aggregation strategy for IPOST.