Key Reasons to Integrate Physical and Behavioral Health Services in Medicaid



Medicaid pays for more than a quarter, 26%, of all behavioral health spending nationally



Beneficiaries with behavioral health diagnoses account for almost half, 48%, of total Medicaid expenditures



20% of beneficiaries have a behavioral health — mental health and/or substance use disorder — diagnosis



Spending can increase up to 75% when beneficiaries with a chronic physical condition also have a mental illness

Sources: Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, June 2015; Clarifying Multimorbidity Patterns to Improve Targeting and Delivery of Clinical Services for Medicaid Populations, Center for Health Care Strategies, December 2010.