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2 Effect of Financial Bonus Sizes, Loss Aversion, and Increased Social Pressure on Physician Pay-
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145 **PRÉCIS**

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147 **Study Title**

148 A Pragmatic Policy Trial Testing Larger Bonus Sizes and the Behavioral Economic Principles of
149 Loss Aversion and Increased Social Pressure in Physician Pay-for-Performance

150 **Objectives**

151 The key goal of this randomized trial is to test whether using behavioral economic principles in
152 addition to larger bonus sizes in the structure of provider incentives and the practice environment
153 may improve provider performance, especially in settings that are moving away from fee-for-
154 service reimbursement and fragmented care towards new payment and delivery models that
155 emphasize coordination of care and provider accountability. We also directly evaluate the effect
156 of increasing bonus sizes in an accompanying non-randomized study.

157 **Design and Outcomes**

158 This research project will conduct a prospectively designed experimental evaluation of the
159 impact of social pressure by varying individual and group incentives and the comparative
160 effectiveness of endowment loss aversion on provider physician performance via a multi-arm
161 experiment and a prospectively designed, non-randomized observational study of the impact of
162 increasing bonus sizes. We will complement the quantitative RCT evaluations with pre- and
163 post-intervention qualitative surveys of physicians and patients to better understand the influence
164 on behavior change, culture, acceptability of the incentive program, and patient reported
165 outcomes on health and experience. These evaluations will contribute toward an empirical
166 foundation for informing the re-design of existing physician incentive programs and
167 implementation of new policies, by evaluating the impact of promising behavioral economics
168 principles in improving quality metrics and patient experience in the context of provider payment
169 – above and beyond increasing bonus sizes themselves. The examination of the effect of larger
170 bonus sizes will be conducted in a separate but related observational analysis, since all
171 physicians in the randomized trial will receive larger bonus sizes, using a design that evaluates
172 changes in the 3 intervention arms combined compared to a group of propensity matched
173 physicians who did not receive an increase in bonus size.

174 **Interventions and Duration**

175 Experimentally evaluate the impact of *social pressure* and the effectiveness of endowment *loss*
176 *aversion* on physician performance in addition to a larger bonus size.

177 Utilize an observational, quasi-experimental design to assess the impact of providing a larger
178 bonus size in the P4P program.

179 This multi-arm Randomized Controlled Trial (RCT) will compare the effectiveness of
180 endowment loss aversion incentive design and increased group incentives to enhance social
181 pressure for physician financial incentives in improving quality of care. Quality of care will be

182 measured using the specified HEDIS-based patient-level metrics. The intervention will consist of
183 an active phase of 12 months and sites will be randomized equally to two interventions and an
184 “active control” arm (Arm 1) with the existing incentive design but larger bonus size. The
185 intervention arms 2 (endowment loss aversion) and 3 (social pressure) will build off of the
186 current incentive program. Arm 2 will change the framing of incentives to physicians from the
187 existing framing to a potentially more powerful loss aversion method called ‘the endowment
188 effect.’ Arm 3 will increase the percentage of the individual physician incentive based on his or
189 her group practice’s performance to 50% from the 30% in the current program (this will
190 correspondingly decrease the 70% paid based on individual performance to 50%). All arms will
191 include cluster randomization of physicians by site.

192 We will select and randomize Advocate practice sites from the Trinity PHO equally to the three
193 study arms (Arms 1 – 3) described above. Baseline data will be drawn for the years 2014-2015
194 for the physicians in each arm with the active phase of the trial starting on January 1, 2016 and
195 running for 12 months.

196 All participants will be tracked at baseline at 3, 6, 9, and 12 months during the interventions and
197 provided periodic Proformas (Figure 1 and 2) with performance on specific metrics and overall.

198 This will be accompanied by an observational analysis compared all patients and physicians
199 included in the RCT with patients of propensity-matched physicians who did not receive a larger
200 bonus size or participate in the randomized trial. Physicians will be matched on demographics as
201 well as pre-trial performance level and pre-trial trend in performance.

202 **Sample Size and Population**

203 We anticipate enrolling approximately 20 practice sites and 40 physicians and 1400 patients per
204 group. Randomization will occur at the level of the physician practice. We assume an average
205 office size of 2, and a conservative intraclass correlation (ICC) estimate of 0.25. We wish to be
206 able to detect a clinically meaningful increase in quality metric score achievement of at least 5
207 percent between the control arm and either the endowment loss aversion group or the increased
208 social pressure group. Using 80% power to detect differences in the change in proportion of
209 evidence based measures received between any incentive group and control of 5% will require
210 approximately 3,420 participants (1,140 per group).

211 The observational analysis will utilize a matched design, therefore we anticipate analyzing an
212 additional 20 practice sites and 40 physicians in comparison to those enrolled in the RCT.

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214 **STUDY PROTOCOL**

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216 **1. Study Objectives**

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218 **1.1 Primary Objective**

219 Experimentally evaluate the impact of social pressure and the effectiveness of endowment loss
220 aversion on physician performance above and beyond larger bonus size.

221 Use a complementary, prospective observational, quasi-experimental design to directly evaluate
222 the impact of larger bonus size.

223 **1.2 Secondary Objectives**

224 Evaluate how practice behavior changes by looking at pre and post survey data.

225 Evaluate patient satisfaction to assess their satisfaction with their physician throughout the trial.

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227 **2. Background on Behavioral Economics, Physician Incentives, and Primary Study**

228 **Focus**

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230 **2.1 Background**

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232 The American health care system is undergoing tremendous transition. The objective is to
233 control total health care costs while improving or maintaining quality of care. A fundamental
234 aspect of the transition is payment reform. While fee-for-service payment (FFS) remains the
235 dominant form of payment, the last few years have seen a major shift toward alternative payment
236 methods as highlighted by Secretary Burwell’s recent announcement that Medicare and
237 Medicaid will be rapidly moving away from FFS in the next few years.¹ There are now hundreds
238 of organizations, such as hospitals and large physician groups functioning as accountable care
239 organizations (ACOs) and participating in bundles (e.g. the CMS Bundled Payment for Care
240 Improvement (BPCI) program), that are participating in shared-savings payment programs and
241 “two-sided risk contracts,” such as in the CMS Pioneer ACO program. At the opposite end of
242 the payment spectrum from FFS are fully capitated delivery systems, of which there are
243 relatively few. While they differ in exact mechanisms, these models share a common strategy:
244 tying provider (physician, hospital, health system) reimbursement to performance on costs and
245 outcomes. Furthermore, they have been paired with powerful regulatory concessions by relaxing
246 aspects of Stark Laws and Anti-kickback statutes to allow for gainsharing with physicians.

247 Optimal provider payments will vary not only with an organization’s position along the payment
248 spectrum but also as a function of its particular mission, culture, local competitive environment,

249 patient population, and contractual and financial relationship with providers. To promote
250 appropriate high-quality utilization informed by evidence-based guidelines, payers in FFS
251 environments have often supplemented their payment mechanisms with pay-for-performance
252 (P4P) strategies. But to date, P4P has demonstrated little effect on physician behavior.²⁻⁵ This
253 result probably reflects the relatively small size of the financial incentives employed in most pay-
254 for-performance programs to date, but may also reflect important design limitations.

255 Traditional P4P and most other provider payment programs have been developed through trial-
256 and-error, partially informed by the best science of human motivation, such as behavioral
257 economics. Behavioral economics has revealed systematic ways in which human behavior is
258 shaped not merely by the size of incentives, but also by their design and how they are delivered.

259 **2.2 Study Rationale**

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261 There have been limited efforts to experimentally test ways to improve on P4P programs with
262 little, if any, consideration of behavioral economics. These have included mostly retrospective
263 analysis of demonstration projects and only few randomized controlled trial (RCT) of physicians
264 in a similar policy context to date.⁶⁻⁹ In the most relevant trial, individual incentives were
265 compared with team-based, practice level incentives and a combined incentive program;
266 individual incentives were found to be most effective in adherence to hypertension guidelines.
267 The maximum size of incentives for primary care physicians (PCPs) was approximately 1.6% of
268 annual income, with nurse team members receiving above \$500 in incentives in the team and
269 combined arms.¹⁶ Effects were modest and did not persist beyond 12 months. This study did not
270 incorporate the behavioral economic principles described above in altering how incentives were
271 framed or paid, how performance was communicated, utilizing social comparisons between
272 providers, or the use of goal gradients.

273 In general, efforts to reform provider payment have been built on the assumption that providers
274 are largely rational and have not utilized insights from behavioral economics.^{10, 11} The principles
275 of behavioral economics have been successfully used in the design of patient incentives for
276 smoking, substance abuse, obesity, and drug adherence.¹²⁻²⁰ Less is known about designing
277 incentives to influence physician care patterns. This could also partly explain the lackluster
278 results of many existing efforts aimed at designing physician incentives to promote high-quality,
279 high-value care.

280 Behavioral economics can provide insights into how to improve the effectiveness of physician
281 incentives to deliver higher quality and lower cost care. Its principles can be implemented
282 through creative design of incentives that can be tested in the context of provider incentives with
283 insights into decision errors that can be leveraged to improve the effectiveness of financial
284 incentives. Examples include unbundling incentives from other payments to make them more
285 salient (mental accounting), designing incentives to provide immediate vs. more delayed rewards
286 due to the importance of immediate gratification, loss framing, and avoidance of choice

287 overload. Behavioral economics has also emphasized thoughtfully structuring the choice
288 environment and the use of non-financial rewards and penalties to shape behavior. By applying
289 these behavioral economics principles to physician incentives, policymakers, payers, and health
290 systems alike could improve the effectiveness of incentives by making them more salient to
291 physicians and better aligned with performance goals, without increasing the overall allocation
292 of funds for incentive payments. For example, the ACO and BPCI gainsharing policy where
293 incentives are provided at the organization level, could be an important target for incentive re-
294 design. However, to what extent applying behavioral economic principles versus increasing
295 bonus sizes to be more significant, and whether these have synergistic effects, is unknown.

296 **3. Study Design**

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298 Based on recommendations from the academic team members and health system partner, we will
299 pursue a staged approach to further develop our initiative using behavioral economics and
300 provider payment. Arm 1 will serve as the ‘active control’ in which physician incentives
301 payments are 70% individual / 30% group-based and delivered with the current design, though
302 with a larger bonus size (increase of ~32% on average). Arm 2 will test loss aversion by creating
303 an endowment effect for the physician incentives, keeping the 70% individual / 30% group-based
304 components constant. This will be done by giving providers 50% of the bonus at the beginning
305 of the year in a virtual account and making retention of incentive dollars conditional on
306 performance. This would provide an alternative to the once-yearly payment currently provided
307 by Advocate. The incentive amount (bonus size) will also be increased similarly by ~32% in this
308 Arm. Arm 3 will test enhanced social pressure by increasing the group-based performance
309 component of the individual physician’s incentive payment to 50% (with other 50% based on
310 individual performance) and will keep the other incentive design constant, along with the larger
311 bonus size. In all Arms 1-3, the physicians will receive an additional 32% or approximately
312 \$3500 more incentive dollars available (this will be provided across all 155 physicians in the
313 Trinity Physician-Hospital Organization regardless of participation in the study).

314 The experiment will be conducted in the Trinity Physician-Hospital Organization (PHO), a
315 member of Advocate Physician Partners because Advocate Physician Partners has already
316 implemented a performance incentive program and are very interested in improving their
317 incentive program. Furthermore, Trinity is a lower performing PHO within Advocate, without
318 obvious explanatory factors for the discrepant results, for which the leadership is very interested
319 in trying new methods of incentive design to improve quality of care. It comprises 164 Trinity
320 physicians eligible for incentive distribution for the 2014 performance year, of which 155 are
321 affiliated physicians and 9 are employed physicians. These physician provided care through over
322 35,000 unique outpatient encounters in 2014. The Trinity PHO ranks last amongst the 10
323 Advocate PHOs in physician –level quality score attainment (as measured by Advocate), with
324 achievement of 69% of the possible score while the next highest PHO attains 74% and the
325 highest achieves 91%; the mean score is 86.7%. Within the Trinity PHO, there is significant

326 variation in physician performance with mean score (as a percent) of 69% with a standard
327 deviation of 12.8%, and a range from 37.6% to 100%. Furthermore, the patient satisfaction with
328 outpatient visits trails that of other PHOs, with Trinity physicians in the 23rd percentile
329 nationally versus 48th percentile across the other PHOs. The physicians are distributed across 81
330 practices with 65 solo practices and 10 practices of 4 physicians or more.

331 Quality of care will be measured using the metrics described in Table 1. The intervention will
332 consist of an active phase of 12 months and physicians will be randomized equally to two
333 interventions and an “active control” arm (Arm 1). Specifically, randomization will occur at the
334 physician practice site level and the randomization will be stratified by specialty vs. primary
335 care, prior performance (low vs. not low) and practice site size (solo vs. multi-physician).
336 Baseline data will be drawn for the years 2014-2015 for the physicians in each aim with the
337 active phase of the trial starting on January 1, 2016 and running for 12 months.

338 The data for the physician scores will be readily available given that the performance incentive
339 program being studied already exists and the experiment will only modify the way physicians
340 receive financial incentives or modify how those incentives are calculated. We will capture the
341 data through Advocate’s platform for administering the program, which includes reporting tools
342 and software to incorporate Cerner electronic medical records (EMR) and population health
343 management (PHM) data along with pharmacy data.

344 Patient reported data will be collected directly from Advocate leveraging the existing survey
345 infrastructure in place for quality measurement. Advocate currently receives raw survey results
346 at the patient-question level from the survey administrator Press Ganey, Inc. Press Ganey mails
347 a paper survey to each patient after every visit to an Advocate affiliated or employed physician
348 and codes the results in an electronic database. The survey tool utilized will be the Clinician and
349 Group Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CG-CAHPS) survey. To
350 increase the response rate higher than 22 percent, we will provide a \$15 participation incentive to
351 each patient who returns a completed survey. A random sample of 1500 unique patient visits
352 (from over 30,000) will be recruited, stratified across practice sites, physicians, and specialties.
353 This patient survey will be administered by the Advocate HealthCare vendor Professional
354 Research Consultants.

355 Physician surveys will be administered via Survey Monkey by Advocate, which is Advocate’s
356 usual process for surveying physicians.

357 Penn’s Health Services Research Data Center (HSRDC) will serve as the coordinating center for
358 data acquisition and protection for all data. All data will be transmitted to the HSRDC by secure
359 FTP.

360 **4. Selection and Enrollment of Participants**

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362 **4.1 Inclusion Criteria**

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364 We will include all Advocate practice site that have the following characteristics: participation in
365 the Trinity PHO that participates in the Advocate Clinically Integrated Network (CIN), one or
366 more full-time physician, participation in the incentive program, use of Cerner EHR and registry
367 function, and participation in Press Ganey survey program. Practices will be included regardless
368 of average patient panel size, average patient complexity and heterogeneity, geographic/zip code
369 demographic and socioeconomic characteristics, and primary care only vs. multi-specialty group.
370 Physicians who were affiliated with Advocate, but not employed by Advocate, will be included.
371 Physicians with uniquely attributed patients with one of five chronic diseases (asthma, chronic
372 obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, coronary artery disease or ischemic vascular disease,
373 congestive heart failure) will be able to participate, with preference given to primary care
374 physicians if there is shared attribution with specialists (i.e., patients will be uniquely attributed
375 to physicians). Only patients with one of the five chronic diseases will be included.

376 **4.2 Exclusion Criteria**

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378 Sites will be excluded if they do not use an EHR, have not participated in quality reporting, have
379 not practiced with Advocate for the entire pre-intervention period, have never been part of a pay-
380 for-performance incentive program in the past, or do not have eligible patients. Patients will be
381 excluded if they have not been attributed to an Advocate Physician Partners physician for more
382 than twelve continuous months.

383 **4.3 Study Enrollment Procedures**

384
385 Patients will first be assigned to a practice site based on the location of their elected PCP, or in
386 the event of no election to the practice site with the greatest number of EMR encounters for that
387 patient. Furthermore, patients will be attributed to their elected PCP or the physician at the
388 assigned site with the greatest number of EMR encounters for that patient. This will allow for
389 inclusion of specialists when a patient does not have an elected PCP and the greatest number of
390 EMR encounters is to a specialist physician. Because sites will be randomized (not patients or
391 providers), there will be clear delineation of a patient to a provider in each arm with no confusion
392 when a patient sees multiple providers. We are requesting a waiver of written informed consent
393 for physicians since there is no appreciable risk to physicians in participating (the purpose of the
394 incentive program changes is to increase quality and incomes).

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396 **5. Study Interventions**

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398 **5.1 Interventions, Administration, and Duration**

399 The intervention period will be 12 months in length for all participants.

400 **5.2 Handling of Study Intervention**

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402 The following interventions will be compared:

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404 The *larger bonus size* intervention provided maximum P4P bonuses larger than previous years
405 by \$3,355 per physician, representing an approximate 32 percent increase in bonus size for the
406 average physician. Quality metrics and scoring methodology will be left unchanged. This
407 intervention represents an ‘active control’ in which the physicians will receive larger bonuses
408 than physicians not participating in the RCT (and larger than they themselves received the prior
409 year); no additional feedback on performance on financial expectations will be provided other
410 than the year-end proforma as per standard Advocate practice.

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412 The *loss aversion plus larger bonus size intervention* will include the larger maximum bonus
413 plus pre-funded incentives in a virtual health system bank account in the physician’s name. The
414 pre-funded incentives, which are 50% of the expected incentives based on prior year
415 performance, will be placed into the virtual account on January 1, 2016; physicians will be able
416 to access these dollars by requesting them in writing by email or regular mail from the Advocate
417 network chief financial officer (who usually sends out the bonus checks to them on a yearly
418 basis). Physicians in this intervention group will receive four additional proformas (Figure 1) in
419 February, July, September, and November of 2016 that indicate the total amount of pre-funded
420 incentive dollars, the amount accessed year-to-date, the projected 2016 incentive bonus size
421 based on current performance, and the residual unearned incentive.

422 The *increased social pressure plus larger bonus size* intervention will include the increased
423 maximum bonus but also will change the composite quality score from 70% based on individual
424 score and 30% based on PHO score (the average of all individual scores in the group as defined
425 by PHO) to 50% individual and 50% group (here defined as all physicians in the same
426 intervention group). Physicians in this intervention group will also receive four additional
427 proformas (Figure 2) on the same dates as above that indicate the additional P4P bonus dollars
428 that would be earned by the 20 percentage point increase in the weighting given to group score
429 as well as an unblinded list of physicians with performance scores on two of the quality
430 measures. Physicians with scores below the performance threshold will be highlighted.

431 The comparison group for the observational, quasi-experimental comparison will not receive any
432 changes to their incentive.

433 **6. Study Procedures**

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435 **6.1 Study Timeline**

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Study Task	Timeline
Period of Performance Begins	November 2015
Administer pre-trial qualitative surveys to physician participants	December 2015
Experiment begins	January 2016
Proformas sent to loss aversion and increased social pressure arms	January 2016
Proformas sent to loss aversion and increased social pressure arms	April 2016
Evaluate preliminary results	June 2016
Begin patient surveys	July 2016
Proformas sent to loss aversion and increased social pressure arms	August 2016
Proformas sent to loss aversion and increased social pressure arms	November 2016
Complete experiment	December 2016
Complete patient survey mailings	December 2016
Administer post-trial qualitative physician surveys	January 2017
Aim 2 Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis	February – April 2017

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438 **6.3 Description of Evaluation**

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440 We are not recruiting patients for this study, therefore we are requesting a waiver of consent.
441 There is no harm to the persons whose data we are reviewing and it would be impossible to
442 obtain consent on them at this point. The waiver of consent is being requested because the
443 research presents no more than minimal risk to subjects and involves no procedures for which
444 written consent is normally required outside of the research context.

445 **7. Safety Assessments**

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447 **7.1 Safety Monitoring**

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449 Safety monitoring per standard Advocate clinical practice and governance will occur under the
450 standard quality improvement project protocols.

451 **8. Statistical Considerations**

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453 **8.1 General Design and Sample Size**

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455 We are proposing Advocate as our health system partner because it has implemented a
456 performance incentive program that incorporates immediacy through an online registry that
457 provides real-time feedback, who are organized into practice sites of differing size and
458 proportion of Advocate patients (for affiliates). Furthermore, Advocate Physician Partners brings
459 together more than 6,300 affiliated and employed physicians and 12 hospitals in the Advocate
460 Health Care System, providing significant scale to the evaluation effort. We anticipate enrolling
461 approximately 20 practice sites and 40 physicians and 1400 patients per group. Randomization
462 will occur at the level of the physician practice. We assume an average office size of 2, and a
463 conservative intraclass correlation (ICC) estimate of 0.25. We wish to be able to detect a
464 clinically meaningful increase in quality metric score achievement of at least 5 percent between
465 the control arm and either the loss aversion group or the increased social pressure group. Using
466 80% power to detect differences in the change in proportion of evidence based measures
467 received between any incentive group and control of 5% will require approximately 3,420
468 participants (1,140 per group). The observational, quasi-experimental analysis will include an
469 additional approximately 20 practice sites and 40 physicians.

470 **8.2 Sample Size and Randomization**

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472 Eligible affiliated physicians in the RCT will be randomized by practice site to active control or
473 two intervention groups in a 1:1:1 ratio, stratified by primary care versus specialist (family
474 medicine, internal medicine, or pediatrics versus or other specialty that included cardiology,
475 nephrology, or obstetrics and gynecology). Study participants and operational staff will not be
476 blinded to group assignment, because knowledge of the incentives is essential to their
477 mechanism, but study investigators and data analysts will remain blinded until all follow-up data
478 are obtained and primary analyses are finalized.

479 **8.3 Outcomes**

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481 *8.3.1 Primary Outcome*

482 The primary outcome will be the impact of physician performance on patient chronic disease
483 quality metrics from baseline to 12 months. This will be a patient-level analysis of the proportion
484 of applicable chronic disease and preventive evidence-based measures within the P4P program
485 meeting or exceeding national HEDIS benchmarks at the patient level, representing a patient's
486 view of the proportion of evidence-based care received. This primary outcome will apply to both
487 the randomized trial and the observational study.

488 *8.3.2 Secondary Outcome*

489 Our secondary outcomes of interest include incentive payout and individual quality metrics
490 within the composite.

491 **8.4 Data Analyses**

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493 Our initial approach to analysis will be a descriptive comparison of site, physician participant,
494 and patient attributes across the arms. Continuous variables will be described by means and
495 standard deviations, or by medians and interquartile ranges if they appear non-normal (where
496 appropriate, such variables will be transformed). The primary analysis will consist of an intent-
497 to-treat approach using a linear regression analysis of the effect of treatment assignment on the
498 outcome of change in the patient-level composite quality measure from baseline to 12 months.
499 The patient-level composite quality measure score will reflect the same metrics to which
500 financial incentives are tied for the chronic disease patients (Table 2). We will examine linear
501 regression diagnostics using standard approaches to ensure appropriate model fit. Standard errors
502 will be corrected for heteroscedasticity and clustered at the physician level. Additional
503 exploratory analyses will use longitudinal models to assess the series of quality measures over
504 time, to determine the shape of the trajectory and whether those trajectories differ by treatment
505 group, though we do not anticipate any inter-group differences prior to the intervention. All
506 hypothesis tests will be two-sided.

507 The primary analysis will consist of an unadjusted comparison of the change in patient-level
508 composite quality metric score by treatment arm, using indicator variables for the three active
509 treatments. An initial set of hypothesis tests will compare each active arm to the control arm,
510 using a Bonferroni-corrected, two-sided p-value of 0.017 to determine statistical significance.
511 We will conduct further testing of any treatment arms that show significant differences with the
512 control. We will use generalized linear regression for all quality metrics. When performing
513 analysis of Aims 2 and 3 we will also consider a subset of performance metrics within CI
514 composite including chronic disease, population health/wellness, and screening categories as
515 these are more likely to be influenced by practices within a 1 year timeframe. This will also
516 enable us to evaluate heterogeneity in movement across measures.

517 The observational, matched quasi-experimental study will utilize a difference-in-differences
518 design with the same primary outcome, control variables, and generalized linear model as the
519 RCT analysis; however, because of a lack of randomization it will include physician fixed-
520 effects and will utilize a set of matched APP physicians who did not participate in the RCT and
521 are not part of the Trinity PHO. Propensity matching will be performed on physician
522 demographics, 2015 performance, and the trend in performance for 2014-2015. Standard errors
523 will be clustered at the patient level given multiple repeated measures at the patient level.²¹

524 **9. Data Storage, Privacy, and Disclosure**

525 526 **9.1 Data Storage**

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528 All study data for this project will be stored on the secure/ firewalled servers of the HRSDC Data

529 Center, in data files that will be protected by multiple password layers. These data servers are
530 maintained in a guarded facility behind several locked doors, with very limited physical access
531 rights. They are also cyber-protected by extensive firewalls and multiple layers of
532 communication encryption. Electronic access rights are carefully controlled by University of
533 Pennsylvania system managers.

534 **9.2 Privacy**

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536 We will receive de-identified data from Advocate Health. No patient PHI will be transferred, as
537 all patient level data will be de-identified. Physicians will be tracked over time with a unique
538 identifier. All of these data will be stored in an encrypted database that conforms to applicable
539 data security standards.

540 **9.3 Data Disclosure**

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542 The data will not be disclosed to anyone outside of the research team. De-identified data may be
543 shared, if requested by The Commonwealth Fund, our sponsor, in the event of an audit, or the
544 Office Human Research protections at the University of Pennsylvania.

545 **10. Participant Rights and Confidentiality**

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547 **10.1 Institutional Review Board (IRB) Review**

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549 The study protocol and the waiver of consent document will be reviewed and approved by the
550 University of Pennsylvania's Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the Advocate Health System
551 Institutional Review Board.

552 The Advocate Health System IRB initially approved the protocol and waiver of consent
553 document on December 3, 2015.

554 The University of Pennsylvania's IRB initially approved the protocol and waiver of consent
555 document on December 7, 2015.

556 **10.2 Informed Consent Forms**

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558 There is a waiver of informed consent for physicians and patients.

559 **10.3 Study Discontinuation**

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561 Advocate will follow its standard quality improvement procedures and discontinue per its
562 protocols.

563 **11. Publication of Research Findings**

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565 Publication of results from our research will follow the NIH Public Access Policy, which
566 requires that we submit to the National Library of Medicine's PubMed Central an electronic
567 version of final, peer-reviewed manuscripts upon acceptance for publication, to be made publicly
568 available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO ORIGINAL PROTOCOL

Changes before the start of the intervention period:

Original Protocol	Change to Protocol	Date of Change
Arm 3 named Social Pressure	Arm 3 named increased social pressure and larger bonus size	December 1, 2015
No changes to bonus size	All 3 arms to receive increased bonus size as a part of the observational study design	December 1, 2015
No observational study of larger bonus size	Prospectively design observational, quasi-experimental study added to directly test impact of larger bonus size	December 1, 2015
Primary outcome of physician level Advocate Clinical Integration composite score	The primary outcome will be the impact of physician performance on patient chronic disease quality metrics from baseline to 12 months. This will be a patient-level analysis of the proportion of applicable chronic disease and preventive evidence-based measures within the P4P program meeting or exceeding national HEDIS benchmarks at the patient level, representing a patient's view of the proportion of evidence-based care received. This primary outcome will apply to both the randomized trial and the observational study.	December 1, 2015
Include all patients	Include patients with one of five chronic diseases (asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, coronary artery disease or ischemic vascular disease, congestive heart failure) – because data not available for all non-chronic disease patients in registry data	December 1, 2015
Randomize specialists	Randomize all specialists to receive intervention, but only include those with attributed patients who are not also attributed to a PCP in the analysis	December 1, 2015

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573 **Changes after the start of the intervention period:**

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Original Protocol	Change to Protocol	Date of Change
Arm 2 named endowment loss framing	Arm 2 re-named loss aversion plus larger bonus size	January 2016
Proformas to be sent to physicians in January	Proformas sent to physicians in February	January 2016
Proformas to be sent to physicians in April	Proformas sent to physician in July	April 2016
Patient surveys to be conducted by Press Ganey	Patients surveys to be conducted by Professional Research Consultants	April 2016
Proformas to be sent to physicians in August	Proformas sent to physicians in September	September 2016
Secondary outcome to analyze incentive payout	Did not analyze the incentive payout as a secondary outcome	January 2017

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577 **PHYSICIAN SURVEY - PRE**

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579 0. Baseline Qs on attitude toward financial incentives

- 580 1) Physicians should be rewarded when they provide higher quality care
581 2) Financial incentives for physicians are an effective way to improve the quality of health care
582 3) Financial incentives are more effective as an incentive compared to non-financial incentives such
583 as peer-recognition
584 4) The 2015 CI program for physicians is an effective way to improve the quality of health care

585 I. Teamwork/Collaboration

- 586 5) I am able to get the cooperation of other physicians as needed to obtain the 2015 CI financial
587 incentive
588 6) I am able to get the cooperation of support staff as needed to obtain the 2015 CI financial
589 incentive
590 7) How effective are each of the following in improving the quality of care you provide to your
591 patients?
592 a. Teamwork or communication among physician or other medical care professionals is
593 effective in improving the quality of care I provide.
594 b. The level of patient access to preventative care and health education is effective in
595 improving the quality of care I provide.
596 c. Care coordination among other physicians and care managers for chronically ill patients
597 is effective in improving the quality of care I provide

598 II. Financial Salience

- 599 8) The 2015 CI program represents an opportunity for me to increase my income
600 9) The 2015 CI program is sufficiently large to compensate for expenditures that might be necessary
601 in order to meet the quality target
602 10) The timing of when I receive the 2015 APP CI incentive distribution makes me focus on
603 improving my CI score
604 11) The portion of the 2015 CI financial incentive based on group/Trinity PHO performance
605 increases my focus on improving my 2015 CI score.

606 III. Practice Environment/Support/Resources - including practice improvement, QI, IT, data

- 607 12) I am satisfied with my practice.
608 13) My practice makes more monetary and non-monetary resources available compared to last year.
609 14) Trinity PHO leadership invests extra time and effort to help me obtain the 2015 CI financial
610 incentive.
611 15) My support staff invests extra time and effort to help me achieve the 2015 CI financial incentive.
612 16) My APP patients have adequate access to necessary ancillary services.
613 17) There are enough support staff in my practice.

614 IV. Awareness/Understanding + Acceptability/Control

- 615 18) I have adequate information about the scoring system used to compute the 2015 CI financial
616 incentive amount
- 617 19) I get useful feedback regarding my progress toward improving my 2015 CI score.
- 618 20) Physicians within Trinity PHO are on a level playing field for obtaining the 2015 CI financial
619 incentive.
- 620 21) The actions necessary to obtain the 2015 CI financial incentive are largely within my control.
- 621 22) Because of the clinical characteristics of my APP patients, it will be more difficult for me to
622 obtain the 2015 CI financial incentive than it will be for other physicians within Trinity PHO.

623 V. Individual impact on clinical behavior

- 624 23) Because of the 2015 CI program, I invest extra time and effort in the care of my APP patients
- 625 24) Because of the 2015 CI program, I have changed my practice behavior to obtain this financial
626 incentive.
- 627 25) Because of the 2015 CI program, overall, my APP patients are getting better care.
- 628 26) I would be just as focused on improving my CI score without 2015 CI financial incentive.
- 629 27) Obtaining the 2015 CI financial incentive brings me favorable recognition from my colleagues
- 630 28) Knowing my CI score helps me focus my time and effort constructively.

631 VI. Unintended Consequences

- 632 29) The effort required to obtain the 2015 CI financial incentive leads me to focus less on non-APP
633 patients in my practice.
- 634 30) Efforts to obtain the 2015 CI financial incentive hinder me from providing other essential medical
635 services to my APP patients.
- 636 31) The effort required to obtain the 2015 CI financial incentive has improved the care of non-APP
637 patients in my practice

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639 **PHYSICIAN SURVEY - POST**

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646 I. Teamwork/Collaboration

- 647 5) I was able to get the cooperation of other physicians as needed to obtain the 2016 CI financial
- 648 incentive
- 649 6) I was able to get the cooperation of support staff as needed to obtain the 2016 CI financial
- 650 incentive
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- 654 effective in improving the quality of care I provide.
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- 656 improving the quality of care I provide.
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- 698 31) The effort required to obtain the 2016 CI financial incentive improved the care of non-APP
699 patients in my practice

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701 **ADDITIONAL METHODS FROM PAPER**

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703 **Pre-Trial Exclusions**

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705 Fifty one specialist physicians had no uniquely attributed patients and so contributed no
706 information to the trial.

707 **Data Abstraction**

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709 The Advocate data analytics team created extracts from the Cerner EHR registry and billing data
710 for each practice site that contained the data elements necessary to compute the outcome
711 measures for all patients attributed to Trinity physicians. These records were transferred to the
712 University of Pennsylvania, where study staff checked data quality and constructed an analytic
713 data set.

714 We excluded patients attributed to physicians who did not have at least 1 year of experience as
715 an Advocate network member to allow for adequate historical data.

716 **Bootstrapping for Risk-Standardized Primary Outcome Measures**

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718 Only measures for which data were collected in both 2015 and 2016 were included. Within each
719 imputation, we bootstrapped 150 samples from the data, ensuring group balance, and then
720 calculated the mean and standard error for the estimated proportion of evidence-based measures
721 received by each patient.²² For the RCT, we then used average values for each covariate to
722 compute the risk-standardized value, while for the cohort study we used the ‘marginalized
723 approach’ in which we assigned every patient to both the treatment and comparison groups and
724 used the difference to estimate the risk-standardized value. Estimates were combined using the
725 standard rules from Rubin.²³

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727 **DEFINITION OF CLINICAL INTEGRATION SCORE**

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729 A composite measure, called the clinical integration (CI) score, is a weighted average of
730 measures with an emphasis on chronic disease measures with categories such as coronary artery
731 disease, diabetes care, controlling high blood pressure; population Health measures including
732 screening for cancer, substance use, and depression; and patient satisfaction.

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Supplement 2. Additional Appendix Materials

eFIGURE 1 - Loss Aversion with Larger Bonus Size Arm

EXAMPLE OF PROFORMAS SENT TO PROVIDERS:

SUPPLEMENTAL PRO FORMA for YOUR PRE-FUNDED INCENTIVE ACCOUNT*

The graph below shows the size (in dollars) of your pre-funded 2016 CI Incentive account. Below the graph, you will find the amount of your 2016 CI Incentive that you can access in advance.



Eligible pre-funded 2016 CI incentive amount for advanced access: \$YYYY

Remaining incentive dollars you may draw out in advance: \$ZZZZ

YOUR PROJECTED 2016 CI INCENTIVE BASED ON YTD PERFORMANCE IS:

Jan 2016



*If you perform the same as last year you will earn this much in 2016 and leave the corresponding amount in red on the table.

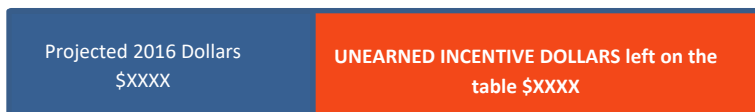
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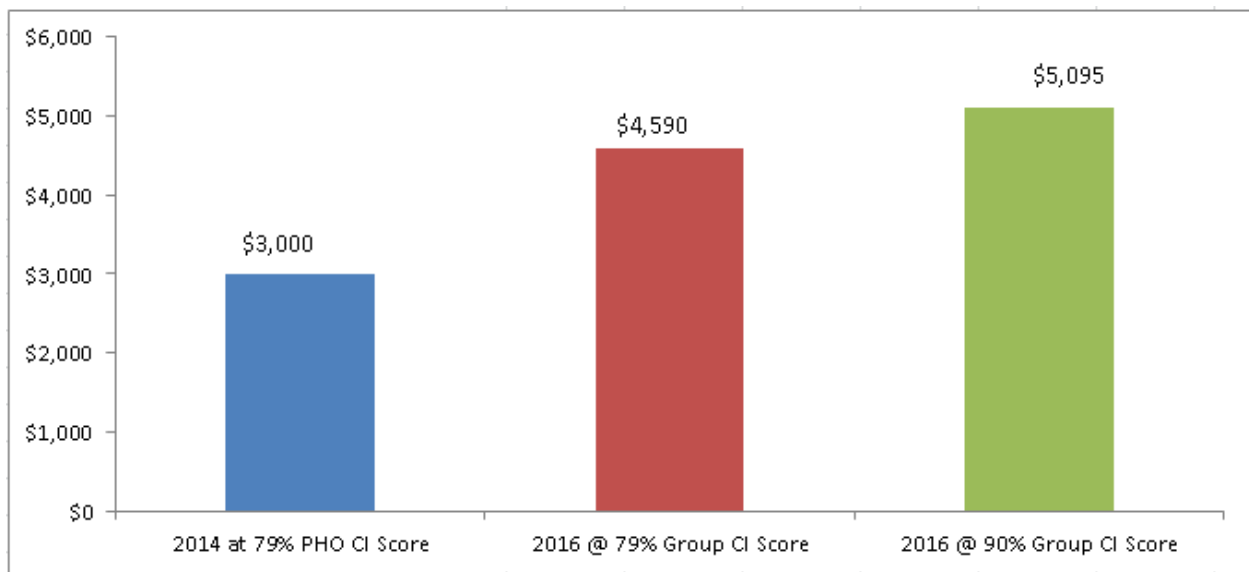


*NOTE: Projections are based on changes in performance holding other aspects equal and are based on latest available data (2014 CI Year Incentive Opportunity amount). Any significant changes in attributed members (for the PCPs) or allowable billings/unique patients (for the Specialists) will impact the actual 2016 CI incentive performance and opportunity, and correspondingly the accuracy of the projections on this Supplemental ProForma.

831 **eFIGURE 2 - Increased Social Pressure with Larger Bonus Size**
 832 **Arm**

833 **SUPPLEMENTAL PRO FORMA for ENHANCED GROUP INCENTIVE***

834 The bar graph below shows the additional incentive dollars you can receive through group performance versus prior years.
 835 - Blue Bar: In 2014, you earned \$3,000 of your CI incentive from the PHO pool based on the Trinity PHO score of 79%.
 836 - Red Bar: In the current 2016 year, with the new program design and if your group performs the same as 2014, you would
 837 earn \$4,590 of your CI incentive based on your group performance.
 838 - Green Bar: In the current 2016 year, with the new program design and if the group performance increases to 90%, you would
 839 earn \$5,095 of your CI incentive based on your group performance.
 840 That means, in 2016 if your group performs at 90%, you could earn \$2,095 more than you did in 2014 based on your group
 841 performance.
 842 "Group" refers to the performance of the physicians in Arm 3 Enhanced Group Incentive *only*.
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The individual component of your 2016 CI opportunity is decreased by \$YYY.

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847 The current Group (Arm 3) performance shows the following metrics that are hurting the Group CI Score:

<u>COMPLETION RATES</u>	
Physician Name	Practice Site
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<u>ASTHMA MANAGEMENT</u>	
Physician Name	Practice Site
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<u>COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING</u>	
Physician Name	Practice Site
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eTABLE 1: Measures in Composite Quality Measure Score for Chronic Disease Patients

Chronic Disease Registry	Advocate Measure Name	Study Measure Name	Measure Definition
Asthma Care	Asthma Action Plan	Asthma Action Plan	Eligible patients 5-64 years of age. A documented action plan containing: a list of medications to take for asthma, instructions regarding how the patient should monitor asthma, and instructions regarding what changes in treatment should result from observed changes in symptoms.
Asthma Care	Asthma Control Treatment Assessed	Asthma Control Treatment Assessed	Eligible patients 5-64 years of age. Control assessment performed and documented in the medical record
Asthma Care	Asthma Medication Management	Asthma Medication Management	Eligible patients 5-64 years of age with asthma. Documentation indicating at least one prescription for an asthma controller medication filled during the measurement period.
Asthma Care, Diabetes Care, Congestive Heart Failure, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Ischemic Vascular Disease/Coronary Artery Disease	Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling	Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling	Patient has tobacco Cessation Counseling and Treatment completed in measurement period.
Asthma Care, Diabetes Care, Congestive Heart Failure, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Ischemic Vascular Disease/Coronary Artery Disease	Tobacco Use Assessment	Tobacco Use Assessment	Patient has documentation of being identified as a Tobacco Non-User or User.

Disease			
Diabetes Care	Percent HbA1c Test	Hemoglobin A1c Testing	Eligible patients ages ≥ 19 and < 76 . Patient has an HbA1c test performed and resulted during the current measurement period and documented.
Diabetes Care	Percent with A1c result < 8	HbA1c Control ($< 8\%$)	Eligible patients ages ≥ 19 and < 76 . Patient has HbA1c test performed and resulted during the current measurement period and documented with the lowest result being less $< 8\%$.
Diabetes Care	Percent with A1c result > 9	HbA1c Poor Control ($> 9\%$)	Eligible patients ages ≥ 19 and < 76 . Patient has an HbA1c test performed and resulted during the current measurement period with the result being $\geq 9\%$ or patient did not receive test in current measurement period.
Diabetes Care	Annual Eye Exam	Diabetes: Eye Exam Performed	Eligible patients ages ≥ 19 and < 76 . Patient has a retinal eye exam performed and documented.
Diabetes Care	Nephropathy Monitoring	Diabetes: Medical Attention for Nephropathy	Eligible patients ages ≥ 19 and < 76 . The patient has a nephropathy screening test performed and reported during the current measurement period or patient has evidence of ACE inhibitor/ARB therapy administration or patient has a documented evidence of Nephropathy.
Diabetes Care, Ischemic Vascular Disease/Coronary Artery Disease	Blood Pressure Control $< 140/90$ mm/Hg	Blood Pressure Control ($< 140/90$ mm/Hg)	Eligible patients ≥ 19 and < 76 . Patient has blood pressure taken and reported during the current measurement period and documented.
Diabetes Care	Foot Exam	Diabetes: Foot Exam	Eligible patients ≥ 19 and < 76 . Patient has a foot exam performed and resulted during the measurement period and

			documented.
Diabetes Care, Ischemic Vascular Disease/Coronary Artery Disease	Body Mass Index Assessment	Adult BMI	Eligible patients ≥ 19 and < 76 . Patient has a Body Mass Index or calculated BMI performed and reported during current measurement period.
Diabetes Care, Congestive Heart Failure, Ischemic Vascular Disease/Coronary Artery Disease	Depression Screening and Follow Up Plan	Depression Screening and Follow Up Plan	Eligible patients ≥ 18 years. Patient has a depression screening performed during the measurement period. If positive screening, then patient must have a follow up action plan documented.
Congestive Heart Failure	CHF Appropriate Medication Outpatient – Beta Blockers	CHF Appropriate Medication Outpatient – Beta Blockers	Eligible patients ≥ 19 years. Patient has a beta blocker therapy prescribed during the current measurement period and documented.
Congestive Heart Failure	CHF Appropriate Medication Outpatient – ACEi or ARBs	CHF Appropriate Medication Outpatient – ACEi or ARBs	Eligible patients ≥ 19 years. Patient has an ACEi or ARB medication prescribed during the current measurement period and documented.
Congestive Heart Failure	Documentation of Designated Decision Maker for Medical Care Form	Documentation of Designated Decision Maker for Medical Care Form	Eligible patients ≥ 65 years. Patient has a documented Designated Decision Maker for Medical Care.
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	COPD Spirometry Evaluation	COPD Spirometry Evaluation	Eligible patients ≥ 40 years. Patient had a spirometry evaluation performed and documented.
Ischemic Vascular Disease/Coronary Artery Disease	IVD/CAD – Use of Anti-Platelet Medication	IVD/CAD – Use of Anti-Platelet Medication	Eligible patients ≥ 19 years. Patient has documentation of an anti-platelet medication during the measurement year.
Ischemic Vascular Disease/Coronary Artery Disease	IVD/CAD – Blood Pressure Measurement	IVD/CAD – Blood Pressure Measurement	Eligible patients > 19 years. Patient has a systolic blood pressure value taken during the current measurement period and a diastolic blood pressure value from the same date and patient does not have

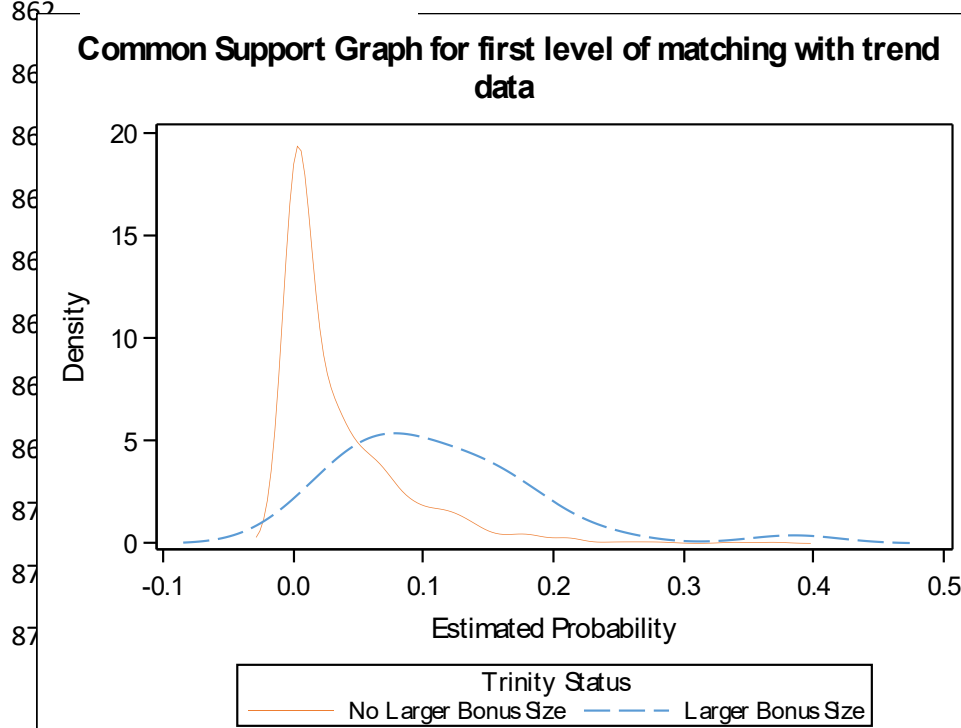
			an emergency visit or an inpatient visit with the same encounter.
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852 **eAPPENDIX 1 - Propensity Matching Methods and Graphs for the Area of Common Support**

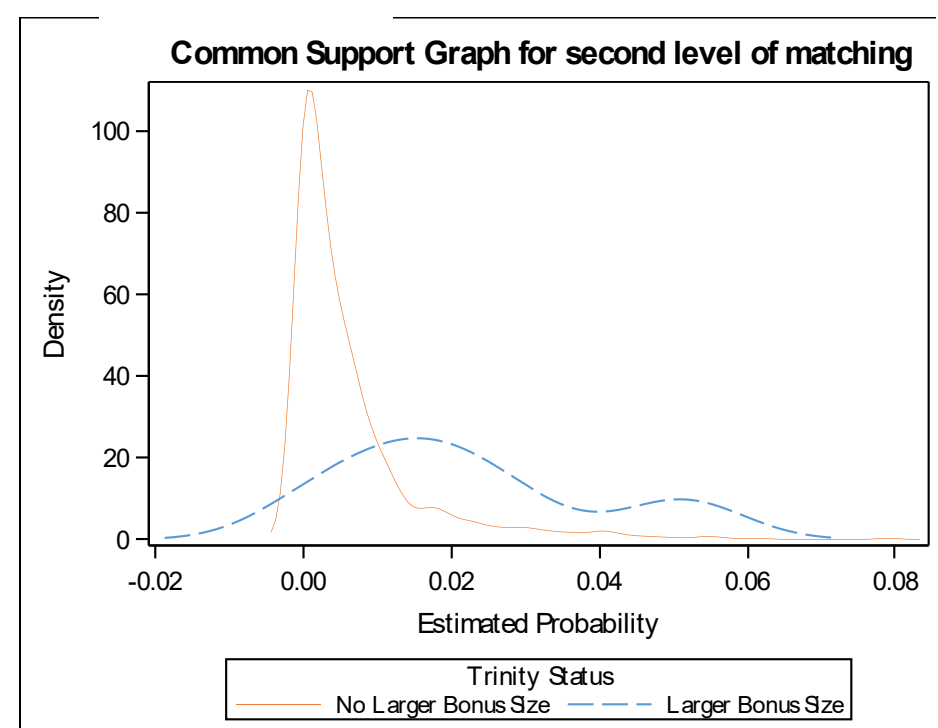
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854 Propensity matching was performed in a two-step approach because not all physicians had historic trend data. In the first step, we used a logistic
855 model with a dependent variable of participation in the Trinity PHO and independent variables of physician demographics, 2015 (pre-)
856 composite quality score (on measures included in the study), and the trend from 2014-2015. This resulted in a match for 28 of the 33 physicians.
857 The remaining 5 physicians were matched using a similar model without the 2014-2015 trend because these physicians did not have adequate
858 historical data. In total, all 33 physicians in the RCT who received larger bonus sizes were matched to a physician in the no larger bonus size
859 group in a 1:1 match using a 2 digit match.

860 The area of common support is shown below using kernel density.

861 **eFIGURE 3**



eFIGURE 4



873 **eAPPENDIX 2: Test of Trend Methods**

874 We compared the trend in physician performance for Larger Bonus Size and matched No Larger Bonus
875 Size physicians prior to the 2016 intervention. Eleven measures from the main analysis existed beginning
876 in 2011.¹

- 877 • Diabetes: Eye Exam Performed
- 878 • Diabetes: HbA1c Control (<8%)
- 879 • Diabetes: HbA1c Poor Control (>9%)
- 880 • Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c Testing
- 881 • Diabetes: Medical Attention for Nephropathy
- 882 • CHF Appropriate Medication Outpatient – ACEi or ARBs
- 883 • CHF Appropriate Medication Outpatient – Beta Blockers
- 884 • IVD - Adult BMI
- 885 • IVD - Blood Pressure Control (<140/90 mm/Hg)
- 886 • IVD– Blood Pressure Measurement
- 887 • IVD– Use of Anti-Platelet Medication
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889 We constructed a physician-year performance measure defined as the number of patients meeting
890 evidence-based quality measures divided by the number of patients who should meet the quality
891 measure. Note this definition allows a patient to be double counted if they are relevant for multiple
892 measures. The performance measure was defined using physician level registry data from 2011 and
893 2012 and patient level registry data from 2014 and 2015.

894 To test the trend in performance we ran the following linear regression clustering at the physician level
895 and weighting by number of measures (when indicated):

$$y = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 LBS + \alpha_2 Year + \alpha_3 LBS \times Year + \epsilon$$

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897 Where year is a continuous variable and trinity indicates whether the physician is in the Larger Bonus
898 Size (LBS) group.² Physicians are included only if they are included in the main analysis.

899 This analysis demonstrated no significant differences in the trend in performance (Year x Trinity
900 interaction term) in the years prior to the intervention.

¹ The Ischemic Vascular disease measures were for a broader set of patients in the main analysis.

² Year is centered at 2010 to ease interpretation of the coefficient on Trinity

901 **eTABLE 2. Complete unadjusted results of randomized controlled trial**

Study Measure	Increased Social Pressure + Larger Bonus Size					Loss Aversion + Larger Bonus Size				
	# Patients	2015	# Patients	2016	Difference	# Patients	2015	# Patients	2016	Difference
Overall	1496	85%	1496	89%	4%	1387	84%	1387	88%	4%
Asthma Action Plan	92	86%	72	91%	5%	46	78%	42	87%	9%
Asthma Control Treatment Assessed	92	84%	72	91%	8%	46	78%	42	86%	8%
Asthma Medication Management	53	94%	35	97%	2%	19	95%	20	94%	0%
Adult BMI	737	96%	768	95%	-1%	622	98%	669	96%	-2%
Blood Pressure Control (<140/90 mm/Hg)	1388	83%	1406	84%	1%	1307	85%	1326	85%	0%
IVD/CAD – Blood Pressure Measurement	1228	96%	1290	96%	0%	1252	98%	1259	98%	0%
COPD Spirometry Evaluation	239	54%	288	65%	11%	199	72%	221	81%	9%
Diabetes: Eye Exam Performed	586	62%	608	68%	5%	416	55%	430	64%	9%
Diabetes: Foot Exam	585	74%	608	89%	15%	416	88%	430	87%	-1%
HbA1c Control (<8%)	586	69%	608	72%	4%	416	61%	430	66%	5%
HbA1c Poor Control (>9%)	586	77%	608	82%	5%	416	73%	430	76%	3%
Hemoglobin A1c Testing	586	96%	608	94%	-2%	416	94%	430	94%	0%
Diabetes: Medical Attention for Nephropathy	585	96%	608	96%	0%	416	97%	430	97%	-1%
CHF Appropriate Medication Outpatient – ACEi or ARBs	90	80%	64	92%	12%	88	90%	75	91%	1%
CHF Appropriate Medication Outpatient – Beta Blockers	26	54%	18	100%	46%	28	89%	23	93%	4%
IVD/CAD – Use of Anti-Platelet Medication	198	80%	220	91%	11%	242	90%	273	91%	2%
Depression Screening and Follow Up Plan	1233	92%	1233	99%	6%	1172	97%	1172	99%	2%
Documentation of Designated Decision Maker for Medical Care Form	539	37%	584	72%	36%	672	10%	682	42%	32%
Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling	334	87%	317	92%	5%	352	80%	269	89%	9%
Tobacco Use Assessment	1486	97%	1487	99%	1%	1384	98%	1384	99%	1%

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904 Abbreviations: BMI, Body Mass Index; IVD, Ischemic Vascular Disease; CAD, Coronary Artery Disease; COPD, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary
 905 Disease; HbA1c, Hemoglobin A1c; CHF, Congestive Heart Failure; ACEi, Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor; ARBs, Angiotensin
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Larger Bonus Size Only					Adjusted Pair-Wise Comparison ^a		
# Patients	2015	# Patients	2016	Difference	ISP vs LA 2016 vs 2015	ISP vs AC 2016 vs 2015	LA vs AC 2016 vs 2015
864	88%	864	92%	4%			
55	95%	52	94%	-1%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99
55	93%	52	93%	0%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99
23	100%	21	100%	0%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99
316	92%	359	96%	4%	>0.99	>0.99	0.73
671	84%	730	89%	5%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99
608	95%	667	98%	3%	>0.99	0.32	0.03 ^a
248	81%	265	87%	6%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99
231	69%	261	76%	7%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99
231	85%	261	88%	3%	0.91	>0.99	>0.99
231	58%	261	71%	12%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99
231	70%	261	80%	10%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99
231	89%	261	93%	4%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99
231	97%	261	97%	0%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99
35	91%	49	91%	0%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99
12	83%	13	98%	15%	0.15	>0.99	>0.99
107	93%	111	94%	1%	>0.99	>0.99	0.98
622	95%	665	99%	3%	0.80	>0.99	>0.99
296	54%	344	79%	24%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99
163	90%	179	93%	3%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99
845	98%	845	98%	0%	>0.99	>0.99	>0.99

^a Reported p-values for pairwise comparisons of the primary outcome of change in proportion of applicable chronic disease and preventive evidence-based measures meeting or exceeding benchmarks at the patient level use the Holm-Bonferroni correction. Multiple imputation was used for the approximately 11% of participants missing follow-up quality metric scores.

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932 **eTABLE 3. Complete unadjusted results of cohort study**

Study Measure	Larger Bonus Size					No Larger Bonus Size (comparison group)					Adjusted Pair-Wise Comparison
	N	2015	N	2016	Difference	N	2015	N	2016	Difference	Adjusted P-Value ^a
Overall	3747	85%	3747	89%	4%	4371	86%	4371	88%	2%	
Asthma Action Plan	193	87%	166	91%	4%	164	84%	128	88%	4%	>0.99
Asthma Control Treatment Assessed	193	85%	166	90%	5%	164	81%	129	88%	7%	0.95
Asthma Medication Management	95	96%	76	97%	1%	104	93%	74	100%	7%	>0.99
Adult BMI	1675	96%	1796	96%	0%	2119	97%	2168	95%	-2%	0.12
Blood Pressure Control (<140/90 mm/Hg)	3366	84%	3462	86%	2%	4086	89%	4114	84%	-4%	0.00
IVD/CAD – Blood Pressure Measurement	3088	97%	3216	97%	0%	3820	98%	3891	97%	-1%	0.16
COPD Spirometry Evaluation	686	69%	774	77%	8%	745	69%	855	72%	3%	0.08
Diabetes: Eye Exam Performed	1233	61%	1299	68%	7%	1235	64%	1218	66%	2%	0.16
Diabetes: Foot Exam	1232	81%	1299	88%	8%	1235	81%	1218	82%	0%	0.00
HbA1c Control (<8%)	1233	64%	1299	70%	6%	1235	72%	1219	71%	0%	0.08
HbA1c Poor Control (>9%)	1233	74%	1299	80%	5%	1235	81%	1219	81%	0%	0.09
Hemoglobin A1c Testing	1233	94%	1299	94%	0%	1235	95%	1219	94%	-1%	>0.99
Diabetes: Medical Attention for Nephropathy	1232	97%	1299	97%	0%	1235	96%	1219	96%	0%	>0.99
CHF Appropriate Medication Outpatient – ACEi or ARBs	213	86%	188	91%	5%	261	86%	205	91%	5%	>0.99
CHF Appropriate Medication Outpatient – Beta Blockers	66	74%	54	97%	22%	80	91%	75	93%	2%	0.70
IVD/CAD – Use of Anti-Platelet Medication	547	87%	604	91%	5%	1061	89%	1118	91%	2%	>0.99
Depression Screening and Follow Up Plan	3027	95%	3070	99%	4%	3565	93%	3559	98%	5%	>0.99
Documentation of Designated Decision Maker for Medical Care Form	1507	29%	1610	61%	33%	2060	27%	2162	54%	28%	0.17
Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling	849	85%	765	91%	6%	698	92%	669	91%	-1%	0.04
Tobacco Use Assessment	3715	98%	3716	99%	1%	4341	99%	4343	99%	0%	>0.99

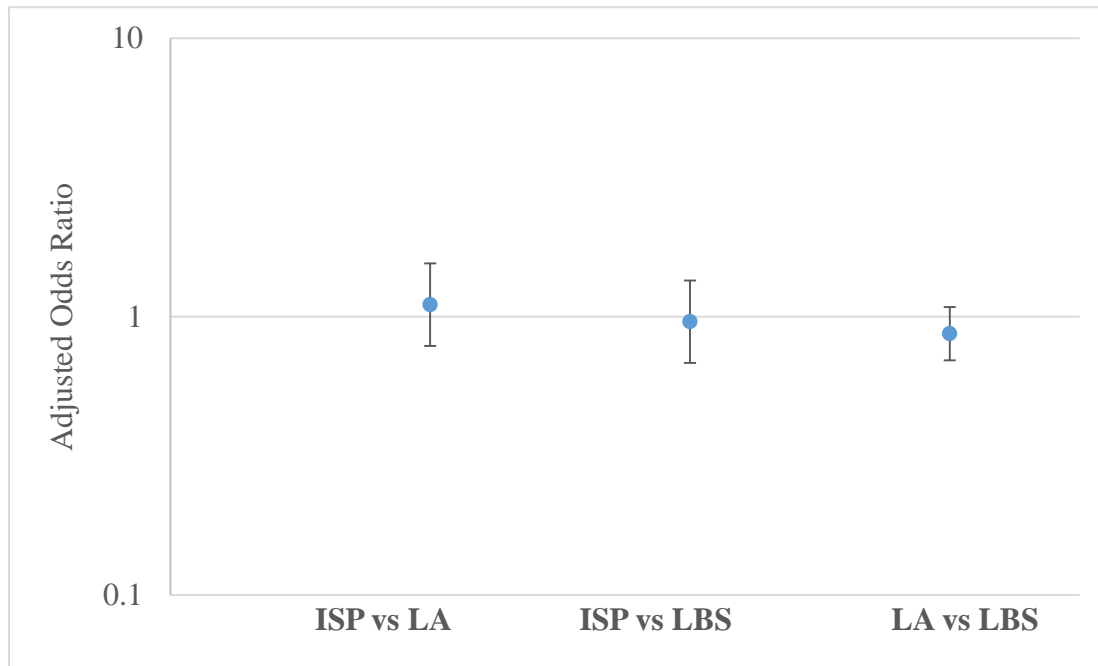
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936 Vascular Disease; CAD, Coronary Artery Disease; COPD, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease; HbA1c, Hemoglobin A1c; CHF, Congestive
937 Heart Failure; ACEi, Angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor; ARBs, Angiotensin II receptor blockers

eTABLE 4. Sample Characteristics of Cohort Study for Larger Bonus size without Matching

	Larger Bonus Size	All No Larger Bonus Size	939 P-value 940
Number of physicians	N = 33	N = 801	
Age (year), mean (SD)	57 (10)	53 (10)	0.04
Tenure (year), mean (SD)	12 (8)	9 (7)	0.03
Average No. of APP patients in panel, median (IQR)	67 (138)	34 (131)	0.06
Gender, No. (%)			
Female	15 (45%)	285 (36%)	0.25
Male	18 (55%)	516 (64%)	
Specialty, No. (%)^a			
Family Medicine	14 (42%)	153 (19%)	0.00
Internal Medicine	13 (39%)	214 (27%)	
Pediatrics	4 (12%)	183 (23%)	
Others	2 (6%)	251 (31%)	
Average No. of Chronic Disease, mean (SD)	1.60 (0.34)	1.47 (0.38)	0.05
Number of patients	N = 3747	N = 70818	
Age (year), median (IQR)	64 (18)	68 (18)	<.0001
Gender, No. (%)			
Female	2384 (64%)	36880 (52%)	<.0001
Male	1358 (36%)	33758 (48%)	
Race, No. (%)			
Black or African American	2667 (71%)	7461 (11%)	<.0001
Caucasian or White	368 (10%)	48658 (69%)	
Other	149 (4%)	4547 (6%)	
Unknown	563 (15%)	10152 (14%)	
Average No. of Chronic Disease, mean (SD)	1.6 (0.82)	1.63 (0.83)	0.06

953 ^aOther physicians includes 1 Cardiologist and 1 Pulmonologist in the Larger Bonus Size cohort. For No Larger Bonus Size cohort, Other
954 physicians includes 28 Allergists/Immunologists, 5 Cardiac Electrophysiologists, 98 Cardiologists, 25 Endocrinologists, 10 Interventional
955 Cardiologists, 6 Pediatric Allergists/Immunologists, 79 Pulmonologists
956 Abbreviations: SD, standard deviation; IQR, interquartile range.

957 **eFIGURE 5 – Sensitivity Analysis for RCT without Physician Fixed**
958 **Effect Clustering at Group Practice Level**

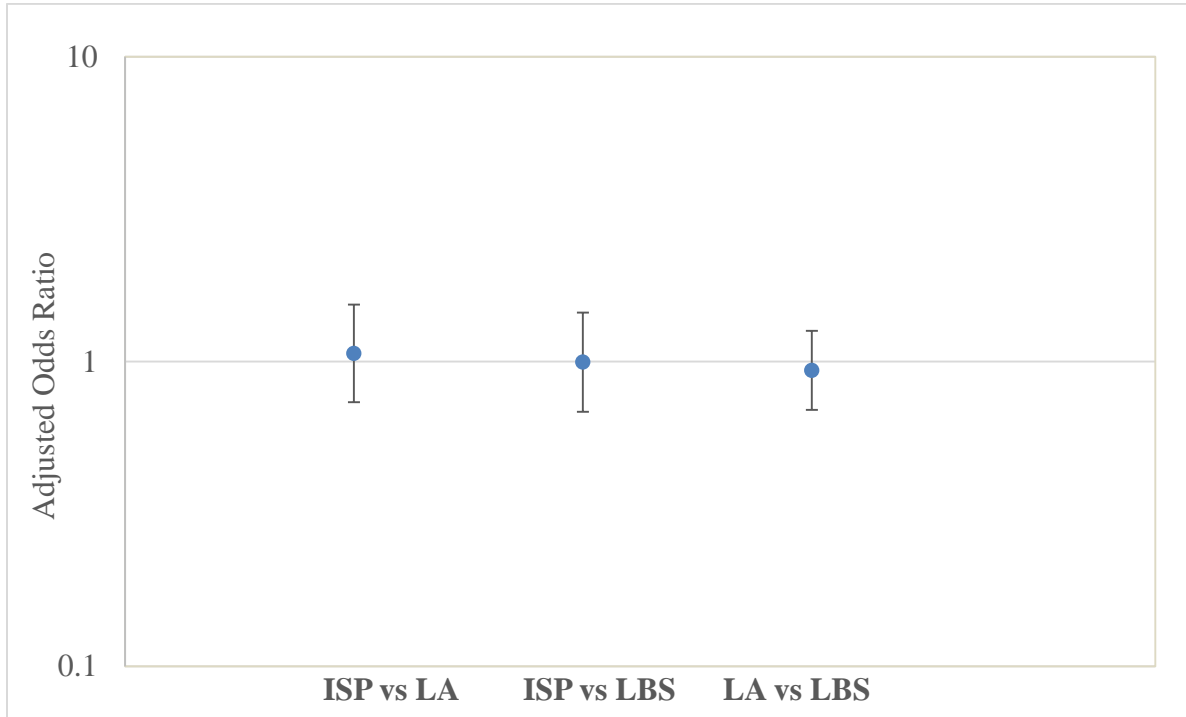


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962 **eFIGURE 6 – Sensitivity Analysis for RCT without Imputation**
963 **(using Complete Case Data)**



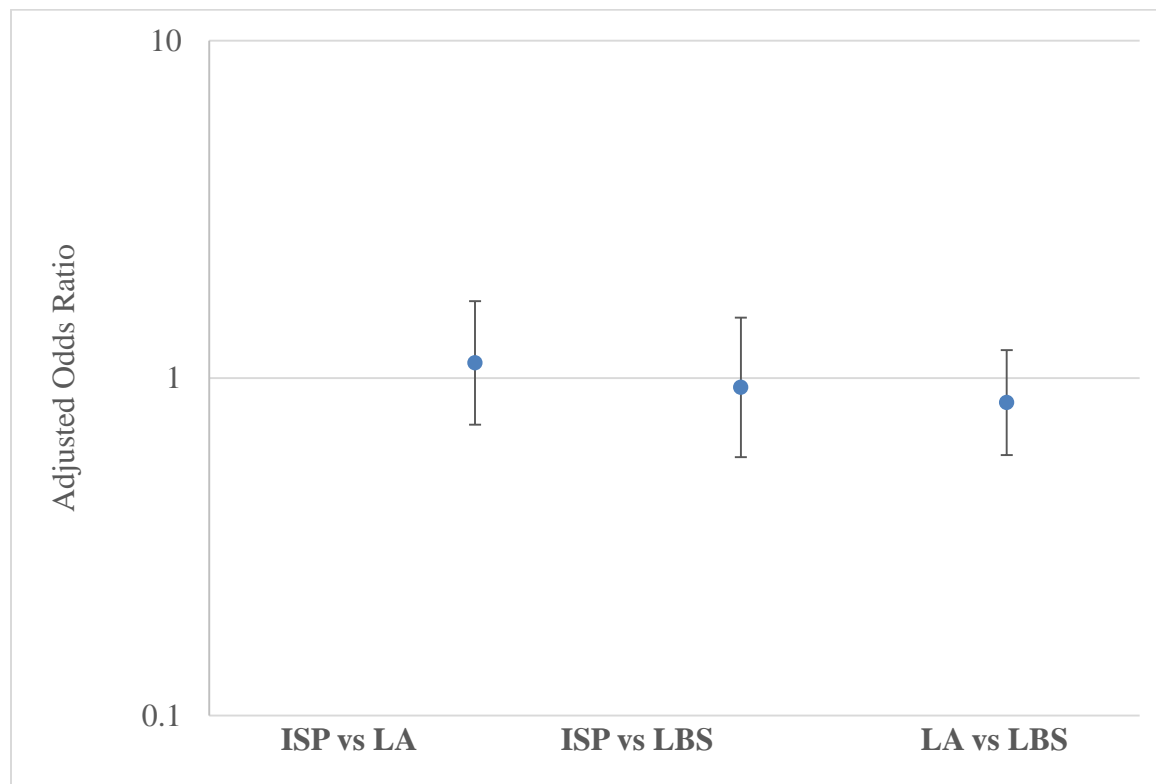
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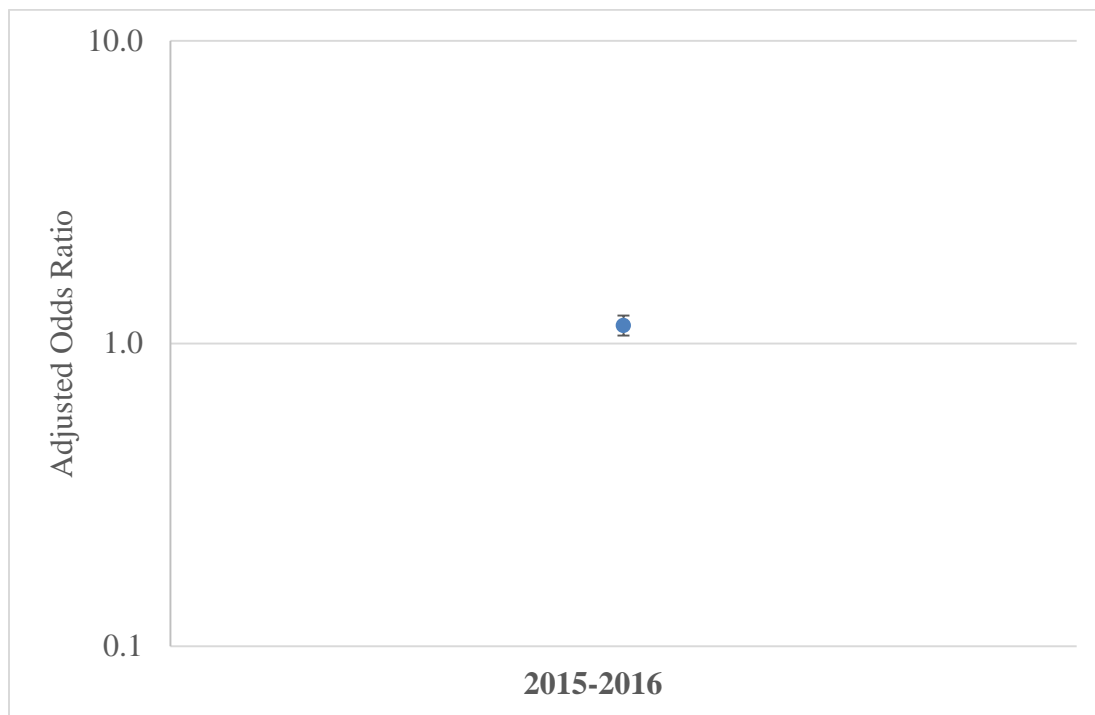


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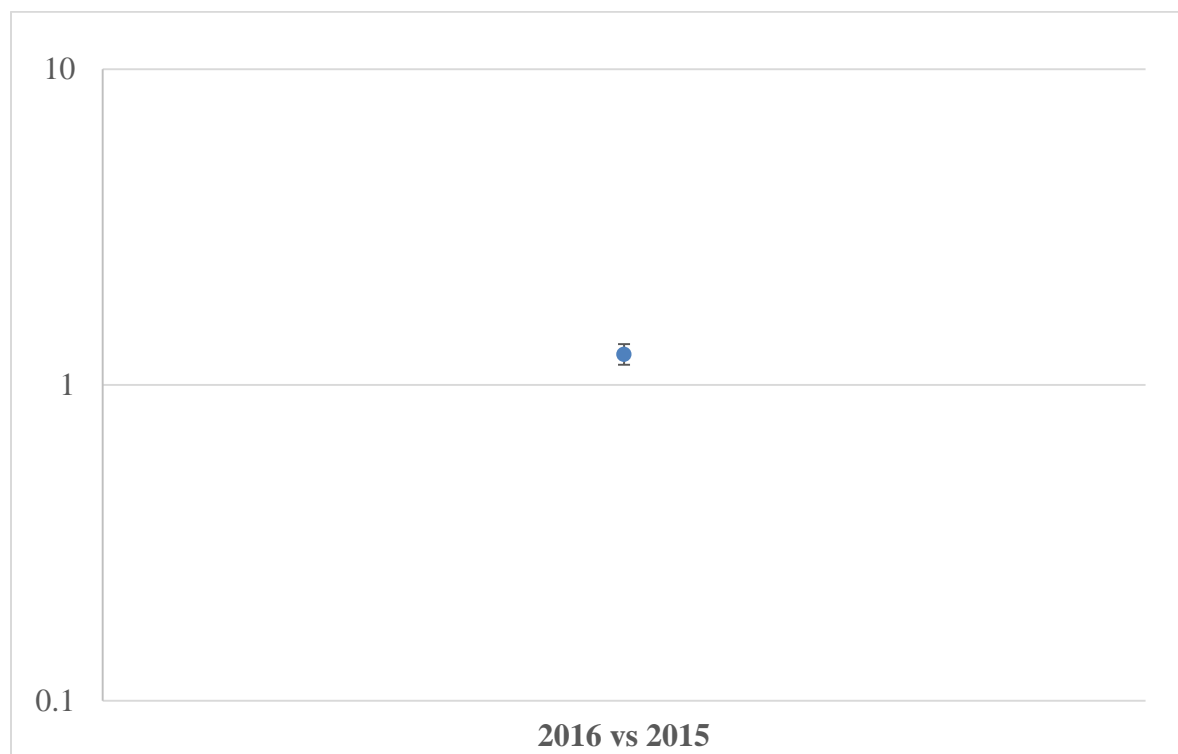
983 **eFIGURE 8 – Sensitivity Analysis of Cohort Study without**
984 **Imputation (using Complete Case Data)**



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986 The estimate is the effect of the association between larger bonus size and higher achievement of
987 evidence-based quality measures. The error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals.

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997 **eFIGURE 9 – Sensitivity Analysis of Cohort Study without**
998 **Physician Fixed Effects**



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1001 evidence-based quality measures. The error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals.

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1011 **eTABLE 5 – Test of Trends for Difference-in-Differences Model**
 1012 **Results**

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Coefficient (SE)	All Physicians, Weighted	Stable Set of Physicians, Weighted
Year	-0.007 (0.005)	-0.006 (0.004)
Trinity	-0.013 (0.031)	-0.009 (0.030)
Year x Trinity	-0.011 (0.008)	-0.012 (0.007)
Constant	0.854*** (0.020)	0.851*** (0.019)
Observations	186	165
R²	0.116	0.112
Unique Trinity MDs	32	18
Unique Non-Trinity MDs	33	23

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Standard errors in parentheses; * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$

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1030 **eTABLE 6: Results of Physician Survey Administered Pre and Post Intervention**

Overall	Larger Bonus Size				Loss Aversion & Larger Bonus Size				Increased Social Pressure & Larger Bonus Size			
	Pre n=24	Post n=14	Change	t-test	Pre n=26	Post n=13	Change	t-test	Pre n=21	Post n=7	Change	t-test
Baseline Attitudes	4.21	4.18	-0.04	0.47	3.64	3.69	0.06	0.45	3.98	4.02	0.04	0.44
Teamwork	3.89	3.91	0.03	0.48	4.11	3.93	-0.18	0.30	4.18	3.82	-0.37	0.02
Financial Salience	3.61	3.36	-0.25	0.33	3.03	3.69	0.67	0.04	3.35	3.35	0.01	0.41
Practice Environment	3.69	3.57	-0.12	0.37	4.00	3.80	-0.20	0.04	3.35	3.35	0.01	0.41
Awareness/Understanding	3.54	3.77	0.23	0.32	3.67	3.67	0.00	0.50	3.40	3.37	-0.03	0.45
Individual Impact on Clinical Behavior	3.48	3.57	0.10	0.43	3.37	3.22	-0.15	0.26	3.47	3.46	-0.01	0.48
Unintended Consequences	2.83	3.10	0.27	0.14	2.85	3.33	0.48	0.01	3.14	3.25	0.11	0.25

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