



# Leveraging Telehealth & Digital Health to Care Anywhere: Aligning to NCQA's Call to Action

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# CARE ANYWHERE – LEVERAGING TELEHEALTH & DIGITAL HEALTH

Now that we have heard more about Telehealth and Digital Health, in this workshop let's expand into a broader Care Anywhere strategy and align to NCQA's (National Committee for Quality Assurance) Care Delivery Anywhere framework and expectation.

- Establish the intent and alignment of NCQA's perspective to a Care Anywhere strategy.
- Identify the foundations created by Telehealth and Digital Health that will promote readiness for Care Anywhere.
- Define the Care Anywhere process that orchestrates the demand and supply of future care delivery.
- Provide examples, value propositions, and research highlighting additional service areas in addition to RPM that will drive a new Care Anywhere strategy

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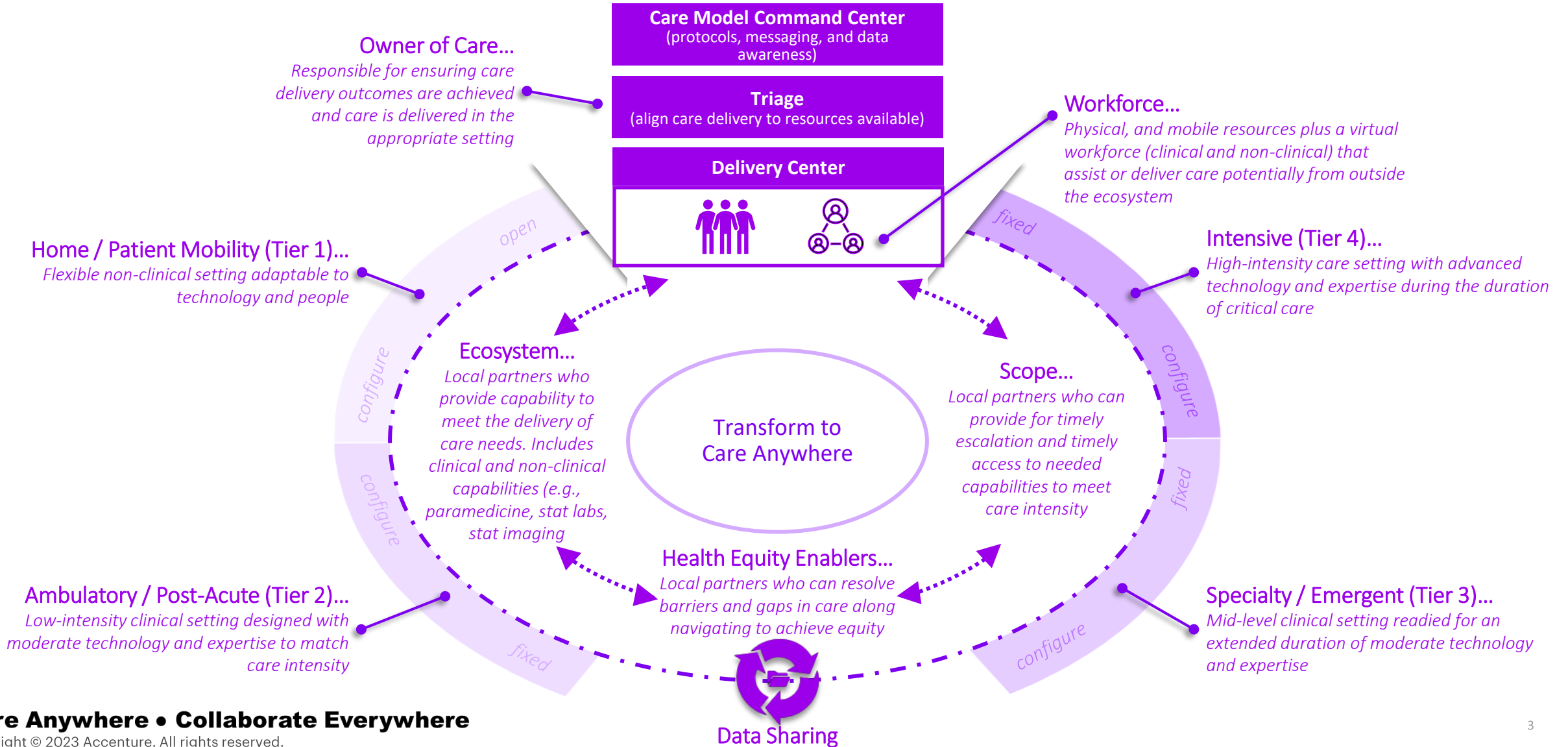


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# CARE ANYWHERE CARE MODEL

Care Anywhere is uniquely designed to orchestrate the delivery of care in the most effective setting leveraging the capabilities across the care model.



# **CARE ANYWHERE**

**Workshop Activity**

# FOR EXAMPLE, CONSIDER SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

SNF can be targeted at several appropriate locations of care.

PRODUCT MINDSET

**Patient Criteria:**

- Ability to pay for Home Health
- In a safe and appropriate house
- No weapons
- Family and/or caregiver support

**Hospital to SNF:**

- Lower acuity
- Discharged to home from SNF within 7 days
- Low ADL score on admission to SNF
- **Fits target diagnosis:**
  - Congestive heart failure
  - Cerebral infarction
  - Fracture
  - Surgical aftercare
  - Cellulitis
  - Pneumonia
  - UTI
  - Pyelonephritis
  - Gastroenteritis & Colitis
  - Dehydration
  - Rhabdomyolysis
  - COVID-19
  - Multiple Sclerosis Flare
  - Clostridium Difficile
  - Acute Gout Flare
  - Upper limb fracture
  - Wound
  - Diabetes
  - Orthopedic

**Ability to Perform:**

- Meets intermediate (observation/inpatient) level of care or higher
- No synchronous telemetry
- Typical SNF level care and interactions with roles supported by virtual clinicians

**Resource Requirements:**

- Audio and video through broadband
- Other infrastructure set up
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Tier 1: Home / Patient Mobility

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- Rapid Discharge:
- Higher acuity but stable
- Stayed in SNF for more than 30 days
- Low ADL score after 20 days

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| ○ UTI                 |                            |                            |                       |
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### Ability to Perform:

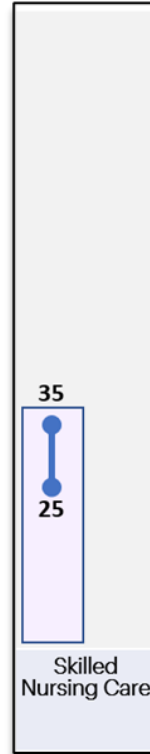
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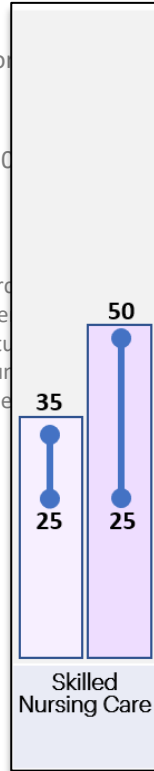
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Tier 1: Home / Patient Mobility



**Patient Criteria: (like Tier 1 except)**

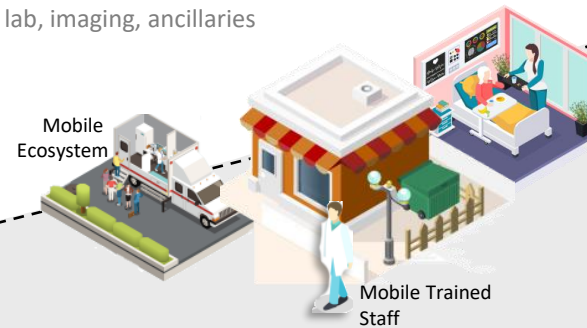
- Unsafe or inappropriate house
- No consistent family member or caregiver support
- Weapons in the home
- Moderate acuity including addition diagnosis:
  - o New strokes
  - o High rehabilitation potential
  - o New joint replacements

**Ability to Perform:**

- Meets Level I or II intermediate (observation/inpatient) or Level III extensive
- Synchronous telemetry or no telemetry
- Manage complex medications and wound management
- Typical SNF level care and interactions with roles supported by virtual clinicians

**Resource Requirements:**

- Audio and video through broadband along with telemetry
- Other infrastructure set up
- Virtual clinical support plus trained staff mobile to the home
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Tier 2: Ambulatory/Post-Acute Site (space, staff, technology)

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Tier 3/4: Intensive

# CARE DELIVERY ANYWHERE

## Quality Framework

*Areas of Focus*



Data Sharing & Interoperability

Aligning around standards for data sharing and interoperability



Health Equity

Ensuring health equity in the delivery of care



Referrals

Processes for verifying that patients can access necessary follow-up care



Communication

Guidelines for effective communication for innovative modalities of care delivery



Appropriateness of Setting for Care

Processes for ensuring that patients receive the right care, in the right way

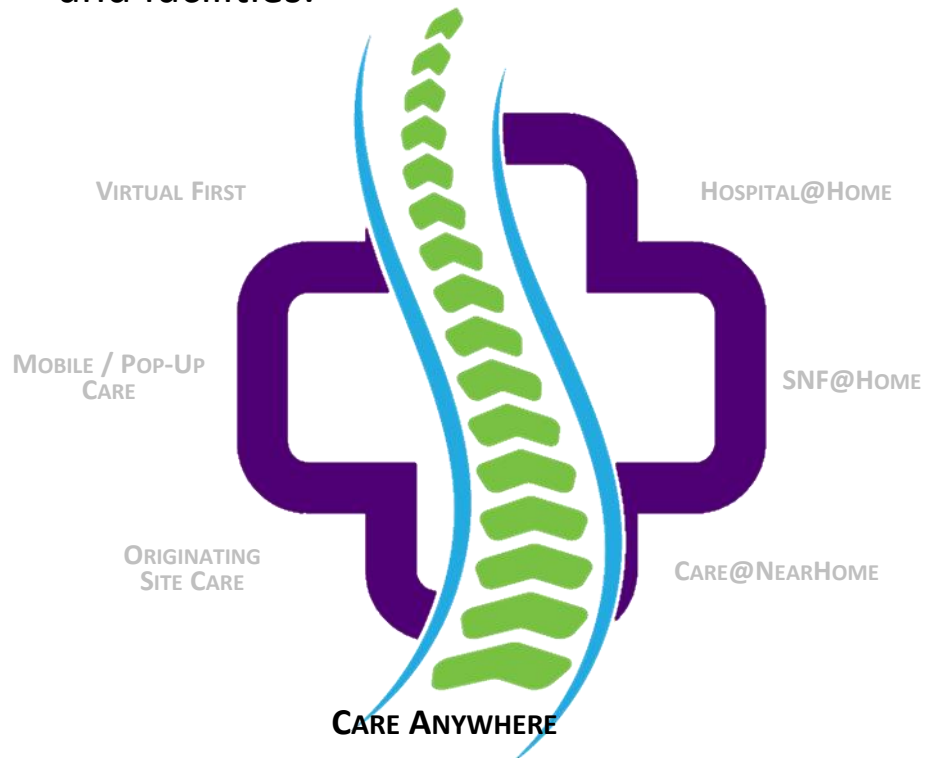
NCQA, January 12, 2023, Care Delivery Anywhere





# CARE ANYWHERE – ORCHESTRATING TOMORROW’S CARE

Redefining how and where care is provided driving improved cost effectiveness and use of tomorrow’s health professional workforce and facilities.



## It is...

- **Intentional** – Delivering productized delivery of a service
- **Location agnostic** – Driving care to the optimal setting, ensuring appropriate site of care and reflecting preference
- **Tiered** – Reimagining care delivered to the home (i.e., wherever the patient is), to spaces (i.e., both fixed and pliable) that are proximal to the patient; rethinking the professional workforce, facilities (e.g., specialty/emergent care), and intensive care capabilities
- **Focused on care “delivery” rather than care “routing”**

## It isn’t...

- **Monitoring focused** – Rather, it is care delivery-centric, enabling the delivery of care in the most effective location
- **One-sided** – Care Anywhere is about matching provider capabilities expressed as a product to patient preferences
- **Fixed** – Care Anywhere is about creating and leveraging flexibility for providers & patients and in the spaces where care is delivered to provide the most appropriate location for care
- **Cost neutral** – Economically, the goal is to reduce overall cost, increase revenue, and more effectively use the clinical workforce

# CARE ANYWHERE CAPABILITIES ACROSS THE JOURNEY

Care Anywhere extends the delivery of care beyond traditional physical settings to locations and approaches that suit people. Productization of services or a product mindset encourages consideration of settings such as homes, offices, hotels, dormitories, and flexible care settings. Care Anywhere provides convenient, cost-efficient care in a competitive health ecosystem.

## MARKET FORCES

### Growth of consumer liquid expectations

Consumer expectations have become truly liquid across industries – comparisons evolve between brand experience (e.g., receiving primary care vs best-in-class tech support)<sup>1</sup>



### Innovative care models anchored on flexibility

COVID-19 has driven differentiated & flexible care models, anchoring on true patient centricity and strong digital foundation (e.g., virtual visit expansion, RPM, novel partnerships)<sup>2</sup>



### Productization of healthcare via unbundling of care services

Traditional care services are seeing an unbundling into disparate product offerings (e.g., primary care), reframing operating models with a product mindset<sup>3</sup>

**A blended care system relies on CARE ANYWHERE – componentized delivery of care anchored to optimizing cost & choice – to link care delivery services across its core enablers.**

# CARE ANYWHERE IS FOCUSED ON HEALTH EQUITY

## PRIMARY HEALTH EQUITY FOCUS

- Get healthcare to people that need it most
- Urban care
- Rural care
- People of color
- People that can't afford care
- The elderly
- People who need mental health and behavioral resources
- Digital divide

Previous research indicates...



Health equity is an **inclusive**, just **distribution of resources** and opportunities needed to achieve **peace of mind and improved health outcomes**

Forming unlikely partnerships to design innovative solutions for undeserved and vulnerable people

Investing in initiatives that proactively address the needs of vulnerable populations and support community wellness

Ensuring marginalized individuals have the agency and support needed to lead healthful lives

Which means...



“ Health equity is being able to ensure equal access to and delivery of healthcare in a manner that treats everyone as equals.



“ The opportunity for all persons to be healthy through access to care and resources by addressing the social determinants of health.



“ Understanding disparities within healthcare and working with experts to make sure decisions & processes are put in place to mitigate these disparities as much as possible to ensure equity for everyone who is in need of health care.



“ Providing the same level of health care services to any individual devoid of socioeconomic status.



“ Healthcare needs of all patients are appropriately addressed in order to achieve the desired health outcomes for all



“ Addressing SDOH matters for the patient population.

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1. Accenture, Ankor Shah, 2022
2. HIMSS, Accenture, Ankor Shah, 2022



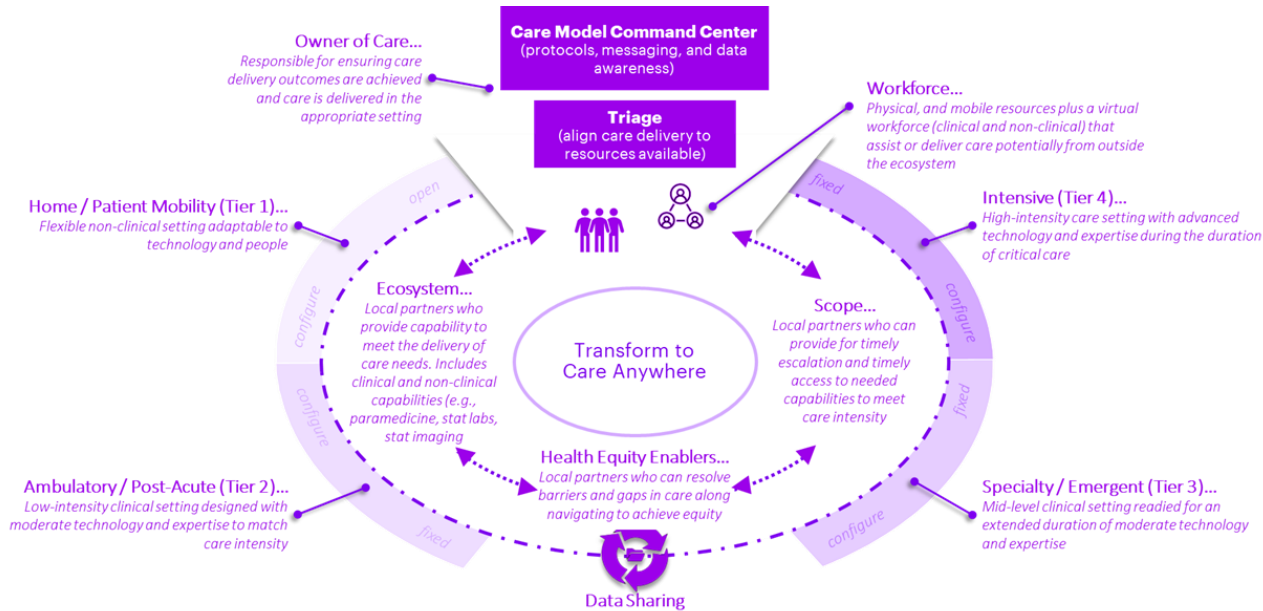
# **CARE ANYWHERE**

**Workshop Activity**

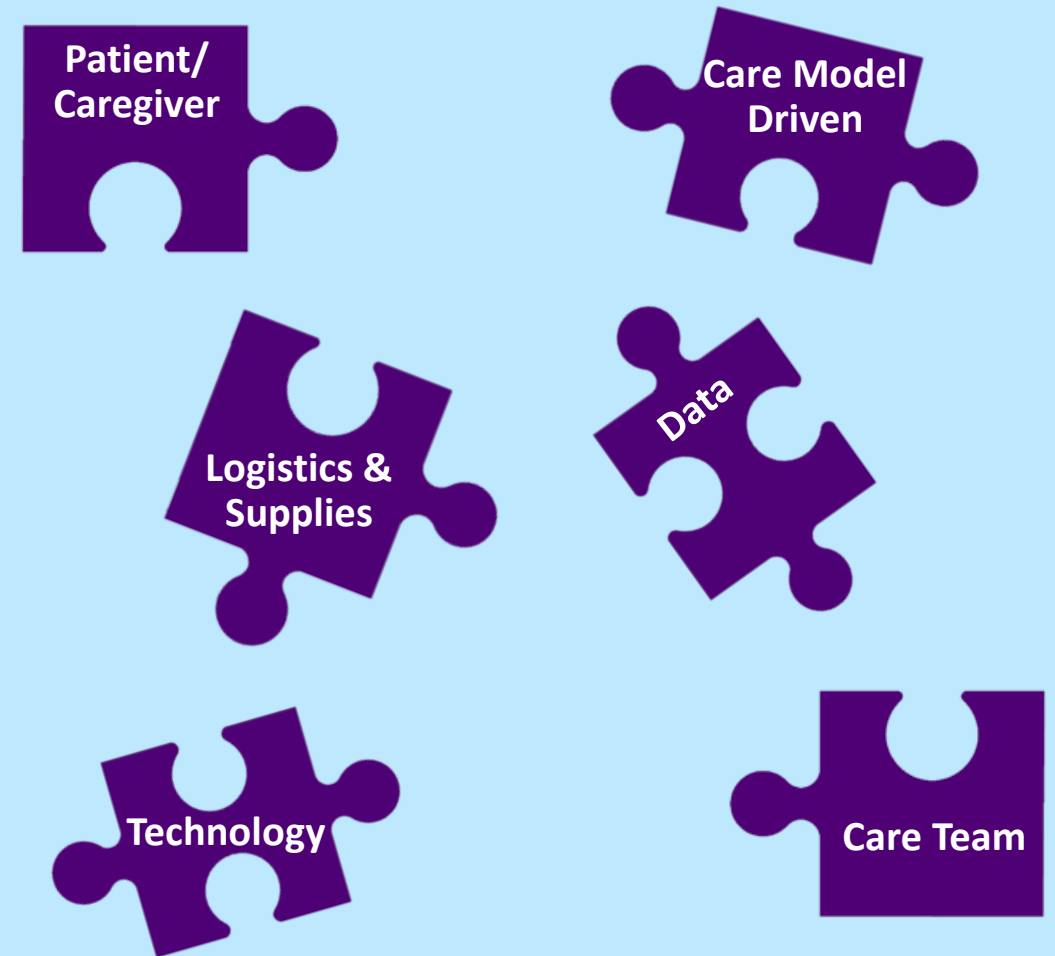


# The Opportunity

The Care Anywhere model may provide alternative, economically favorable locations to **keep services open, maintain access, increase compliance, resolve inequity, and address supply shortages**



# What we learned from 2 days on Telehealth & Digital Health?...





# The Opportunity - Foundation

8:15am – 9:00am  
Implementing a Successful Telehealth Program  
Saurabh Chandra

9:00am – 9:45am  
How COVID Accelerated Healthcare’s Digital Transformation  
Michael Archuleta

11:00am – 11:45am  
Expanding Access to Healthcare  
Karen L. Fortuna, PhD, LICSW

11:45am – 12:30pm  
The Role of Telehealth and Digital Healthcare in an Evolving Health Care Environment  
Anthony Roggio, MD

1:30pm – 2:15pm  
Implementing an Acute Hospital Care at Home Program  
Christopher Caspers, MD

2:15pm – 3:15pm  
Panel: How Providers are Leveraging Digital Tools as Services Expand  
3:15pm – 3:45pm

3:45pm – 4:30pm  
Digital Twins in the Future of Healthcare: How Digital Tools will Transform Personalized Healthcare  
Hamilton Baker, MD

4:30pm – 5:15pm  
Online Tracking Technologies: Implications under HIPAA and Beyond  
Aaron T. Maguregui

8:15am – 9:00am  
Telehealth’s Role in Mental Health Access and Outcomes  
Marie Lee, M.Ed., PMP

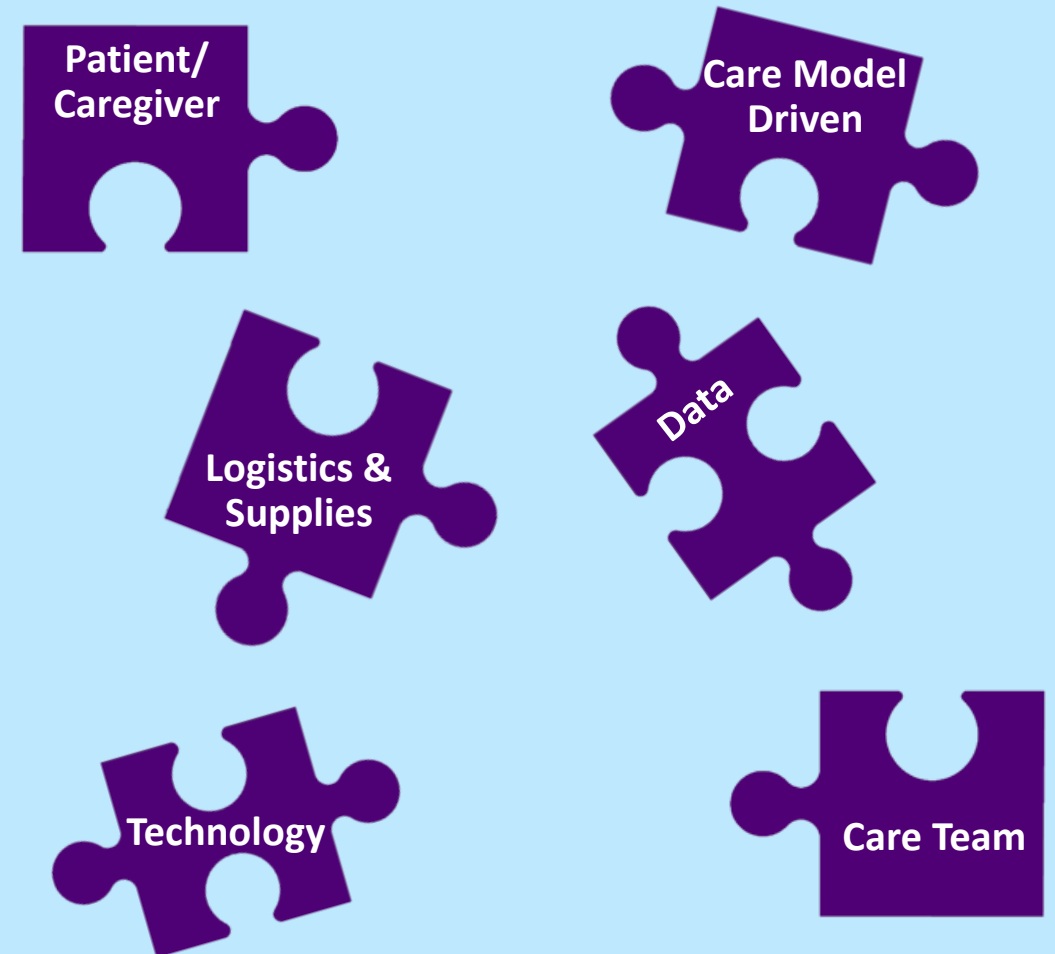
9:00am – 9:45am  
Virtual Monitoring for the Inpatient Setting  
Cindy Welsh, RN, MBA, FACHE

10:15am – 11:00am  
Capturing the Value in Digital Health Solutions Across the Care Continuum  
Laura Christopherson, Ed.D., MBA  
Angela Leuenberger, MS, LSSBB

11:00am – 11:45am  
Utilizing a Mobile Unit and Telehealth Services to Reduce Barriers to SUD Treatment  
Lisa Blanchard, MA, LMHC

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Leveraging Telehealth and Digital Healthcare to Accelerate the Discharge Process and How it Can Help Reduce Readmissions  
Heather Hitson

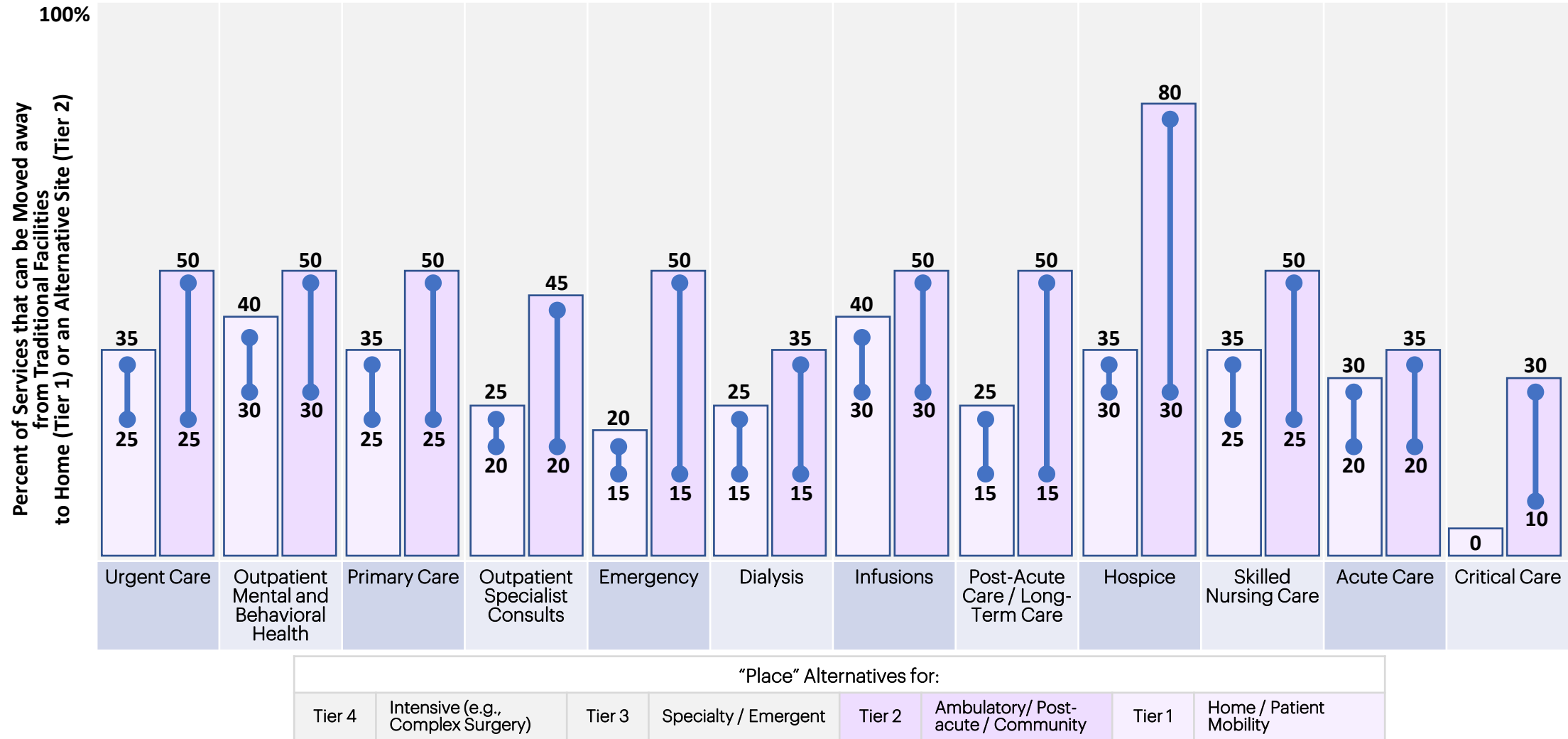
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# Care Anywhere: Orchestrating the Reinvention of Care Delivery

Shifting “place” is a key aspect of Care Anywhere. Increasing opportunities exist to shift to more convenient places.

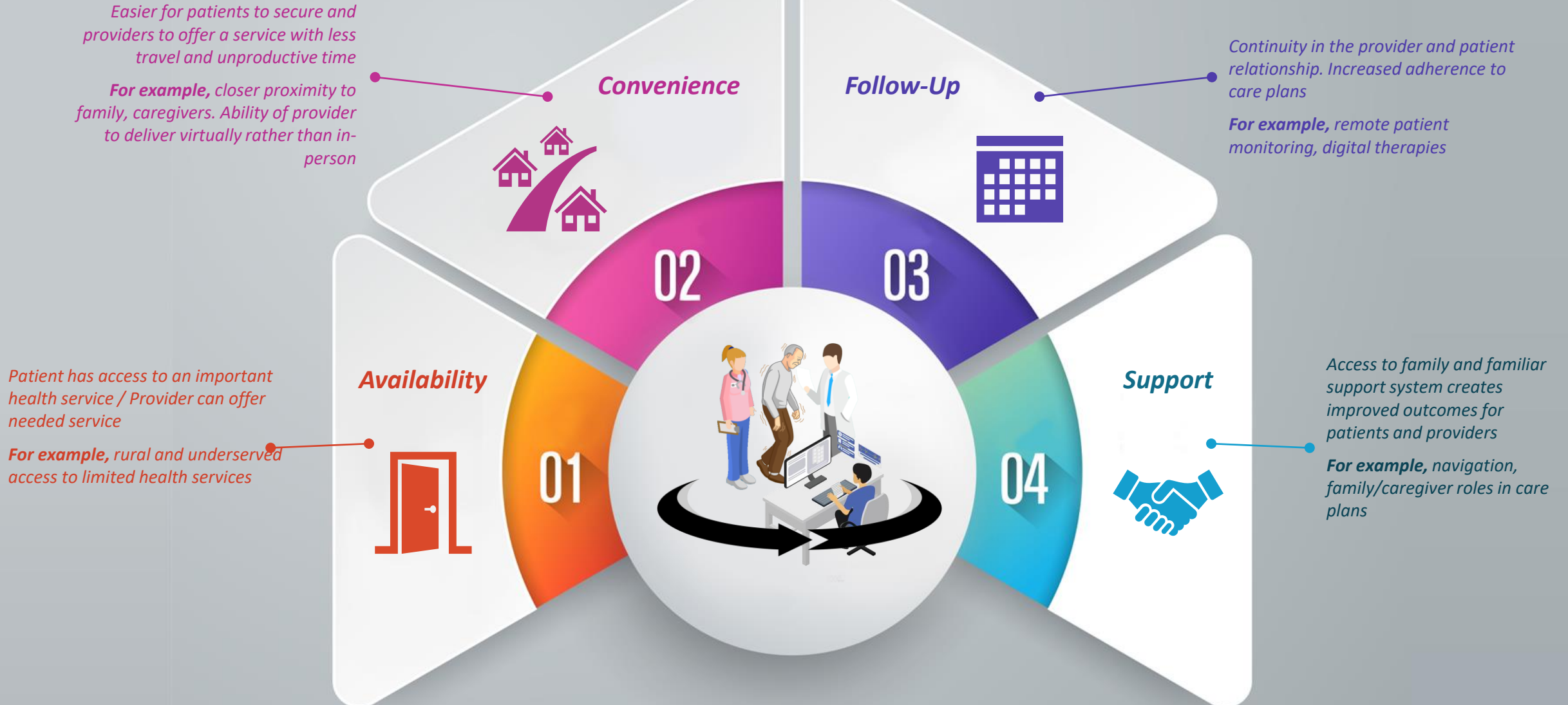


Sources:

- “From facility to home: How healthcare could shift by 2025, February 1, 2022, Bestsenny, Chmielewski, Koffel, and Shah, McKinsey & Company
- Accenture study.

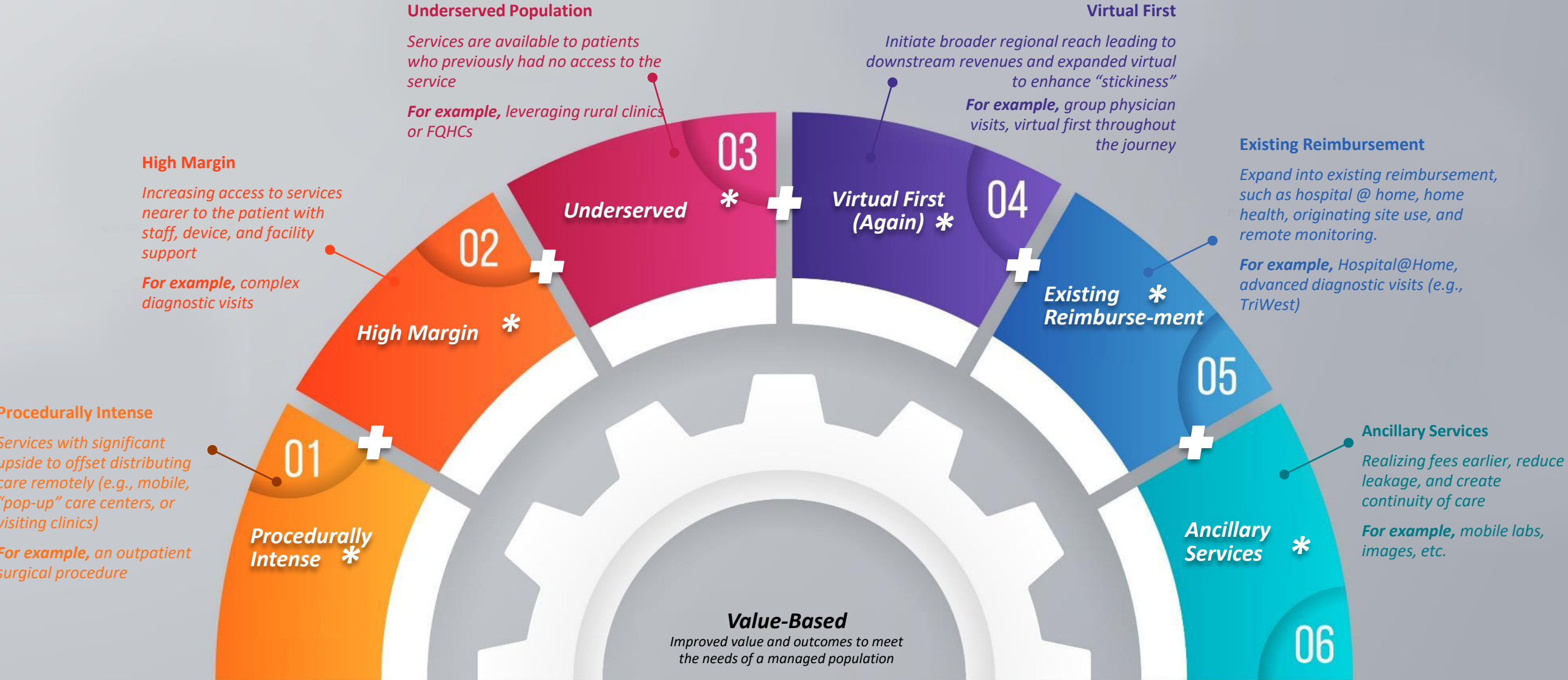
# Improve Access and Experience

Levers improving the patient and provider experience thru improved access to services, reducing costs through proximity, and reducing barriers to participation



# Improve Economic Opportunities

Levers effecting costs: Inflation, Workforce (enabled thru Virtual Health), Facility (reduced hard footprint)





# 360° Value Meter: Care Anywhere

## Financial Business Case

### Revenue:

- Increased revenue for additional visits
- Increases from remote monitoring, hospital and other care at home or Care Anywhere
- Improved management of revenue in value-based care arrangements
- Other fee for service improvements supported through virtual or alternative location care

### OpEx:

- Labor management and cost reduction by leveraging a virtual workforce and prolonging careers for needed health professionals
- Improved coordination of services

### Capital:

- Leverage investments in foundation technologies
- Reduce need for physical facilities and physical plan

## Modernization

- **Growth:** Scalable infrastructure to accelerate and promote virtual health across the enterprise and the "community."
- **Security:** Leverage cloud vendor investments and cybersecurity expertise to secure the patient record; rapid rebuild and recover after ransomware attack
- **Data:** Data driven access and delivery of care and supporting capabilities driven by timely data

## Inclusion & Equity

- **Equity:** Drive care and health services into diverse care settings that support convenience for patients and health professionals that meet security and privacy expectations
- **Inclusive Design:** Designed to support the inclusion of all diverse participants in care, from patients, family, caregivers to supporting professionals such as physicians, case managers, medical delivery, etc.
- **Inclusive Culture:** Quick, easy, and convenient ability to bring people together to support care

## Experience

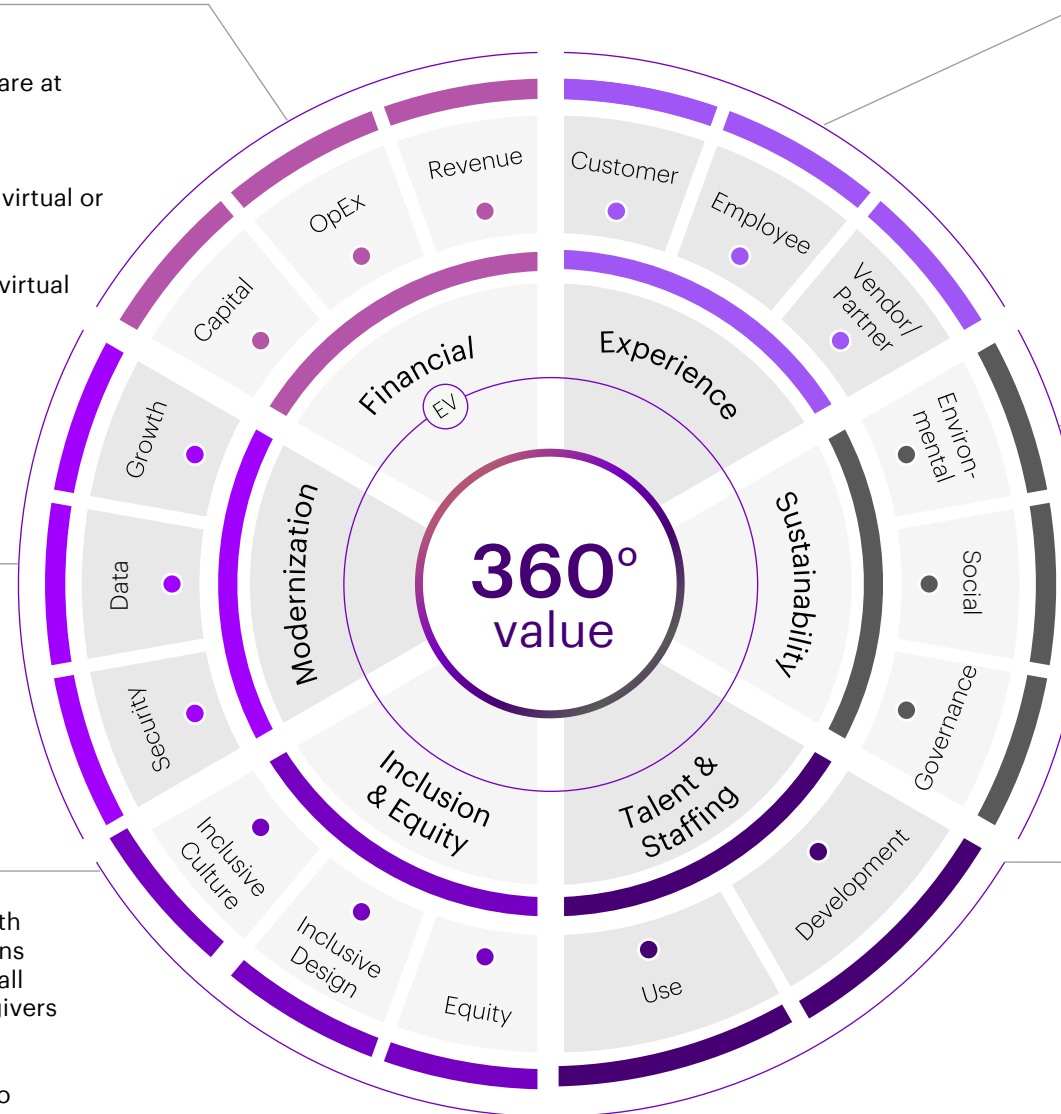
- **Customer (Patient):** Improve access, engagement, and experience supporting Care Anywhere with focus on patient/consumer convenience.
- **Clinician/Employee:** Collaboration and convenience for all participants that support or deliver care. Enable collaboration and coordination while improving experience thru convenience and coordination
- **Vendor/Partner:** Enhance range and scope of products and services with client. Increase client diversity and deepen client engagement.

## Sustainability

- **Environment:** Care Anywhere is about moving consumers, patients, providers and others via technology rather than in person
- **Social Community:** Impact access and convenience of care supporting greater participation. Enhanced support and collaboration across the community to drive better individual and community outcomes.
- **Governance:** Data, platform security along with use of data based on standards to effect how care is delivered

## Talent & Staffing

- **Development:**
  - Demonstrated ability to use to mentor, support professionals support care delivery, such as in Remote Nursing
- **Use:**
  - Reduced overtime and turnover
  - Increased productivity
  - Improved length of stay and reduced readmissions



# CONSUMER JOURNEY

**General Approach**

# “CARE ANYWHERE” PARADIGM

## Care anywhere- Overview

### CARE ANYWHERE IS..

The curation of care model building blocks to **“fit” the preferences and constraints** of care delivery, in order to improve access, experience, outcomes, and optimize cost

### & ORCHESTRATES ACROSS...



**PLACE and PEOPLE’S**  
proximity, capabilities to ensure the outcome



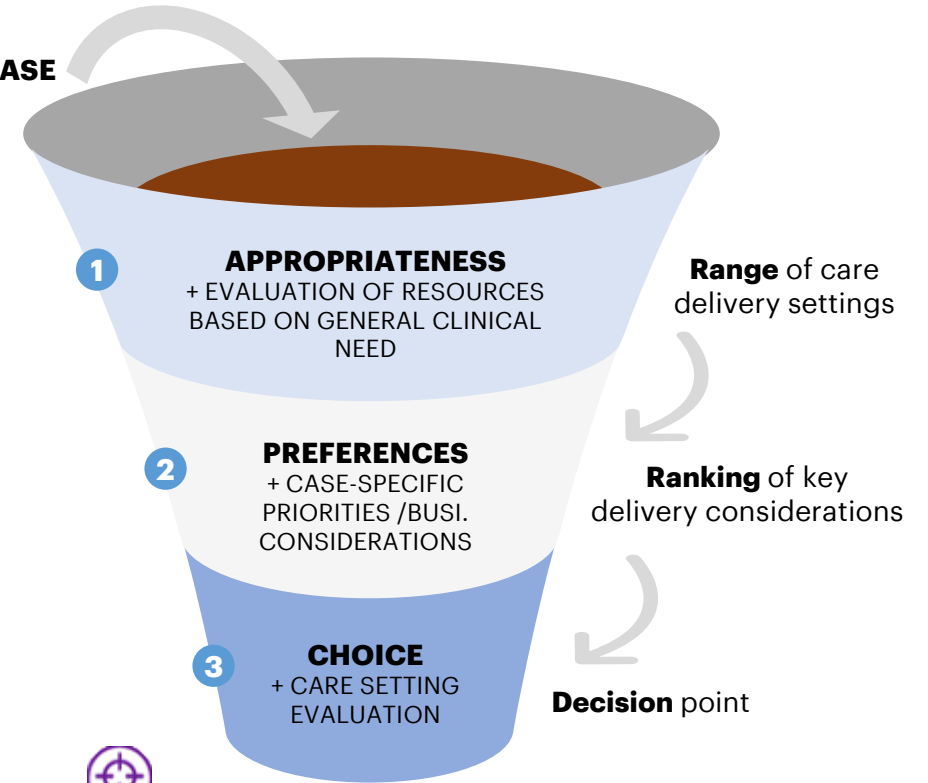
**TECHNOLOGY** as equipment, facilities, and devices available to people



**PROCESS** to appropriately couple and direct people and technology

### THE THREE STEP PROCESS:

#### CLINICAL USE CASE



#### CLINICAL CARE SETTING CHOICE

Home / Patient Mobility	Ambulatory/ Post-acute	Specialty/ Emergent	Intensive (e.g., Complex Surgery)
Flexible non-clinical setting adaptable to technology and people	Low-intensity clinical setting designed with moderate tech and expertise to match care intensity	Mid-level clinical setting readied for an extended duration of moderate tech and expertise	High-intensity care setting with advanced tech and expertise the duration of critical care



# "CARE ANYWHERE" PARADIGM

## STEP 1 - APPROPRIATENESS

### STEP 1:

The first step to identify which modalities to deliver care across requires analyzing clinical need across three categories:

- a) **Care intensity:** What is the clinical intensity of the service required?
- b) **Resource Characteristics:** Does the clinical team need to be altogether in a room (e.g., surgery) vs symptom monitoring?
- c) **Modality Characteristics:** How much security & privacy is needed for care (e.g., gynecology appt vs triage)?

**1a) ILLUSTRATIVE:** To find the range of appropriate delivery locations, identify degree of clinical requirements across 3 key categories

#### CARE INTENSITY

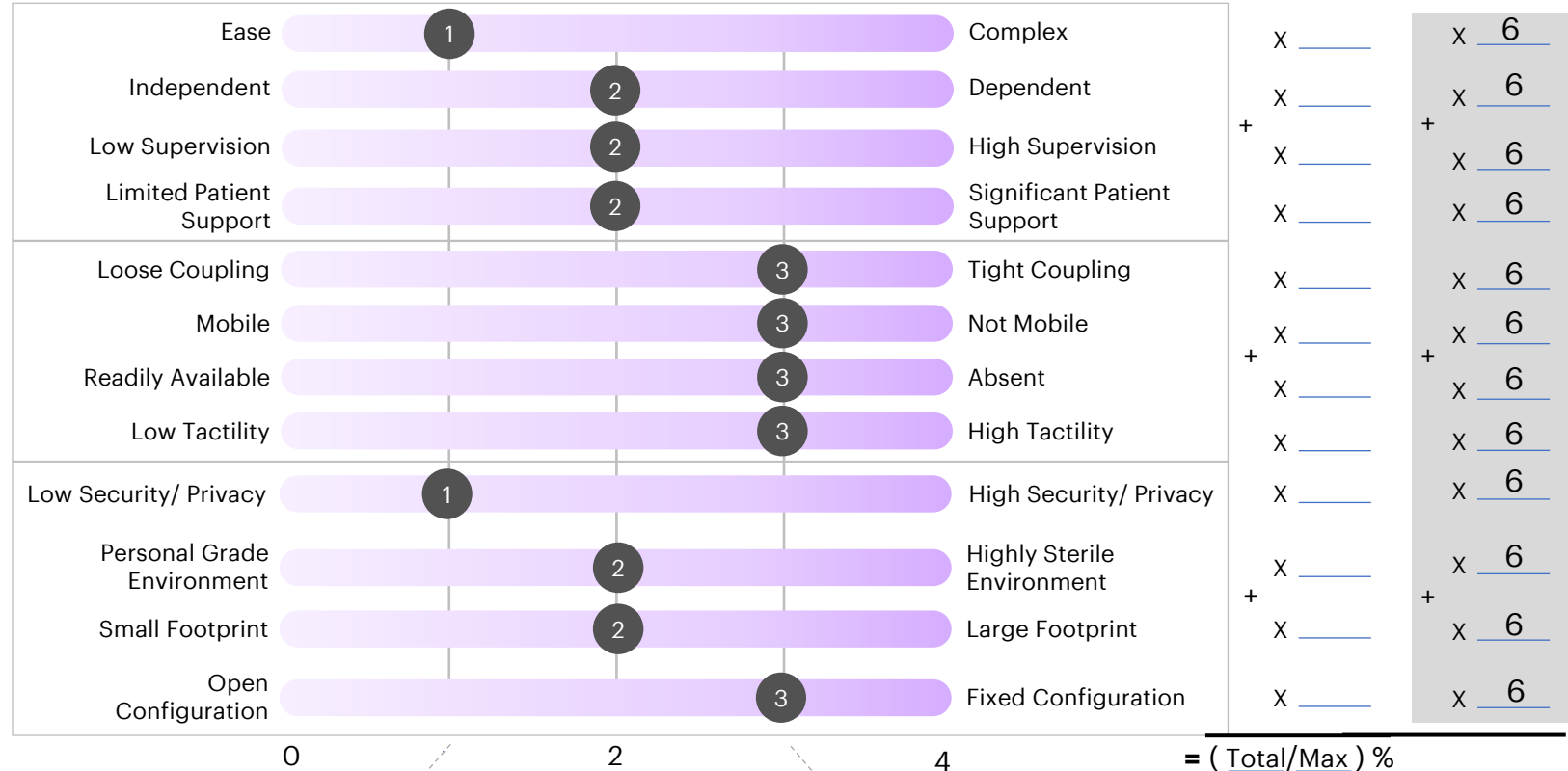
"What care is to be provided?"

#### RESOURCE CHARACTERISTICS

"How can clinical resources deliver care?"

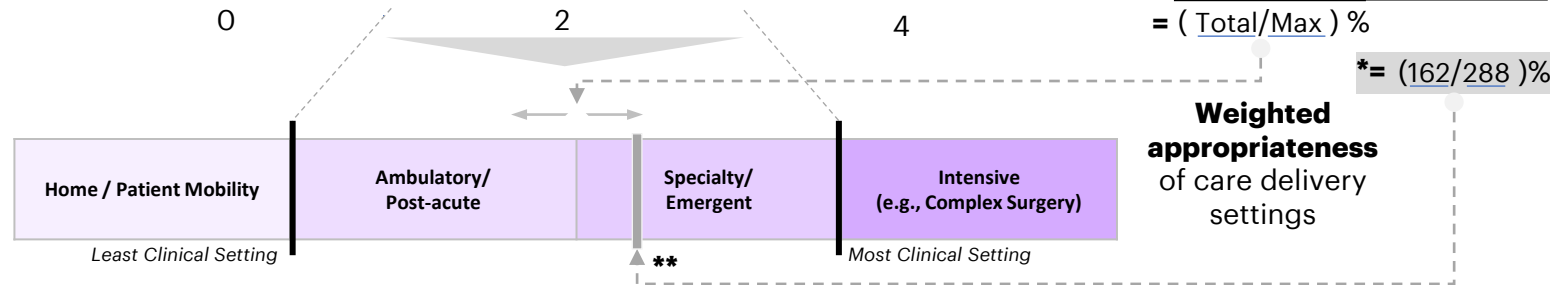
#### MODALITY CHARACTERISTICS

"Where should we deliver care?"



**1b) To find the most likely appropriate location, add weight across each of the three categories (example)**

**1c) Based on the weighting, the clinical use case will fall within a spectrum of the four potential care modalities**

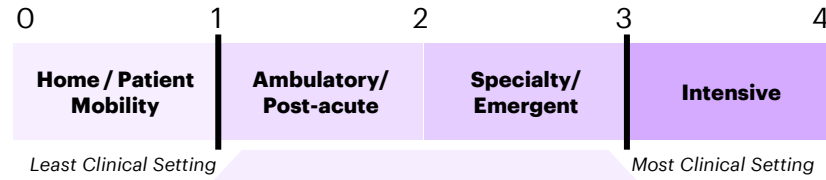


\* ( Total / Max ) % Total is the sum of the selected value for a category x the weight Max is highest weight x 4 x number of non-zero weighted categories

\*\*Likely Appropriate = Least Clinical Setting + ((Most Clinical Setting - Least Clinical Setting) \* ( Total / Max ) %)

# "CARE ANYWHERE" PARADIGM

## STEP 2 - PREFERENCE



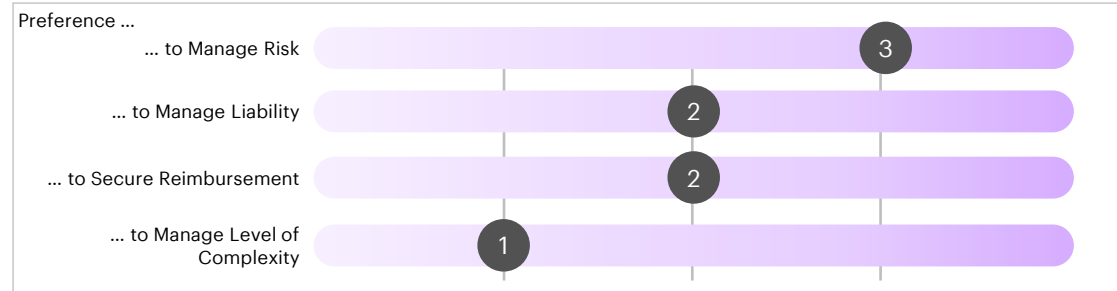
### STEP 2:

The second step will identify various players to consider when deciding on modalities of care

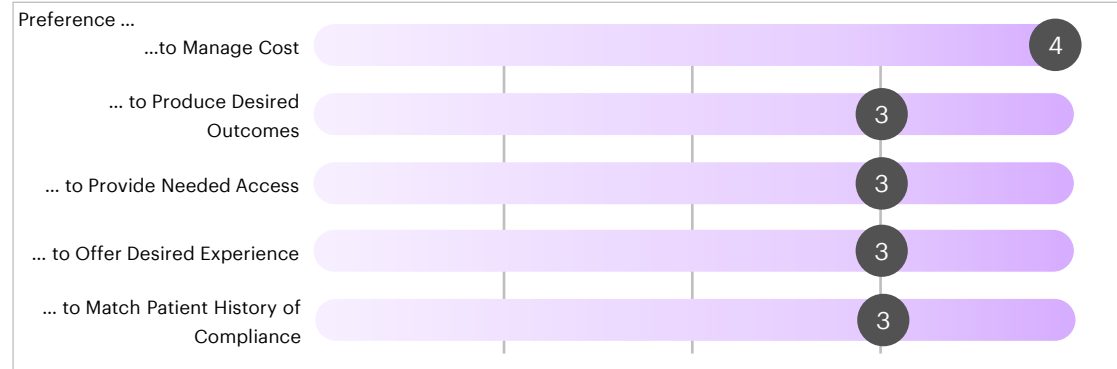
- a) Identify various players** (e.g., providers, employer-sponsored health plans, Medicare)
- b) Identify categories** within each player to consider within each player
- c) Select the level of importance** across each slider to then tally up at the category level to determine the most important group

### 2a) ILLUSTRATIVE: Identify various preference considerations for each of the key players based on the findings in Step 1

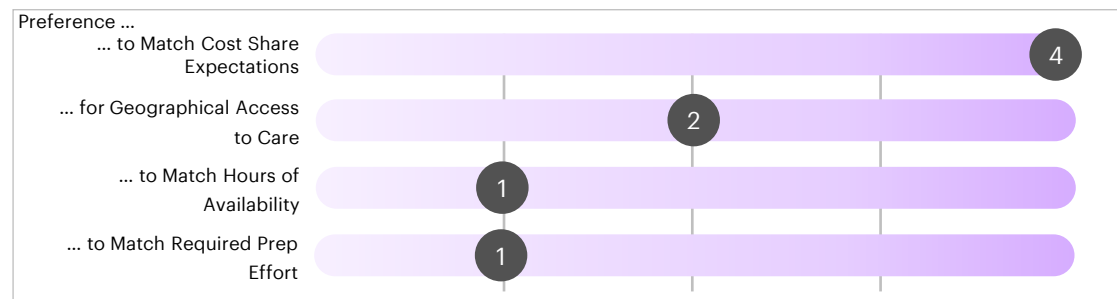
#### CARE DELIVERY



#### PAYER



#### PATIENT



**2b) Calculate each key player's considerations indicating their overall preference** and will inform the choice in Step 3.

**Where:** Starting Location + Preference within the identified range

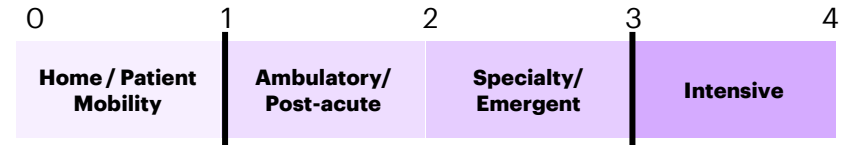
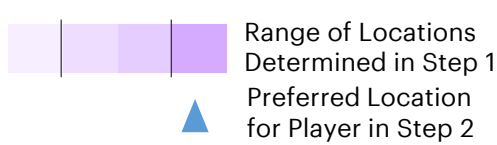
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# "CARE ANYWHERE" PARADIGM

## STEP 3 - CHOICE



### STEP 3:

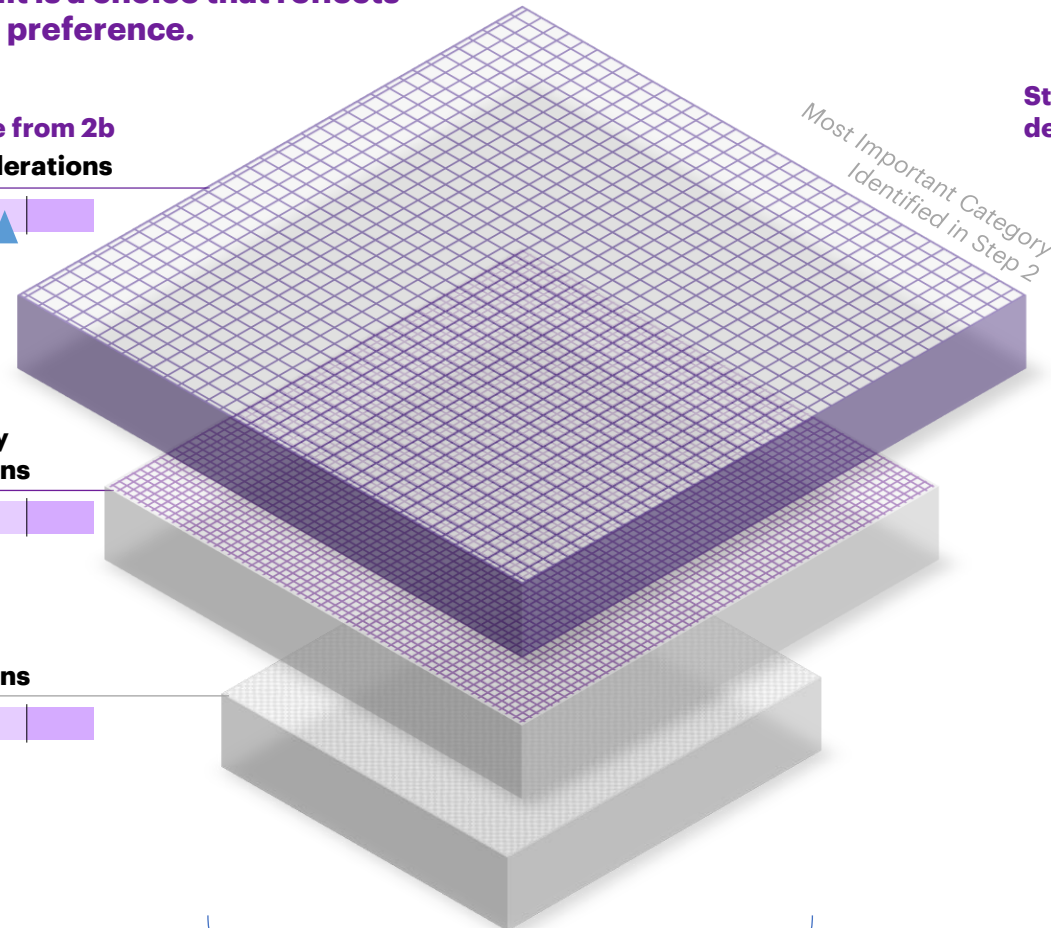
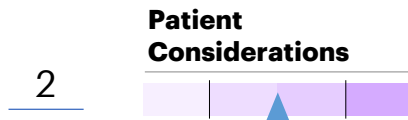
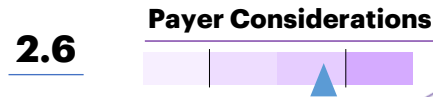
Using the established hierarchy of players (step 2), a series of filters will be applied to the range of locations accordingly.

Pictured example:

- a) Since the payer was determined to have the greatest sum in step 2, its considerations will be used as the first filter to **narrow the location options**.
- b) The following filter will use the provider considerations to narrow down the number of locations a **level further**.
- c) Patient considerations will be applied to make the **final clinical care setting decision**.
- d) A **single optimal location** for clinical care is determined.

**3a)** Based on the individual preferences of key players in Step 2, **Step 3 aligns the preferences among those key players. The result is a choice that reflects appropriateness and preference.**

### Step 3b) Final preference from 2b



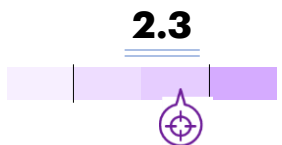
**Step 3c) Weight of decision makers**

x **50%**

x **30%**

x **20%**

**Single Optimal Location**



# CONSUMER JOURNEY

**Use Case: Rheumatology**



# “CARE ANYWHERE” PARADIGM

## STEP 1 - APPROPRIATENESS

### MEET MARIA



Maria is a 67-year-old retired teacher who lives with her partner in a Dallas suburb. She has moderate to severe **rheumatoid arthritis causing pain in her lower extremities**. She is experiencing an acute flare up and requires a treatment that will relieve her joint pain and inflammation.

#### Step 1 Discussion:

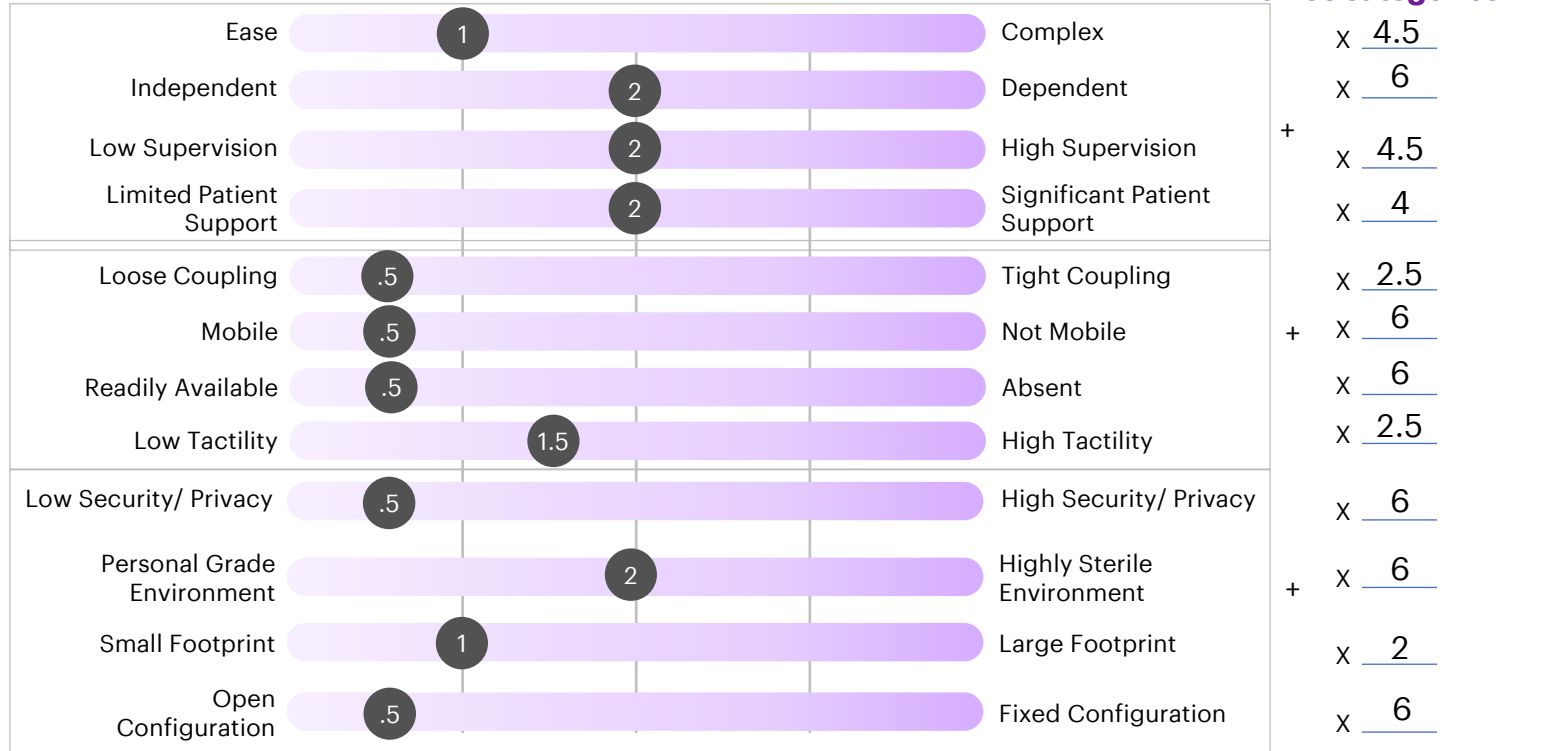
- a) Care Intensity:** Maria’s acute flare up is causing her severe pain and stiffness in her joints, inhibiting her ability to walk. Her doctor recommends a corticoid steroid injection. Treatment delivery is ranges from low to moderate complexity and requires moderate supervision. A review of an image is required to ensure proper placement of the injection.
- b) Resource Characteristics:** Corticoid steroid injections have moderate to high mobility and moderate tactility.
- c) Modality Characteristics:** Corticoid steroid injections for arthritis pain and inflammation relief require low privacy and can be delivered in a clinical setting or personal environment.

**1a) To find the range of appropriate delivery locations, identify degree of clinical requirements across 3 key categories**

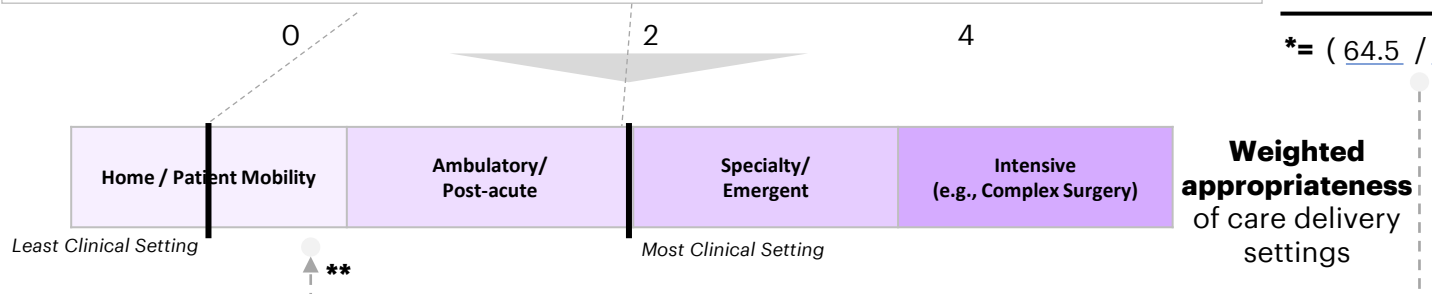
**CARE INTENSITY**  
“What is this used for?”

**RESOURCE CHARACTERISTICS**  
“How can clinical staff deliver care?”

**MODALITY CHARACTERISTICS**  
“Where should we deliver care?”



**1c) Based on the weighting, the clinical use case will fall within a spectrum of the four potential care modalities**



\* ( Total / Max ) % Total is the sum of the selected value for a category x the weight Max is highest weight x 4 x number of non-zero weighted categories

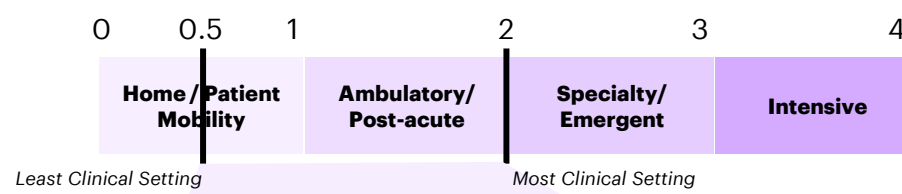
\*\*Likely Appropriate = Least Clinical Setting + ((Most Clinical Setting - Least Clinical Setting) \* ( Total / Max ) %)



**1b) To find the most likely appropriate location, add weight across each of the three categories**

# “CARE ANYWHERE” PARADIGM

## STEP 2 – PREFERENCE



### Step 2 Discussion:

- a) **Identify various players:** The relevant players for Maria’s case include herself, her rheumatologist provider’s practice, and her Medicare insurance.
- b) **Identify categories:** Identifying Maria’s optimal treatment requires consideration of her cost share, her historical treatment adherence, her personal support network, and her geographical and technological access to care. Necessary considerations also include her insurance benefit, reimbursement, and incentives. Additional categories include her provider’s care delivery capabilities, costs, professional network, and community resources.
- c) **Importance:** As a 67-year-old retiree, Maria values options with low-cost share. Her insurance, Medicare, values low cost, low complexity interventions, unless medically necessary; and her provider values options that optimize resource time and costs

### 2a) Identify various preference considerations for each of the key players based on the findings in Step 1



**2b) Calculate each key player’s considerations indicating their overall preference** and will inform the choice in Step 3.  
**Where:** Starting Location + Preference within the identified range

$$= \frac{6}{12} \quad 0.5 + (50\% * 1.5) = 1.25$$

$$= \frac{15}{20} \quad 0.5 + (80\% * 1.5) = 1.7$$

$$= \frac{7}{12} \quad 0.5 + (50\% * 1.5) = 1.25$$



# “CARE ANYWHERE” PARADIGM

## STEP 3 - CHOICE

### Step 3 Discussion:

#### a) Patient Considerations:

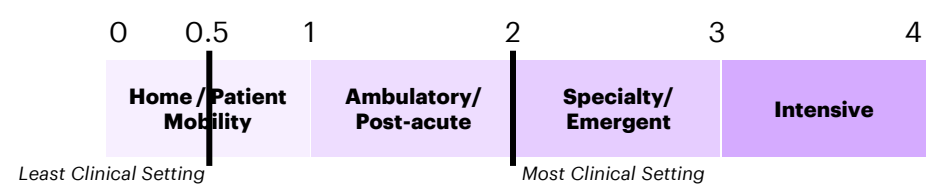
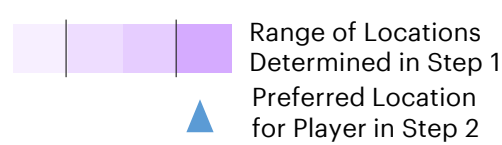
- i. Maria’s home is distant from her rheumatologist provider’s practice, and given her acute pain and joint stiffness, she prefers not to drive long distances
- ii. Maria’s provider’s practice is owned by a hospital, and she is consequently charged a high facility fee for her in-person visits. Her cost share is lower for home visits.
- iii. Maria has access to a tablet and laptop for virtual care visits.

#### b) Care Delivery Considerations:

- i. Maria’s rheumatologist’s practice has robust virtual health capabilities.
- ii. Maria’s rheumatologist’s practice has a network of mobile nurses and EMTs for home visits, as well as a brick-and-mortar practice for in person visits.
- iii. It is less costly and resource intensive for the practice to have their nurses deliver corticoid steroids, rather than their providers.

#### c) Payor Considerations:

- i. Maria’s covered benefits include corticoid steroid injections, nurse home visits, and virtual health visits.
- ii. It is less costly for the payor to reimburse virtual health compared to in-person visits.



**3a) Based on the individual preferences of key players in Step 2, Step 3 aligns the preferences among those key players. The result is a choice that reflects appropriateness and preference.**

### Step 3b) Final preference from 2b



### Ambulatory Location Confirmed as Optimal

- Corticoid steroid injections delivered by nurse in an ambulatory setting
- Provider is available if concerns arise
- Virtual follow-up visits with the provider to evaluate treatment efficacy and next steps.

Payor considerations identified as most important category

**Step 3c) Weight of decision makers**

x **50%**

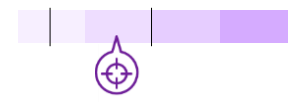
x **30%**

x **20%**

**1.5**



**Single Optimal Location**



# **CARE ANYWHERE**

**Workshop Activity**



# High-Level Analysis: Example - Closures

Cost pressures, staffing shortages, and inconsistent volumes are driving service closures and limiting access



## The Problem

Hospitals are closing services & locations at an **unprecedented clip** due to financial pressures

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Rural hospital **closures** between 2010 and 2021

\$7B

Medicare & Medicaid **underpayments** to rural hospitals in 2020

70%

...of **HPSAs\*** are located in rural or partially rural areas

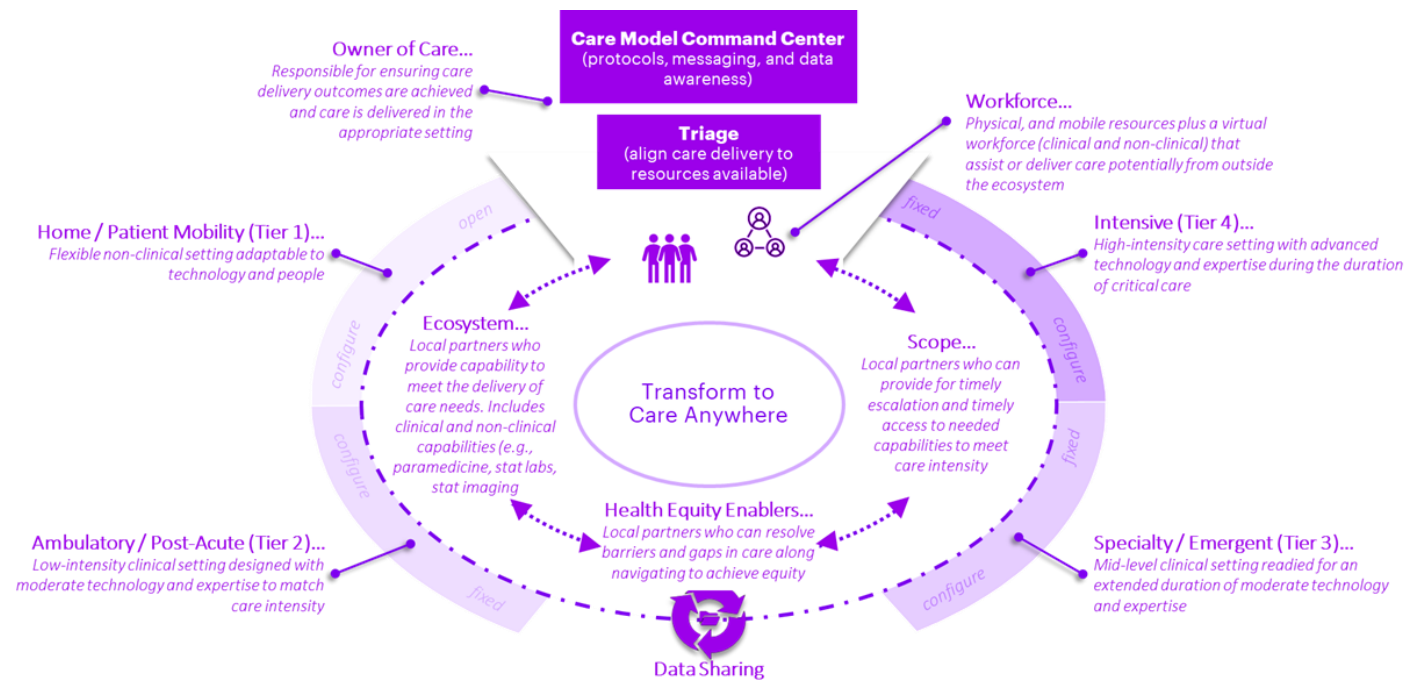
Health services with low margins are often the first to be cut. Low margins can be attributed to several factors, including:

- **High capital expenditures**, which limit the ceiling of cost reduction efforts
- **Poor staff availability**, which caps volume potential
- **Non-optimal staff usage**, where a mismatch exists between labor compensation and productivity
- **Irregular patient volumes and spare capacity**, which limit revenue and prevent facility cost coverage
- **Unfavorable payor mix**, which can limit reimbursement potential



## The Opportunity

The Care Anywhere model may provide alternative, economically favorable locations to **keep services open and maintain access**

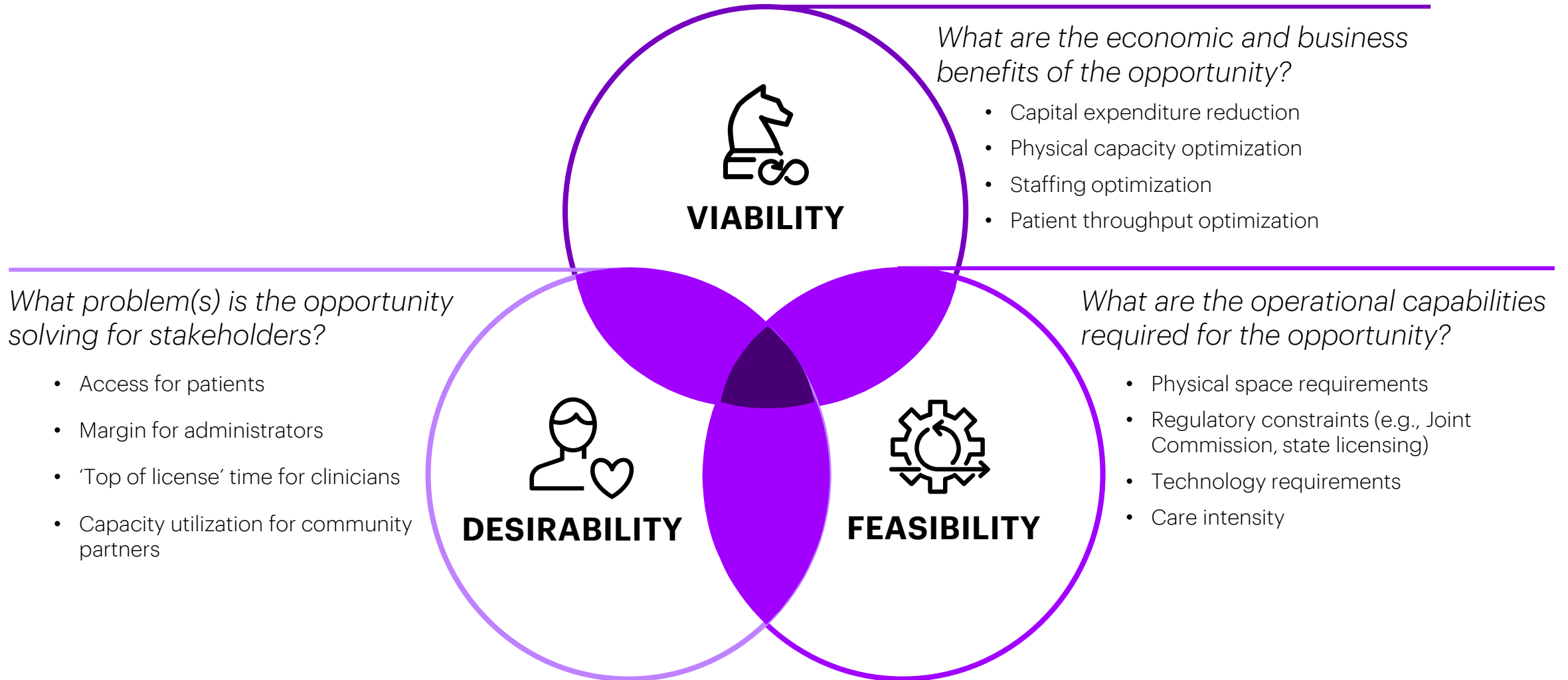


Note (\*): Health Professional Shortage Area

Source: [American Hospital Association – Rural Hospital Closures Threaten Access](#)

# Evaluating Alternatives to Closing Lower Margin Services

If a service is low margin in its current setting, consider its desirability, viability, and feasibility a Tier 2 care setting to avoid service closure

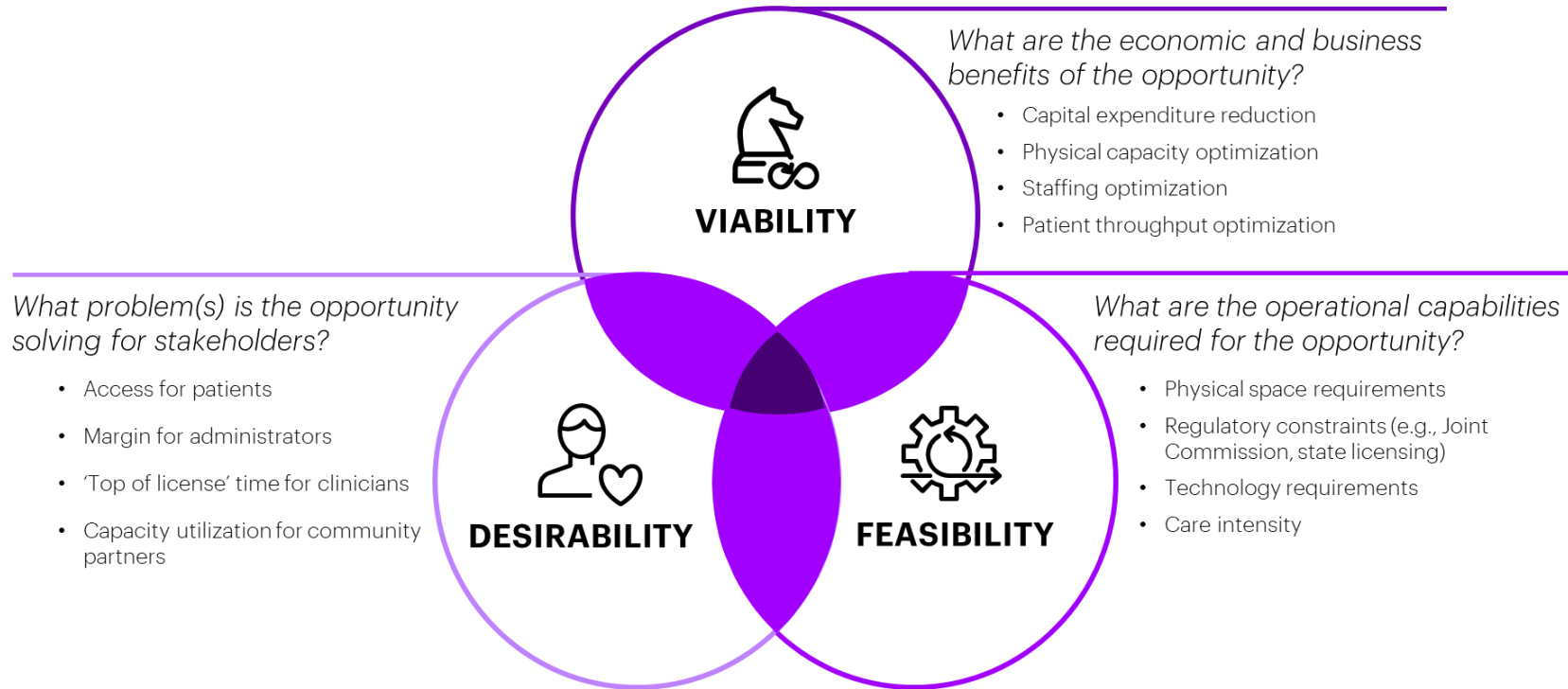


# Lower Margin Services | Opportunities

Can the low margin service of Labor & Delivery be offered in a more cost-effective setting

## Labor & Delivery

Desirability	L	—————	H
Viability	L	—————	H
Feasibility	L	—————	H



**Note:** Desirability, Viability, and Feasibility are ranked on a qualitative, subjective scale.  
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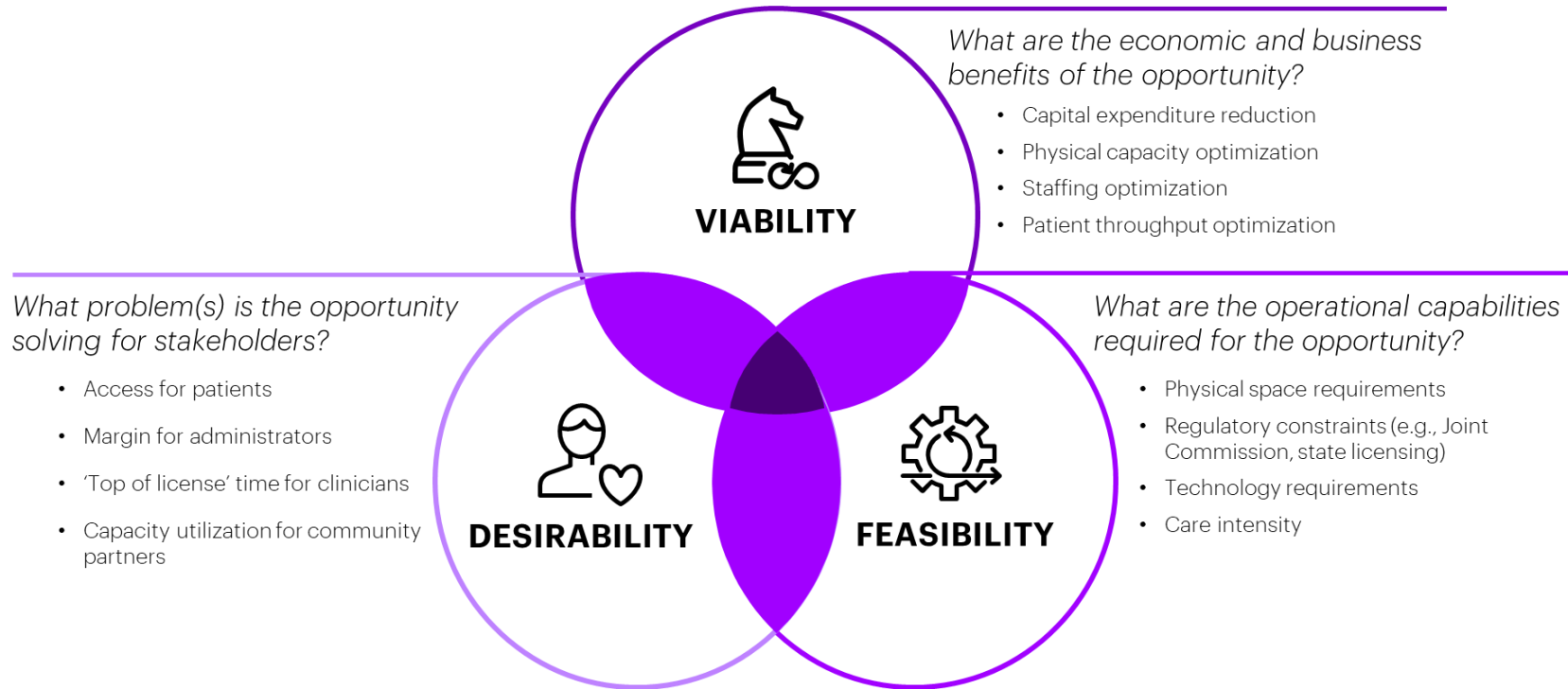
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## Labor & Delivery



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# Lower Margin Services | Opportunities













L&D, Clinical Trials, Oncology Care, and Substance Abuse care may better serve rural communities in Tier 2

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<b>Oncology Care &amp; Infusion Services</b>	Desirability	L		H	
	Viability	L		H	
	Feasibility	L		H	
<b>Clinical Trials</b> <i>Phases 2-4</i>	Desirability	L		H	
	Viability	L		H	
	Feasibility	L		H	
<b>Outpatient &amp; Partial Hospitalization Programs for Substance Abuse</b>	Desirability	L		H	
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# Lower Margin Services | Opportunities

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<p><b>Clinical Trials</b> <i>Phases 2-4</i></p>	<p>Desirability L  H</p> <p>Viability L  H</p> <p>Feasibility L  H</p>	<p>Rural residents typically travel further to access clinical trials; extending Phase 2, 3, and 4 trials into retail settings supports rural access, is economically favorable for providers as payment is not contingent upon location and is feasible for therapies with strong safety indications.<sup>6,7</sup></p>
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# CARE ANYWHERE

## Case Studies

# Lower Margin Services | First Movers

Several lower margin services have already shifted into Tier 1 and Tier 2 settings



## Primary Care

### Traditionally delivered in...

- Outpatient or ambulatory brick-and-mortar settings

### Now being delivered in...

- Retail locations (e.g., CVS, Walmart)<sup>1</sup>
- Virtual and online settings<sup>2</sup>



## Emergency Services

### Traditionally delivered in...

- Both inpatient and outpatient settings

### Now being delivered in...

- Urgent care and retail settings<sup>3</sup>
- Virtual settings (e.g., triage)<sup>4</sup>
- Free standing ER facilities<sup>5</sup>



## Dialysis

### Traditionally delivered in...

- Inpatient settings or a dialysis outpatient unit

### Now being delivered in...

- Homes<sup>6</sup>
- Retail locations (e.g., DaVita)<sup>6</sup>
- Skilled Nursing Facilities<sup>7</sup>



## Sleep Studies

### Traditionally delivered in...

- Outpatient settings

### Now being delivered in...

- Homes<sup>8</sup>
- Hotels<sup>9</sup>
- Virtual and online settings<sup>10</sup>



Sources: <sup>1</sup>RAND <sup>2</sup>CVS Health <sup>3</sup>Concentra <sup>4</sup>NYP ER Telemedicine <sup>5</sup>HCA Healthcare <sup>6</sup>DaVita Treatments <sup>7</sup>DaVita SNF <sup>8</sup>Stanford Sleep Study <sup>9</sup>Vanderbilt Sleep Study <sup>10</sup>Project Baseline Study

# SKILLED NURSING FACILITY

For example, SNF can be targeted at several appropriate locations of care.

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**Patient Criteria:**

- Ability to pay for Home Health
  - In a safe and appropriate house
  - No weapons
  - Family and/or caregiver support
- Hospital to SNF:**
- Lower acuity
  - Discharged to home from SNF within 7 days
  - Low ADL score on admission to SNF
- Rapid Discharge:**
- Higher acuity but stable
  - Stayed in SNF for more than 30 days
  - Low ADL score after 20 days

**Fits target diagnosis:**

- |                       |                            |                            |                       |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| ○ CHF Exacerbation    | ○ Colitis                  | ○ Congestive heart failure | ○ aftercare           |
| ○ COPD Exacerbation   | ○ Dehydration              | ○ Cerebral infarction      | ○ Upper limb fracture |
| ○ Cerebral infarction | ○ Rhabdomyolysis           | ○ Fracture                 | ○ Wound               |
| ○ Fracture            | ○ COVID-19                 | ○ Surgical aftercare       | ○ Diabetes            |
| ○ Surgical aftercare  | ○ Multiple Sclerosis Flare | ○ Cellulitis               |                       |
| ○ Cellulitis          | ○ Clostridium Difficile    | ○ Orthopedic               |                       |
| ○ Pneumonia           | ○ Acute Gout Flare         |                            |                       |
| ○ UTI                 |                            |                            |                       |
| ○ Pyelonephritis      |                            |                            |                       |
| ○ Gastroenteritis &   |                            |                            |                       |

**Ability to Perform:**

- Meets intermediate (observation/inpatient) level of care or higher
- No synchronous telemetry
- Typical SNF level care and interactions with roles supported by virtual clinicians

**Resource Requirements:**

- Audio and video through broadband
- Other infrastructure set up
- Virtual clinical support plus trained staff mobile to the home
- Mobile lab, imaging, ancillaries



**Patient Criteria: (like Tier 1 except)**

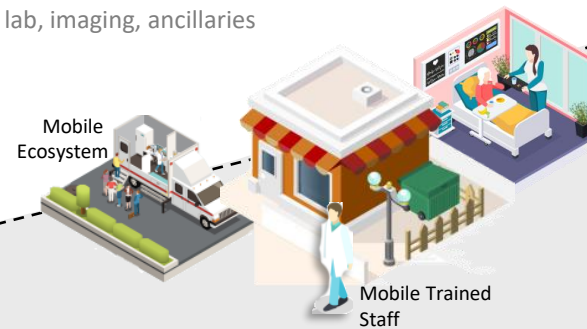
- Unsafe or inappropriate house
- No consistent family member or caregiver support
- Weapons in the home
- Moderate acuity including addition diagnosis:
  - New strokes
  - High rehabilitation potential
  - New joint replacements

**Ability to Perform:**

- Meets Level I or II intermediate (observation/inpatient) or Level III extensive
- Synchronous telemetry or no telemetry
- Manage complex medications and wound management
- Typical SNF level care and interactions with roles supported by virtual clinicians

**Resource Requirements:**

- Audio and video through broadband along with telemetry
- Other infrastructure set up
- Virtual clinical support plus trained staff mobile to the home
- Mobile lab, imaging, ancillaries



**Patient Criteria:**

- Patient condition is critical and may be complex from comorbidities

**Ability to Perform:**

- Level IV intensive care which might include ventilator management
- Adhoc or planned lab, imaging, and other ancillary services are onsite

**Resources Required:**

- In-person access to staff and ancillary services





# TIER 2 Examples for Alternatives to SNF@Home or Traditional

## Skilled Nursing Facility

*A care delivery model aimed at delivering a SNF-level of care near a patient's home, without sacrificing the quality of care delivered in a facility setting. Skilled care is supplemented with wrap-around services catering to holistic patient needs*



## Location Criteria

- 1** Adaptable Infrastructure  
Facility can be outfitted\* for care
- 2** Commonplace  
Facility should be common to most communities
- 3** Mission-Aligned  
Ownership should be aligned to the healthcare mission
- 4** Strategically Beneficial  
Represents an attractive business opportunity for all parties
- 5** Accessible  
Facility / location is easily accessed by community members
- 6** Secure & Safe  
Facility is secure and in a safe location
- 7** Excess Capacity  
Facility has excess capacity that is available for extended periods

(\* ) Includes technological and physical requirements to deliver care

## Relevant Examples



CAHs, Nursing Homes & Assisted Living Facilities  
Critical Access Hospitals and residential nursing facilities fit all location criteria and are the 'status quo' option



Hotels  
Hotels operating below capacity allow for private care to be delivered comfortably and conveniently



Schools & Universities  
Schools & universities have extra capacity – in both classrooms and residence halls – during off periods



Unused Retail Space  
Shopping malls and seasonal retailers have been left with excess space with the shift to digital retail



Unused Homes  
Airbnbs, rental properties, and second homes are comfortable environments to outfit for care



Places of Worship  
Churches, synagogues, mosques, and the like are all mission-oriented and operate below capacity



# SPECIALTY DIAGNOSTIC/FOLLOW-UP

A recent review by clinicians supporting care to the veteran population identified the following expectations across typical specialties. Each will be impacted by a specific patient.

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## Diagnostic Opportunities:

- **Audiology\***
- Behavioral Health Prescribing
- Behavioral Health Psychotherapy
- **Cardiology\***
- Dialysis
- **Dermatology\***
- Endocrinology
- Gastroenterology
- General Surgery
- Hematology and Oncology
- Infectious Diseases
- Nephrology
- Neurological Surgery
- Neurology
- Neuropsychology
- Nutrition/Dietetics
- Orthopedic Surgery
- **Otolaryngology\***
- Pain Management
- Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- Physical Therapy/ Occupational Therapy
- Plastic Surgery
- Podiatry
- **Primary Care\***
- Rheumatology
- Sleep Medicine
- Speech Therapy
- Urology

## Diagnostic Opportunities:

- Allergy and Immunology
- Audiology
- Cardiology
- **Dentistry\***
- Dermatology
- Obstetrics and Gynecology
- **Ophthalmology\***
- **Optometry\***
- Otolaryngology
- Primary Care
- Pulmonary Diseases
- **Radiology\***
- Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery

## Diagnostic Opportunities:

- Acupuncture
- Chiropractic
- Dentistry
- Ophthalmology
- Optometry
- Radiation Oncology (see Hematology and Oncology)
- Radiology

## Emergent Care:

- Patient condition is emergent and complex from comorbidities

## Informational Pre-/Post-Care Opportunities:

- All specialties



\*Capability may require movement of resources, such as mobile ancillaries, labs, images as well as people. Relies on the ecosystem of partners as well as workforce strategies



Tier 1: Home / Patient Mobility



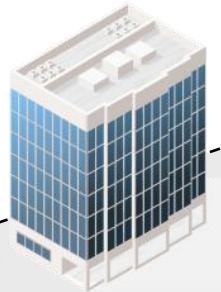
Tier 2: Alternative Site of Care (space, staff, technology)



Tier 2: In-Person Ambulatory



Tier 3 or 4: Specialty Consult In-Person



# NEUROPSYCHOLOGY DIAGNOSTIC/FOLLOW-UP

For example, in Neuropsychology care can be targeted based on patient capability and desired level of care.

PRODUCT MINDSET

## Patient Criteria:

- Patient condition, mental state, and living situation are appropriate
- Patient is complying with medications and requires periodic support
- Patient can consent to care at home

## Ability to Perform:

- Treatment is self-administered but watched by remote clinician
- Store, forward, documentation of diaries
- Verbal reinforcement of treatment and compliance
- Planned lab, imaging, ancillary services
- Patient, caregiver, or trained staff support the following:
  - Ready assessments including WAIS-IV Digit Span, WAIS-IV Similarities, HVLT-R, Semantic Fluency, Letter Fluency
  - Stimulus materials including MoCA, TOPF, Strep Test, Oral SDMT, WAIS-IV Vocabulary, BNT-2, Trial Making Test

## Resource Requirements:

- Audio and video through broadband
- Trained staff mobile to the home
- Mobile lab, imaging, ancillaries



Tier 1: Home / Patient Mobility

## Patient Criteria:

- Patient would benefit from additional education, reinforcement, or review of medications
- Patient's living condition or mental state are not appropriate for staff to provide care at home

## Ability to Perform:

- Staff administer treatment and a remote clinician
- Staff support document or image review
- Staff training on treatment and compliance
- Planned lab, imaging, ancillary services
- Trained staff support the following:
  - Use of examination methods requiring assistance required including WAIS-IV Block Design, WMS-IV Visual Reproduction, WAIS-IV Matrix Reasoning, Rey Complex Figure Test and Recognition Trial (RCFT)

## Resource Requirements:

- Audio and video through broadband
- Trained staff mobile to the home
- Mobile lab, imaging, ancillaries



Tier 2: Alternative Site of Care (space, staff, technology)

## Patient Criteria:

- Patient condition or progress has changed and would benefit from detailed review

## Ability to Perform:

- Provider and ancillary staff can perform a full range of neuropsychology tests, diagnosis and treatment
- Adhoc or planned lab, imaging, and other ancillary services are onsite or near

## Technology Required:

- In-person access to staff and ancillary services



Tier 2: In-Person Ambulatory

## Patient Criteria:

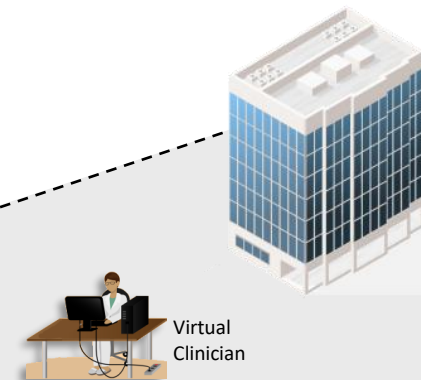
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## Ability to Perform:

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- Adhoc or planned lab, imaging, and other ancillary services are onsite

## Technology Required:

- In-person access to staff and ancillary services



Tier 3 or 4: Specialty Consult In-Person



# DEVICE ORIENTED DIAGNOSTIC/FOLLOW-UP

Vendors, such as Sensoria Health, focus on technologies that enhance Tier 1 and 2 flexibility, but tie to Tier 2 in-person approaches

## Patient Criteria:

- Patient condition requires near continuous monitoring post procedure or as part of ongoing management
- Patient or care giver demonstrate ability to manipulate and manage sensor technology
- Patient can consent to care at home

## Ability to Perform:

- Monitor movement and or health status based on device capability
- Perform diagnostic or follow up examination. May require trained staff or care giver support for examination
- Examination or treatment watched by remote clinician
- Store, forward, documentation of diaries
- Verbal reinforcement of treatment and compliance
- Planned lab, imaging, ancillary services
- Patient, caregiver, or trained staff support the following:



## Resource Requirements:

- Audio and video through broadband
  - Trained staff mobile to the home
  - Mobile lab, imaging, ancillaries
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Tier 1: Home / Patient Mobility

## Patient Criteria:

- Patient would benefit from additional education, reinforcement, or review of medications
- Patient or caregiver living situation or home capability not conducive to the examination requirements

## Ability to Perform:

- Staff administer treatment and a remote clinician
- Staff support document or image review
- Staff training on treatment and compliance
- Planned lab, imaging, ancillary services
- Trained staff support the following:
  - Patient sensor with trained staff manipulation
  - Clinician sensor system with trained staff

## Resource Requirements:

- Audio and video through broadband
- Trained staff mobile to the home
- Mobile lab, imaging, ancillaries



Tier 2: Alternative Site of Care (space, staff, technology)

## Patient Criteria:

- Patient condition or progress has changed and would benefit from detailed review

## Ability to Perform:

- Provider and ancillary staff can perform a full range of tests, diagnosis and treatment with patient or clinician system
- Adhoc or planned lab, imaging, and other ancillary services are onsite or near

## Technology Required:

- Full range of technology support
- In-person access to staff and ancillary services



Tier 2: In-Person Ambulatory

## Patient Criteria:

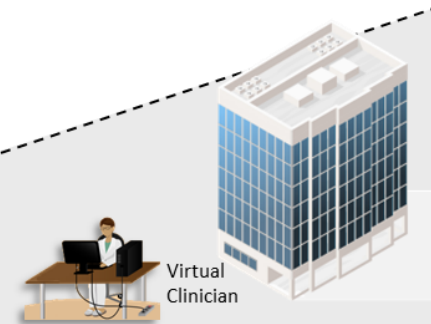
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## Ability to Perform:

- Provider and ancillary staff can perform a full range of tests, diagnosis and treatment with clinician system
- Adhoc or planned lab, imaging, and other ancillary services are onsite

## Technology Required:

- Full range of specialized technology support
- In-person access to staff and ancillary services



Tier 3 or 4: Specialty Consult In-Person

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# PERSONALIZED CARE & CARE PLATFORMS

Care Anywhere orchestrates the personalization and supply of care delivery focusing on mobility, virtualization, and the care model to address labor shortage, drive outcomes and cost reduction

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- Monitors **Activity** and **Adherence** in near real-time.
- **Full 9 axis IMU:** Accelerometer, Gyroscope, Magnetometer
- Built in **Bluetooth** Smart 4.2 and **Battery Charger**
- **Easy** to use. **No ON/OFF button.** Turns on automatically when snapped to the boot.
- **Easy** patient provisioning via **QR code** scanning.



Traditional, place-centric care centers with care systems and physical facilities configured (technology, space, staffing) to meet the needs of a broad, specialized patient population

Examples provided by Sensoria Health

Tier 1: Home / Patient Mobility

Tier 2: Alternative Site of Care (space, staff, technology)

Tier 2: In-Person Ambulatory

Tier 3 or 4: Specialty Consult In-Person





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# Thank You