The CFO Role In Preparing For Value-Based Contracting – How The CFO Helps Lead Through The VBR Process

*CFO – Architect of Value*

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CFOs Unique Position in an Organization

- Understanding and management of financial inputs and outputs
- Skill set in quantitative analysis, projections, planning and reporting
- Ability to leverage technology to build efficiencies and monitor outcomes
- Ability to quantify and manage risk
- Responsibility for allocating and leveraging resources
- Has a direct relationship with the Board and other Executive leadership
This unique set of skills places the CFO in the best position to be a leader in your organization journey from volume to value.
Value-based reimbursement requires change

- Financial inputs and outputs need to be redesigned and understood differently than legacy reimbursement models
- Quantitative modeling, projecting and reporting must be retooled to accommodate risk related to not meeting or exceeding expected outcomes
- Leveraging current and new technologies must be implemented to build efficiencies and mitigate risk
- A new level of risk “outcome risk” must be quantified and managed
- Limited resources will need to be reallocated
- Leadership and boards will need to be educated and mentored to operate effectively in the new reimbursement environment
As CFO we must make fundamental shifts

Instead of just looking back at where we have been we need to also begin looking forward and envision where we can go

Transition from our traditional siloed approached to managing finances to becoming a strategic partner for internal and external stakeholders

Expand our thinking about our role and accept our responsibility to ensure and support quality and take pride in the positive impact we have on our communities
How do we get from where we are today to where we need to be tomorrow?

Start Internally
Questions to ask looking inward

• Is my trial balance clean and do I have a chart of account and cost center structure that will support VBR?

• Do I have an accurate and regularly updated shared cost allocation methodology?

• Can I quantify my unit costs, and do I understand, measure, and monitor the key expense and revenue drivers?

• Do I have sufficient analytic capacity in myself and my team (Business Intelligence tools)?

• Do I empower my staff and drive efficiencies, so I have more time to be strategic?

• Have I invested enough in data driven quality improvement?

• Am I a visible, respected, and a trusted thought leader in my organization?
Steps we may need to take to become a visible, respected thought leader

Better understand the external environment we operate in, who are the players, what are their pain points, how is my organization uniquely positioned to positively impact our communities

Determine who our competition is and who we should cultivate as strategic partners
Additional Considerations

Learn the language

Understand the federal, state, and local forces that are shaping your industry

Get out more, find opportunities to become known and respected in your environment
Some shifts might be harder
Begin to see your payers as partners
Approach risk as an opportunity
Evaluate your emotional intelligence – address your short comings and nurture your strengths

Self Awareness – do I understand my strengths and weaknesses?

Self Management – do I manage my emotions, particularly in stressful situations?

Social Awareness – can I recognize others' emotions and the dynamics in play in the situations I am in?

Relationship Management – can I influence, coach, and mentor others, and resolve conflict effectively?

*Emotional Intelligence is a key leadership skill*
Business Intelligence – process needed to discover value in trends and patterns in data to make more efficient, accurate decisions in support of your business goals and strategies. Leveraging BI tools is an essential analytic skill set.

You have the tools on your desktop
Excel has powerful tools to connect to data, transform it, model it, and visualize it
Questions

Observations

Discussion