



# Agenda

- Overview: Memory Health Support Program
- Exciting early results
- How you can help



We provide comprehensive **psychosocial** support to seniors with dementia to keep them **home and healthy** 



Cared for by a team of highly specialized clinicians



Enabled by **tech** 



Built for value

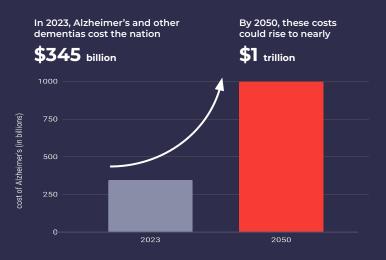






**From CMS**: "Dementia takes a toll on not just the people living with the disease but also on their loved ones and caregivers in a way that almost no other illness does. About 6.7 million Americans currently live with Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia, a number that is projected to grow to nearly 13 million by 2050."

# Millions of people with dementia Ages 85+ Ages 75-84 Ages 65-74 15 12.7 11.2 10 8.5



## The problem and need

#### A wave of baby boomers is coming

• 10% of patients 65+ have dementia

#### Lack of access to specialty care

 PCPs need access to psychosocial supports for patients/families at scale

#### Some PCPs hesitate to diagnose

• A sense of no available treatment and fear - too upsetting to discuss





# Memory Health Support Program

## A first-of-its-kind dementia care program started here





Kris Engskov, Rippl CEO with Drs. Imelda Dacones and Martin Levine

#### Our partnership facilitates positive outcomes for patients, families, and PCPs

## PCPs lead clinical care and diagnosis

**Screening:** PCPs assess cognition and function using standard tools in Epic

Diagnosis and disclosure: PCP will diagnose, inform the patient and family

**Refer to Rippl**: PCP will refer patient and family to Rippl through our web portal

Rippl leads care navigation and caregiver empowerment

**Outreach**: Rippl conducts initial outreach to patient and caregiver within 24 hours

**Care navigation**: Rippl develops tailored memory health care plan for patients and families, supported by social workers

**Longitudinal management:** Rippl manages needs of patient and care navigator ad licensed clinical social worker

Partnership drives to positive health outcomes

**Providers**: Off load work to support families and patient's dementia care needs

**Patients**: Establish safety, social support, connection to community resources, medication adherence, and delayed need for long-term care

**Families:** Develop self-efficacy and advocacy plan when challenges arise through education and resource support

**Trusted** relationship, improved **self-efficacy**, and **longitudinal care** enable the right care at the right time



# **Early Results**

# After working with Optum Care WA's delegated patients, we renewed our contract based on early, but very positive results

## Increased screening and diagnosis rate

Optum primary care clinicians have increased their knowledge, skills, and abilities to screen and diagnose dementia

The diagnosis rate increased +35% from the baseline

## Access to dementia care navigation services

Patients and their family caregivers can access comprehensive dementia care services in our collaborative model

Of patients reached, +75% enrolled in services

## Primary care providers save time

PCPs save time in their practice while allowing Rippl's dementia specialists to deliver support and navigation services to patients and their families

> 226 clinicians (over half of the clinic's PCPs) have referred to Rippl

\*Data for delegated population Confidential

# Rippl supports patients and families by assessing patients and families with key indicators initially and longitudinally

#### Stage



Mild: 59%



Moderate: 35%



Severe: 7%

#### **Managing behaviors**



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Average challenging behaviors: (2 out of 6)

Agitation/aggression, hallucinations, irritability, paranoia, withdrawal, sleep issues

#### **Activities of daily living**



1

Average deficit (1 out of 6)

(reported difficulty with constincence, bathing, dressing, toleting, transferring, feeding)

#### **Caregiver stress**



#### Moderate stress

Average stress is moderate (from no stress to extremely stressed)

#### Safety assessment



1

Avg score: (1 out of 6 domains)

(support needed for: driving, med adherence, home safety, wandering, firearms, unsteadiness)

#### Caregiver empowerment



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Average: 15 from a scale between 4-20 for caregiver self-efficacy score

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# Our early longitudinal data focuses on measures that aim to reduce unnecessary ED visits & admissions



## Patient with ED visit in prior 6 months

Start of Care **87%** 12% 1% yes N/S

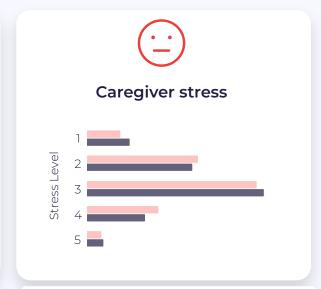
6-12 Months Enrolled no 9% 1 1% yes N/S

Caregiver confidence

Latest
Initial

8 11 14 17

Caregiver confidence is up after 6 months with Rippl care



Early results indicate Rippl is having an impact on hospital based diversions keeping seniors safe at home

Caregiver stress remains stable or decreases over 6+ months with Rippl interventions reducing burnout events Rippl 2025 Rippl + Optum JOC - Dementia care on demand

CASE STUDY - Optum (delegated) - MRN 1463

#### Patient profile

GENDER:

Female

**DIAGNOSIS:** 

Dementia

STAGE:

Mild/Moderate

**HOUSING:** 

Lives alone

HOME SAFETY:

Assessed

#### Caregiver

RELATIONSHIP:

Friend (lives in NY)

STRESS LEVEL:

Moderate

LIVES WITH PATIENT (YES/NO):

No

#### Goals of care

- Food insecurity: On food stamps without access to food bank
- Housing insecurity: facing eviction at time of meeting CN
- Was a recent victim of a financial scam / lost most of her savings

#### **Notes**

Patient who came to us through MHS program last month. Developed dementia following a brain bleed, had undergone multiple surgeries and lives with chronic headaches and burning in her feet due to insulin-dependent diabetes.

Caregiver is a lifelong friend. It was not evident to her how much her friend was suffering.

#### Outcome

- → 1st visit:
   Patient: safety, housing, in-home support for IADLs, transportation
   POA: dementia edu, how to support across the country
- Social worker support and connection to local legal resources
- POA supported LTC
   application, assisted with
   transportation. LCSW
   identified major depression
   and connected with Optum
   Behavioral Health team

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# How you can help



### Help seniors and families navigate MHS services at no cost

#### **Insurance accepted at Rippl**

- OCN (Optum Care Network) delegated health plans
  - No cost to patients and families!!
- Medicare Part A/B
  - May be eligible for no cost options or FFS
- Fee-for-service Medicare Advantage plans
  - Humana, United, BCBS,
     Regence, Amerigroup, Aetna
  - Co-pay dependent on plan







# Questions?

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Here's what our patients are saying about our Memory Health Support Program

"We felt as though we were sitting on a limb that was being sawed off. This is the first time we've had daylight. We had nothing and now we have a champion."

Referred by Optum MD "Watching my mom experience dementia is like seeing the most beautiful blossom on the tree drifting to the ground, and Rippl has helped to create the softest landing for her."

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