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AHRQ Update: Considering Reauthorization

Secretary's Briefing January 18, 2022 David Meyers, Acting AHRQ
Director

Briefing Agenda



- Introductions
Boyce Ginieczki, Director of Legislative Affairs
Mamatha Pancholi, Senior Advisor to the Director
Updates and Requests from the Secretary
Presentation: Reauthorizing AHRQ
Discussion and Next Steps

Reauthorizaton



- Goal for today's briefing is to get Secretarial guidance on pursuing AHRQ reauthorization. Options: Actively pursue Agency reauthorization in 2022; Develop concepts, but do not pursue now; or Focus on other opportunities for AHRQ to increase its impact.

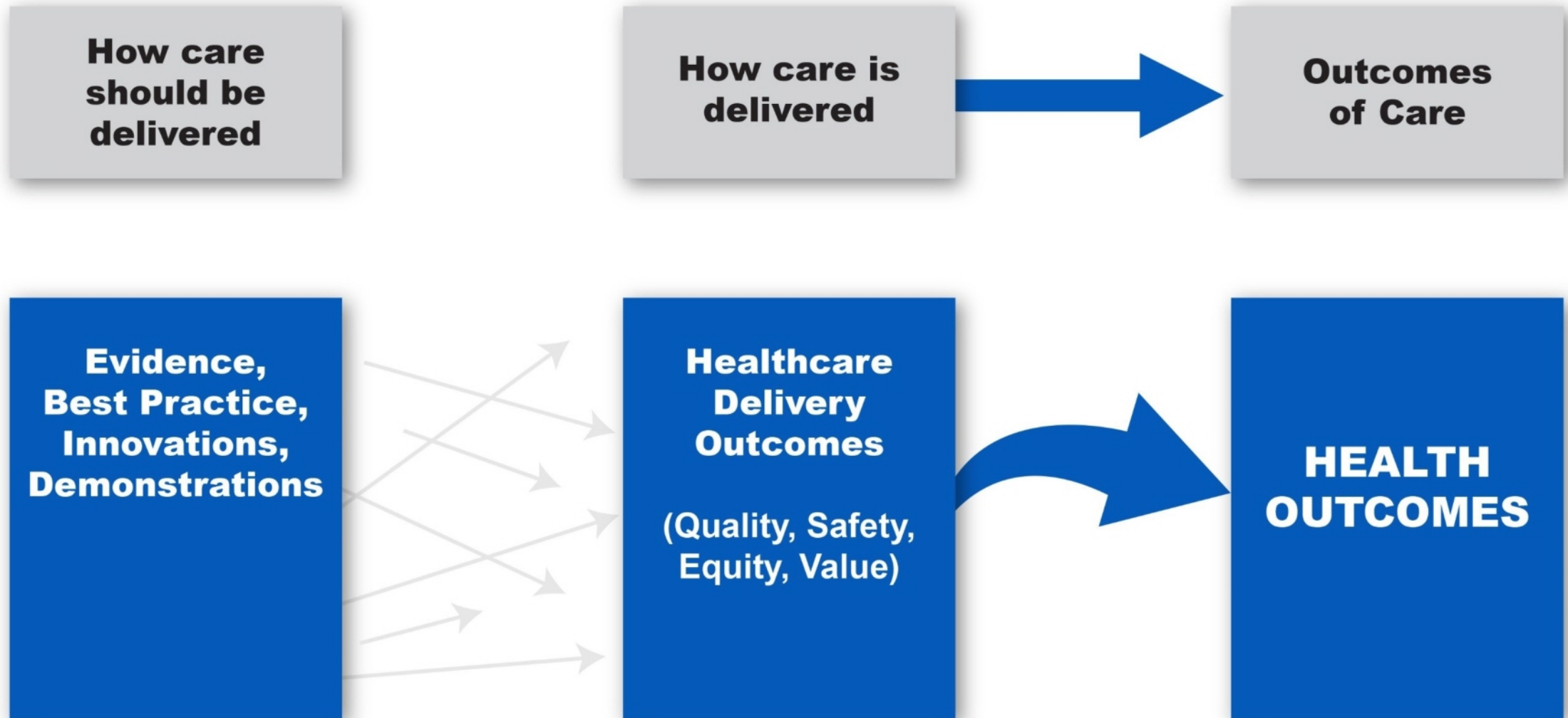
The Issues

- The quality of U.S. healthcare delivery ranked 11 out of 11 Western democracies in the CMWF 2021 rankings. Despite measuring inequities in healthcare delivery for decades, the nation has made little progress in eliminating disparities. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted that the U.S. has the capacity to lead the world in biomedical innovation, but our healthcare delivery system is fragmented and slow to adapt.

Pandemic Lessons

- Large parts of the delivery systems are not covered by HHS quality improvement and training programs. Many ideas for pandemic response were supported by little evidence. The U.S. primary care system is under strain, and Congress and HHS did not have the connections to use it to support pandemic response. Systemic racism and other biases are built into healthcare delivery and, while healthcare alone will not be able to create health equity, health equity requires change in healthcare delivery.

Change is Needed

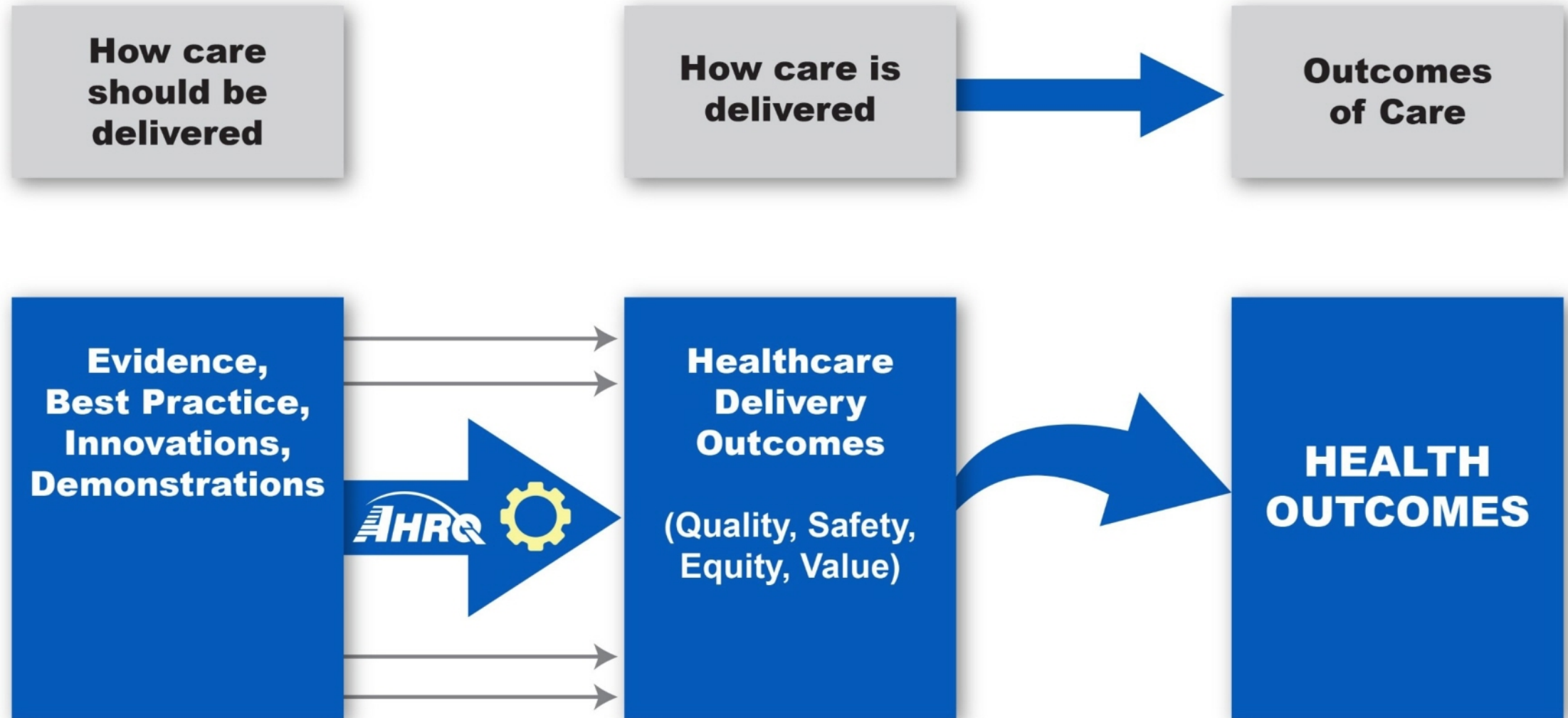


HHS Needs AHRQ to Do More



- **Central Principle: Improving Healthcare Delivery**
Builds on strong foundation of current authorization and work
Potential Areas for Growth:
Building the infrastructure of healthcare improvement
Accelerating innovation in delivery system transformation
Locus for anti-racism and equity in healthcare efforts

Catalyzing Change



Building on How AHRQ Improves Healthcare Delivery



- Generating evidence: Funding health services research to discover how is care delivered and how can it be delivered better (quality, safety, equity, value). Moving evidence into practice: tools, training, resources and (non-regulatory, non-punitive) assistance. Monitoring and feedback: Data, analytics, measurement, reporting.

Reauthorization



- Reauthorization provides an opportunity to expand and clarify the Agency's role. AHRQ was last reauthorized for 10 years in 1999.

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Exemplar Provisions

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Other Provisions to Pursue in Reauthorization



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Timeline

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Pros and Cons

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Discussion

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Extra Slides

AHRQ is Part of the Solution



- HHS turned to AHRQ to stand up a new nursing home training and mentoring network during COVID-19. Within months, AHRQ was working with over 9,000 nursing homes in all 50 states, DC, and Puerto Rico to keep residents and staff safe. AHRQ is authorized to be the HHS home for primary care research and improvement. CMWF 2021 reports concluded that top-performing health systems “invest in primary care systems to ensure high-value health services are equitably available in all communities to all people.” AHRQ invests in health services research to produce evidence on how to improve healthcare quality, safety, equity, and value.

Improvement Infrastructure Proposal Specifics



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Accelerating Innovation Proposal Specifics



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Anti-Racism and Equity Proposal Specifics



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