



Implementing Missouri's Autism Health Insurance Legislation: Initial Lessons Learned

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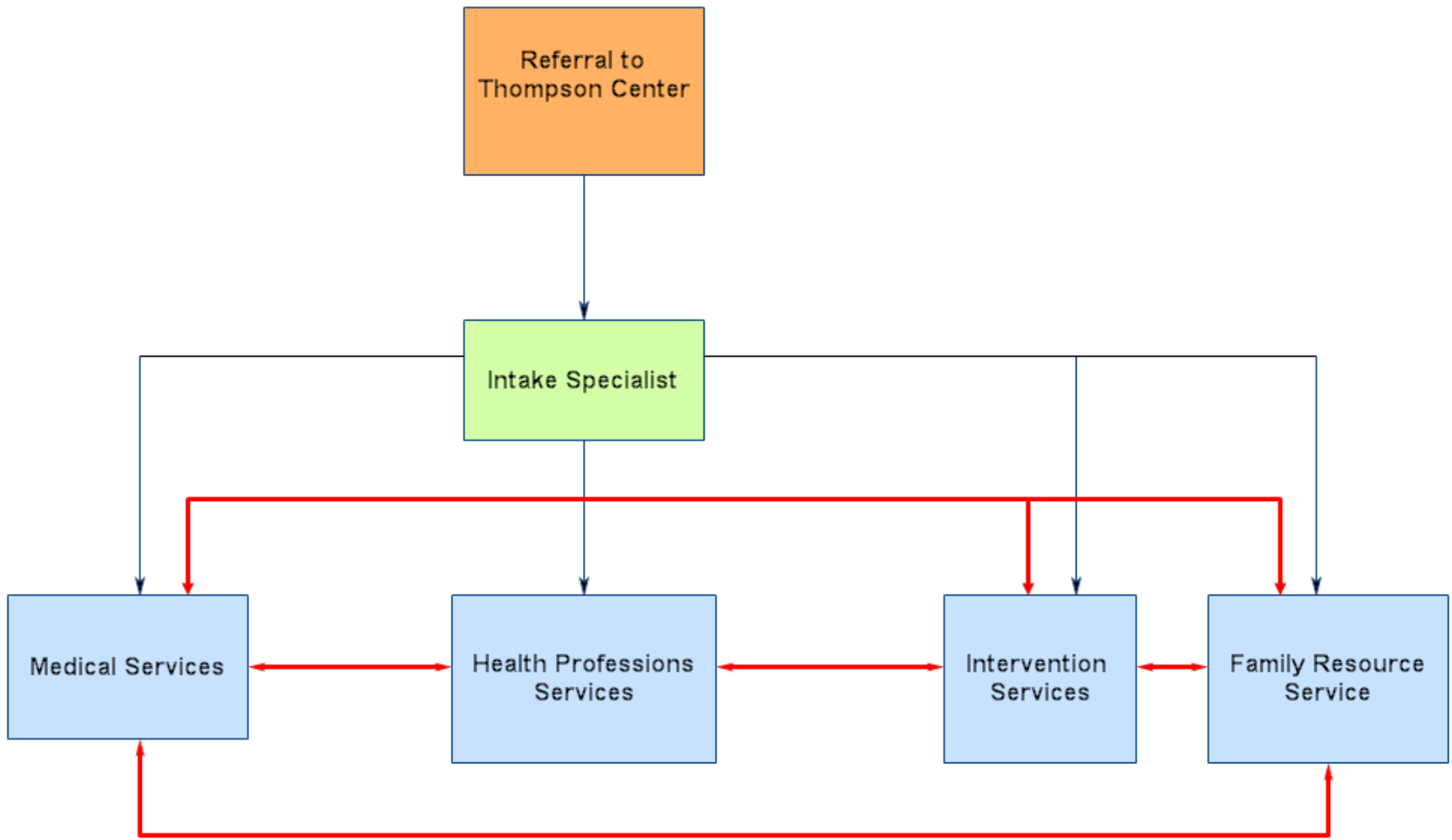
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Goals

- To review the initial lessons learned by MU Thompson Center BCBA providers about utilizing health insurance to fund ASD services
- To facilitate a discussion with other providers about their successes and challenges

Thompson Center Services Model
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Steps to Implementation

- Licensure in Missouri
- Credentialing with insurers
 - CAQH Universal Provider Datasource
<http://www.caqh.org/ucd.php>
- Billing procedures
 - Contracting with a billing agent
 - Codes and rates
 - Billing forms and processes

Steps to Implementation

- Pre-authorization
 - Family documentation
 - Clinician input
 - Treatment plan review
 - Service denials & appeals
- Service documentation
- Monitoring collections

Successes

- TC began billing in June, 2011
- More families have access to ABA services
- Negotiated rates can be higher than agency rates

Challenges

- Start-up costs
 - Policy & procedures documentation
 - Audits
- Ongoing costs
 - Hiring and training implementers
 - Other overhead (e.g., pre-auths, documentation)
- Impact on non-ABA providers?
- Impact on families?



Your Experiences?
