The oral health industry is in the midst of reforming care delivery and payment models to improve outcomes and reduce costs. Over the last several years, the medical field has moved toward a value-based care reimbursement model. Dentistry is following suit by emphasizing prevention-focused oral health care and incentivizing providers for keeping patients healthy.

**Traditional Dental Care**
- A fee-for-service payment model that incentivizes high cost, complex procedures and focuses on volume; the more you do, the more you get paid.
- Treating dental disease after it occurs.
- Dentistry as a siloed profession; limited interaction with other healthcare disciplines.
- Electronic dental records used to store information and meet billing needs.
- All patients receive the same care, regardless of need, which can lead to a waste of resources.

**Oral Health Value-Based Care**
- Providers are paid to care for a population, with incentives for demonstrating value through preventing dental disease and keeping patients healthy.
- Prevention-focused and minimally invasive oral health care that extends beyond the chair to include innovative new solutions to create better health outcomes.
- Incentives for medical-dental integration including referrals between primary care, dental providers and other healthcare specialists.
- Electronic health records focused on linking quality to care by tracking outcomes, patient experience, and monitoring provider performance.
- Patients receive person-centered, risk-based care, following different care pathways that correspond to their need, and ensure an appropriate distribution of resources.

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