Plan a Test of Change  Cycle #: 1  Start Date: 7/1/16  End Date: 7/1/16

Team Name: ABC Pediatrics

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DO: CARRY OUT THE CHANGE OR TEST; COLLECT DATA AND BEGIN ANALYSIS.
REPORT THE RESULTS OF YOUR TEST HERE. Describe observations, problems encountered, and special circumstances.

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Tasks were completed as described in Plan. Dr. Green was able to create, print out, share and review the care plan with the last patient with special healthcare needs that he saw today. Many fields were populated with data from our EHR which was helpful but that did not include information recorded as a “Note.” It was “tested” with a 5 yrs. old child whose mom has been good advocate for her at her school. She reported that she likes the information about her child’s strengths and favorite activities but doesn’t like that it includes the fact that she has trouble paying for her daughter’s medications, since she shares this plan with the school nurse.

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The feedback was shared with the QI team. Since the printed care plan was only 3 pages long, there is an opportunity to add some additional elements, preferably one or two “could include” that are already being collected in the EHR. The QI team is reconsidering including social risks which the physicians/clinicians wanted but not the parents/caregivers. Need to prioritize “must have” elements that currently require typing the information into the template, to see which could be created as data fields in the EHR that could then populate the care plan electronically.

ACT: ARE WE READY TO MAKE A CHANGE? Modifications or refinements to the test?
PLAN FOR THE NEXT CYCLE: Care plan template was tweaked, to remove social risks and add list of “primary” school team members and community-based providers engaged with the child/youth (daycare, Early Intervention, Head Start, transportation providers, etc.), and contact information. Dr. Green will test the use, sharing and review of care plan with patients/families with CSHCNs seen tomorrow and will gather and give feedback to the QI team. Findings of these cycles will also be shared and discussed at the full staff meeting next week.