



HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT FOR VALUE- BASED CARE IN CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

Clif Gaus, CEO of the National Association of ACOs, issued the following statement in response to the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee hearing on the Medicare Access and Chip Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA), which featured experts from Alliance for Value-Based Patient Care member organizations—America's Physician Groups and the National Association of ACOs

“MACRA’s bipartisan passage in 2015 was a landmark step in strengthening the U.S. healthcare system by accelerating its transition to value-based care, an approach that coordinates care more closely among multiple healthcare providers and rewards practices that achieve positive clinical outcomes for their patients at a savings to taxpayers.

“Although some aspects of MACRA have not lived up to expectations, everyone benefits from value-based care’s coordinated, patient-centered approach. It encourages patients to receive higher-quality care by definition, has generated more than \$17 billion in gross savings to Medicare from accountable care organizations alone, and attracted more than 600,000 physicians and clinicians to value-based alternative payment models (APMs) as of 2020.

“The Alliance appreciates the Subcommittee’s attention to understanding the legacy of MACRA and its impact on patients and providers as value-based care reaches a critical juncture. Much work remains to be done to refine APMs and create the stability and opportunities for success that will draw more clinicians into these models. That also means getting the incentives right—including MACRA’s bonus for physicians participating in advanced APMs.

“America cannot afford to take steps backward toward more costly, less coordinated care. The Alliance urges Congress to extend MACRA’s 5% incentive for value-based care and support broader reforms to modernize the law and continue to promote value and quality in healthcare.”

—Clif Gaus, spokesperson for the Alliance for Value-Based Patient Care

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About the Alliance for Value-Based Patient Care

The Alliance for Value-Based Patient Care is a national coalition dedicated to advancing policies that promote value and quality in U.S. healthcare. Member organizations include the American Medical Association, America's Physician Groups, American Medical Group Association, Health Care Transformation Task Force, the National Association of ACOs, and Premier, Inc. Learn more at <https://valuebasedcare.org>.