



SUMMER 2021: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT VALUE-BASED PAYMENT

The ACC continues to engage with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) and other key stakeholders to inform the development of alternative payment models (APMs) for cardiovascular care. Read through key policy updates below.

The ACC sent a welcome letter to new CMMI Director Elizabeth Fowler, PhD, JD, to congratulate her on her appointment and make recommendations to improve the process for designing and implementing APMs and to better engage the physician community early in their development. The recommendations include:

- Creating models focused on quality of care to improve patient outcomes
- Promoting advancements in health equity
- Supporting cardiovascular clinicians in the move to value by ensuring that model participation can integrate seamlessly into care delivery and practice management



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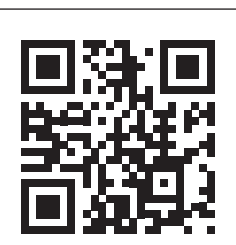
The latest evaluation report covering the first three model years of BPCI Advanced (Oct. 1, 2018 to 2020) highlighted the following trends:

- Participant care redesign efforts were focused on reducing hospital readmissions and post-acute care utilization
- Savings to the Medicare program were achieved through the percutaneous coronary intervention (Outpatient) episode; losses in the congestive heart failure, cardiac arrhythmia, and acute myocardial infarction episodes



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Looking ahead, CMMI is exploring more mandatory APM models, as well as improved focus on health equity. Despite some disadvantages of mandatory models, Director Fowler stated that the risk selection in voluntary models has impacted the ability to create savings across the Medicare program. The agency is currently reviewing its portfolio of programs and has paused several models including the Geographic Direct Contracting Model.



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