

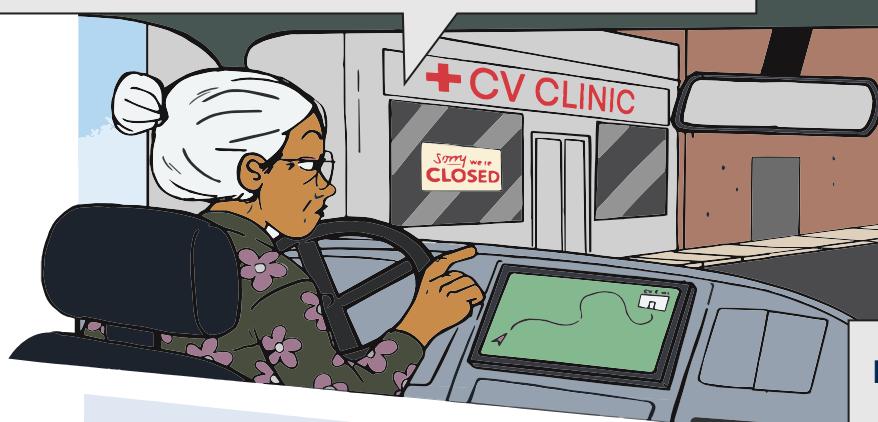
# ACC Advocacy Priorities



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COLLEGE of  
CARDIOLOGY®

## Champion Access to Care For All

- Provide actionable data and tools to address health disparities
- Support education and awareness among populations disproportionately affected by cardiovascular conditions
- Advance policies providing critical research funding



## Support Clinicians in Providing Equitable Value-Based Care

- Safeguard and encourage appropriate use of advanced diagnostics, new procedures and medications that can improve quality of life
- Empower cardiovascular professionals to address health disparities and social determinants of health
- Position clinicians to take on risk associated with maintaining a cardiovascular practice
- Achieve quality measurement to improve care delivery and patient outcomes



## Foster Care Transformation and Optimization

- Support shared decision-making
- Reduce barriers to specialty referral, preventive screening and early treatment
- Expand telehealth availability
- Promote availability and use of guidelines and data at the point of care
- Encourage innovative approaches to enhance care delivery, including the balanced regulation of AI-enabled technologies



## Bolster the Clinician Workforce Now and For the Future

- Leverage strengths of the entire cardiovascular care team
- Reduce administrative burden on clinicians to provide timely care
- Protect clinicians and patients in clinical settings
- Build and strengthen the clinician workforce to expand equitable access to cardiovascular care



## Establish Sustainable Medicare Payment Practices

- Implement policies to stabilize the payment system and better recognize the value of clinicians' work
- Enact automatic inflationary updates to offset the 25% decrease in Medicare payments over the last 20 years
- Provide greater financial stability for rural practices and those in underserved communities



The American College of Cardiology is leading the charge to transform care delivery.

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