

Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative

Statement for the Record of the Hearing on Options to Improve Quality and Efficiency Among Medicare Physicians

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The Patient Centered Primary Care Collaborative is a coalition of major employers, consumer groups, organizations representing primary care physicians, and other stakeholders who have joined to advance the patient centered medical home. The Collaborative believes that, if implemented, the patient centered medical home will improve the health of patients and the health care delivery system.

In order to accomplish our goal, employers, consumers, physicians and payers have agreed that it is essential to support a better model of compensating physicians. Compensation under the Patient Centered Medical Home model would incorporate enhanced access and communication, improve coordination of care, expand administrative and quality innovations and promote active patient and family involvement.

The Patient Centered Medical Home model will also engage patients and their families in positive ongoing relationships with their physicians. Further, the Patient Centered Medical Home will improve the quality of care delivered and help control the unsustainable rising costs of healthcare for both individuals and plan-sponsors.

The members of the Collaborative are:

American Academy of Family Physicians

HR Policy Association

IBM

The American Academy of Pediatrics

National Association of Community Health Centers

American College of Physicians

National Business Group on Health

American Osteopathic Association

The ERISA Industry Committee

Walgreens Strategic Health Initiatives

Exelon Corp

Wyeth

General Motors