



March 31, 2025

The Honorable Darin LaHood  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dr. Neal Dunn  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Suzan DelBene  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dr. Kim Schrier  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives LaHood, Dunn, DelBene, and Schrier,

On behalf of the American College of Physicians (ACP), I write to thank you for your leadership with the introduction of the Preserving Patient Access to Accountable Care Act. We are grateful for your bipartisan commitment to strengthening value-based care for Medicare beneficiaries. This legislation would enhance American seniors' access to high-quality, comprehensive care while ensuring that physicians will have the necessary resources to effectively manage the health of their patients.

ACP is the largest medical specialty organization and the second-largest physician membership society in the United States. ACP members include 161,000 internal medicine physicians, related subspecialists, and medical students. Internal medicine physicians are specialists who apply scientific knowledge, clinical expertise, and compassion to the preventive, diagnostic, and therapeutic care of adults across the spectrum from health to complex illness. Additionally, internal medicine is the specialty with the largest number of active physicians specializing in primary care, with 120,342 internal medicine physicians being identified as specializing in primary care in 2021.

Fundamental restructuring of payment policies and delivery systems is [required](#) to achieve our vision of a health care system where payment and delivery systems put the interests of patients first and supports physicians and their care teams to deliver high-value, patient-centered care. The Preserving Patient Access to Accountable Care Act aligns with College's policy to support the transition to value-based payments through alternative payment models (APMs) that can accommodate a wide range of specialties, practice sizes, and unique patient populations.

ACP supports this legislation as it would extend the incentive payments for qualifying physicians and other clinicians to participate in Medicare advanced APMs through payment year 2027 at an increased amount of 3.53 percent and would freeze the scheduled increase in qualifying thresholds. This approach would help to maintain incentives that support physicians' transition from a volume-based fee-for-service health care system to one that is based on the value and



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quality outcomes of health care delivered to the patient. Further, the College is pleased to see that that this legislation would freeze the revenue threshold increase, as it would encourage more physicians to transition from fee-for-service into APMs and maintain financial viability for those already participating in such programs.

Once again, we applaud the introduction of the Preserving Patient Access to Accountable Care Act, and we stand ready to provide our advocacy efforts to ensure that this bill moves forward in Congress. Should you have any questions, please contact Vy Oxman, Senior Associate of Legislative Affairs, at [voxman@acponline.org](mailto:voxman@acponline.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "I. Opole", is positioned above the typed name.

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