Position Statement on Behavioral Health Integration (Collaborative Care Management)

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1. **The ACP supports reimbursement policies that facilitate adoption of the Collaborative Care Model (CocM) and other evidence-based behavioral health integration approaches in primary care, including integration of behavioral health services as a component within Advanced Primary Care Management (APCM) and simplification of billing requirements.**
2. **The ACP urges payers and policymakers to strengthen coverage and payment policies to support adoption of the Collaborative Care Model (CoCM) and other evidence-based integrated behavioral health care by ensuring adequate reimbursement, minimizing burden, supporting startup and infrastructure needs, and promoting consistent coverage across Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial payers.**
3. **The ACP supports the use of telehealth and other virtual modalities as part of behavioral health integration, including for care management and psychiatric consultation, when integrated into an established patient-physician relationship, clinically appropriate, and consistent with patient needs.**