

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PRIVATE PRACTICE PHYSICIANS SECTION

Resolution: 1
(I-24)

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Subject: An Assessment of Physician Support for Value-Based Payment Models and its Impact on Healthcare to Inform AMA Advocacy Efforts—A Survey

Referred to: PPPS Reference Committee
(xxxx, MD, Chair)

1 Whereas, value-based payment (VBP)'s impact on care: The Center for Medicare and Medicaid
2 Innovation's VBP models have not only failed to improve quality but have likely led to a decline
3 in the quality of care patients receive⁽¹⁻⁶⁾; and
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5 Whereas, VBP's impact on access: VBP programs such as the Hospital Readmission Reduction
6 Program and the Merit-based Incentive Payment System risk increasing health disparities
7 because they have been shown to disproportionately penalize safety-net hospitals and
8 physicians caring for greater numbers of vulnerable patients⁽⁷⁻⁹⁾; and
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10 Whereas, VBP's impact on physicians: Although there may have been response bias, a survey
11 piloted through the New York County Medical Society in 2023 found most physicians thought
12 VBP models would harm patients (78 percent). Few physicians were supporters of VBP (28
13 percent). It was particularly concerning that 94 percent of physicians believed VBP models
14 would add to physician burnout. Responses to survey questions were remarkably similar for
15 both employed and private practitioners; and
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17 Whereas, VBP's impact on cost: A Congressional Budget Office review of The Center for
18 Medicare and Medicaid Innovation's programs, created to reign in cost, not only resulted in a
19 more than five billion dollar increase in cost but are projected to increase costs over the next ten
20 years¹⁰; and
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22 Whereas, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation plans to have all Medicare
23 beneficiaries care for by physicians who are accountable for cost and quality of care by 2030;
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26 Whereas, county and state medical societies and the American Medical Association have been
27 steadily losing members, likely due in part to physicians' lack of faith that these organizations
28 endeavor to understand their needs, value their opinions, and advocate effectively for their
29 interests and the quality of patient care; therefore be it
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31 RESOLVED, that our American Medical Association conducts a member survey to reveal value-
32 based payment models' impact on physicians and the quality and access to care for patients to
33 help guide future AMA advocacy efforts (Directive to Take Action).
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Fiscal Note: (Assigned by HOD)

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RELEVANT AMA POLICY

Advocacy of Private Practice Options for Healthcare Operations in Large Corporations D-160.909

1. Our American Medical Association will inform corporate efforts about the value of private practices to successfully participate in new “value-based” models.
2. Our AMA will identify and work with a corporate entity that is advancing these models to explore a two year pilot among independent private practices in which our AMA will:
 - a. convene physician practices in a community.
 - b. provide educational resources and technical assistance to practices to support their participation with the corporate entity.
 - c. formally evaluate the pilot for outcomes.
3. Our AMA will advocate with commercial payers and health plans and federal and state payers and policymakers to support private practice through policies and models that provide adequate payment, infrastructure and data to succeed in “value-based” models.

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