

PBGH Statement in Support of the CMS Proposed Revisions to Payment Policies under the Physician Fee Schedule

The Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH) welcomes the release of the first proposed physician payment rule issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) since Congress repealed and replaced the Sustainable Growth Rate (SGR).

Just as the repeal of SGR signaled a significant step forward in reforming the physician payment system and increasing the quality of care provided to Medicare recipients and healthcare consumers overall, PBGH believes that the proposed reimbursement for advance care planning consultations represents a commitment to quality that extends through the entire cycle of care.

PBGH is committed to increasing the quality and affordability of US healthcare in partnership with our 60 Member organizations who provide health care coverage to 10 million Americans and their dependents.

“Our Members believe it’s vital to support the patient-provider relationship when it comes to these important family decisions. In an age of complex treatments and difficult decisions, we need to pay providers properly for helping families understand the choices they must make,” said David Lansky, Ph.D., President and CEO of PBGH. “CMS is providing the right leadership to our health care system in supporting this simple payment change. We will continue to work with policymakers to reward providers appropriately for providing high-value care at a reasonable cost for American purchasers and consumers.”

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