

AMA develops payment guides for new care models

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(HealthDay)—The American Medical Association (AMA) has developed new tools to aid physicians in understanding payment arrangements in evolving fee-for-value care models.

The AMA has new resources to guide physicians through appropriate payments systems for new models of care. The guide is entitled *Where do I fit in? Dividing the pie in new payment models*. It focuses on two emerging types of fee-for-value payment models: global budgets and episode-based bundles.

According to the AMA, the guide includes information on identifying who and what services should be included in a fee-for-value [payment model](#). Other topics include: risk-based guidelines; incorporation of new payment models into governance and organization; alignment models that enable fee-for-value compensation; and different payment options.

Case studies, offering examples from real practices of how payments in new models can be divided, are also included. A webinar, scheduled for May 13 at 7 p.m. Eastern time, will discuss organizational principles and governing structures to ensure physicians have a seat at the table when the "payment pie" is divided.

"As the transition toward value-based payments continues, all health care stakeholders will need to balance the use of nationally recognized and standardized measures with a more flexible approach that enables local providers to identify measures and targets, as well as [payment](#) mechanisms that take into account their unique circumstances," the AMA Council on Medical Service stated in a report issued at the AMA Interim Meeting in November.

More information: [More Information Webinar Announcement](#)

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