

AMA proposing specialty care, payment models to CMS

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(HealthDay)—The American Medical Association (AMA) and other specialty societies have created new care delivery and payment models that they expect to be supported by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, according to a recent AMA news release.

The AMA has recommended detailed actions CMS should take in developing new specialty payment models, including allowing flexibility; offering risk protection for physicians; and providing timely, accurate data so physicians can benchmark their progress.

While CMS sought comments on the procedural episodes and complex chronic disease approaches, the AMA suggested that a model designed around uncomplicated chronic disease management could help prevent



patients from developing more advanced disease and experiencing acute episodes. In addition, the AMA suggested another potential model for specialty-specific, risk-adjusted global payments. This <u>model</u> would allow larger practices or multi-specialty groups to design comprehensive, specialty-specific or condition-specific global payments that would cover all services needed to treat a specific condition managed by that specialty.

"A relatively small number of different types of <u>payment</u> reforms can be developed that will be applicable to a broad range of specialties and the majority of patients within each specialty," the AMA said in its comments to CMS.

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