

AAFP releases primary care-based payment proposal

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(HealthDay)—The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

has responded to a request for proposals from the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) by submitting a detailed plan, according to an AAFP news release.

The AAFP's plan, "Advanced Primary Care: A Foundational Alternative Payment Model for Delivering Patient-Centered, Longitudinal and Coordinated Care," outlines a vision for an alternative [payment](#) model (APM) that focuses on physicians, is primary care-based, improves patient care, and reduces costs.

Specifically, the AAFP's APM is built on the principle that patient-centered primary care is comprehensive, continuous, coordinated, connected, and accessible from the patient's first contact with the health system. Additionally, the model would institute a four-part payment methodology, including monthly prospective, risk-adjusted [primary care](#) global payments for direct patient care; monthly prospective, population-based payments covering non-face-to-face patient services; fee-for-service payments that cover only services not included in the global payment; and quarterly prospective, performance-based incentive payments related to patient experience, clinical quality, and utilization measures.

"The AAFP intends for the proposal to improve [health care quality](#), but the broader goal is to use the delivery of 'coordinated, longitudinal care' to improve patient outcomes and reduce [health care spending](#) in a variety of ways, including decreasing patient hospitalizations and emergency room visits," the organization writes in its press release.

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