

Federal Affairs Update

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**Taking Responsibility
for America's Health**

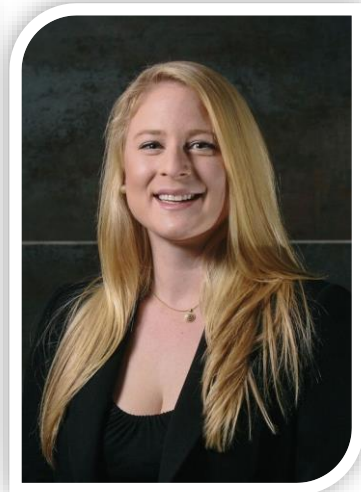
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Valinda Rutledge

Prior to serving as Vice President of Federal Affairs for APG, Valinda Rutledge worked as a Senior Advisor and Group Director for the Patient Care Models Group within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI).

Margaret Peterson

Margaret Peterson is the Director of Federal Affairs at APG. Previously, Margaret served on the health policy team for Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA), focusing on ACA reform and MACRA implementation.



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Agenda



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APG ADVOCACY

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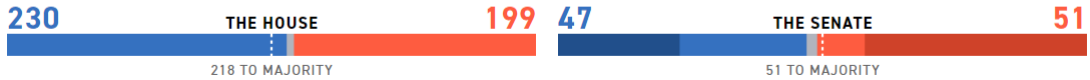


116th Congress

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**DEMOCRATS WIN
THE HOUSE ✓**

**REPUBLICANS WIN
THE SENATE ✓**



Midterm Election Results

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What does it mean?



Oversight, Oversight, Oversight
Both on President Trump himself but also his agencies including HHS, CMS, and CMMI



Divided government
Little action on big ticket items



What issues may the Dems work with Trump?
Drug pricing, preexisting condition protections or surprise billing

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Health Care Leadership in the House



Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House



Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader

Energy and Commerce



CHAIR: Frank Palone
(D-NJ)



Greg Walden
(R-OR)

Ways and Means



CHAIR: Richard Neal
(D-MA)



Kevin Brady
(R-TX)



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Health Care Leadership in the Senate



Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader



Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader

Finance



CHAIR: Chuck Grassley
(R-IA)



Ron Wyden
(D-OR)

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)



CHAIR: Lamar Alexander
(R-TN)



Patty Murray
(D-WA)



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Health Care Innovation Caucus

- Co-chairs and founding members: Mike Kelly (R-PA), Ron Kind (D-WI), Markwayne Mullin (R-OK), and Ami Bera, M.D. (D-CA)
- Main focus: “advance a legislative agenda that encourages innovative policy ideas to improve the quality of care and lower costs for consumers”
- Presenting Innovation Showcase at end of February to highlight ideas or products

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The Trump Administration

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HHS Secretary

Secretary Alex Azar assumed office January 29, 2018

- 4 areas of focus to transform healthcare
 - Patients as Consumers.
 - Providers as Accountable Patient Navigators
 - Payment for outcomes
 - Prevention of disease before it occurs.

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CMMI Director

Adam Boehler appointed CMMI Director and Senior Adviser to HHS's Value-Based Transformation and Innovation

- Forthcoming CMMI models:
 - **ET3:** a new way for health care providers to conduct emergency triage, treatment and transport
 - **VBID 2.0:** a new approach to designing insurance plans to incentivize quality, efficient care
 - **CPC+:** a new track in an existing program meant to strengthen primary care for patients
 - **Direct Contracting:** developing a network of preferred providers and expanding the use of direct contracts between payers and health care providers
 - **Mandatory Bundles:** Radiation Therapy and other disease states
 - **Chronic Kidney Disease:** Move upstream in ESRD

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Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and Quality Program Plan Final Rule



THE MPFS [FINAL RULE](#) WAS RELEASED ON NOV 1, 2018. OVER 15,317 COMMENT LETTERS WERE SUBMITTED.



DELAYED PROPOSED E/M CHANGES TO 2021 (APG'S TOP-LINE [SUMMARY](#))



IMPACT OF THE PATIENTS OVER PAPERWORK INITIATIVE WITHIN RULE AND OTHER DOCUMENTATION CHANGES



VIRTUAL HEALTH AND COMMUNICATION BASED TECHNOLOGY UPDATE



QPP YEAR 3 WITH MINIMAL CHANGES OTHER THAN COST CATEGORY

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Pathways to Success (MSSP ACO) Final Rule



HIGHER SHARING RATES IN THE BASIC TRACK



INCREASED THRESHOLD PERCENTAGE FOR DEFINITION OF LOW/HIGH REVENUE ACOS



MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR LOW REVENUE ACOS AND TRACK 1 PLUS



REPAYMENT MECHANISM HAS BEEN LESSENED

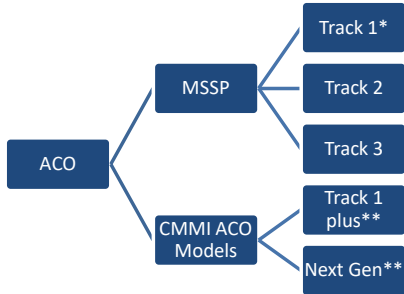


UPDATED BENCHMARKING METHODOLOGY

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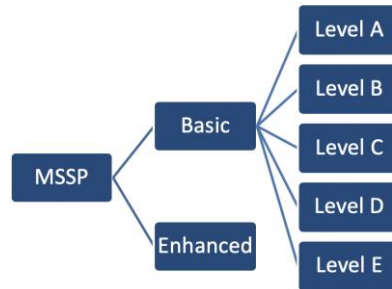
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Former ACO Options



MSSP Contract terms are 3 years
 • No downside risk , can renew for total of 6 years
 ** Sunsets in 2020

Pathways to Success Options



Contract terms are 5 years except for the July 1, 2019 start dates

Rules to Come



STARK RULE



2020 PROPOSED PAYMENT
RULES (IPPS, QPP, MPFS,
OPPD)



EMR INTEROPERABILITY AND
INFO BLOCKING

IPPS- Inpatient Prospective
 QPP- Quality Program Plan
 MPFS- Medicare Physician Fee schedule
 OPPD- Outpatient Prospective

Priorities



Drug pricing



Interoperability



Pre existing
conditions

Wildcards



Texas vs Azar



Debt Ceiling



Medicare For All



APG Advocacy

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2019 Advocacy Priorities



LAUNCH OF THE THIRD OPTION



STRENGTHEN AND PROTECT
MACRA



IMPROVE VALUE IN MA

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Resources



Deep Dive webinars on proposed and final rules



Webinar Wednesdays, second Wednesday of each month on emerging new trends



Slides and recordings are available at APG.org



Committees and Risk Evolution Task Force

APG Advocates



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Save the Date

ANNUAL Conference 2019

Quality and Efficiency: How to Succeed in Risk-Based Models

April 11-13, 2019 | Manchester Grand Hyatt, San Diego, CA

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