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Statement from Donald H. Crane, President and CEO, America's Physician Groups

Senate Confirms Alex Azar as next U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services

"America's Physician Groups applauds the Senate's confirmation of Alex Azar to serve as U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services. During his nomination hearing before the Senate Finance Committee, Secretary Azar emphasized his commitment to implementing alternative payment models to help improve quality, integration, and care coordination, while reducing costs.

"Our members are experts in these responsible payment models. For decades, they have been committed to finding innovative ways to keep people and communities healthy while embracing payment methodologies—including capitation—that make them accountable for both cost and quality.

"We look forward to working with Secretary Azar to build on the progress that has been made and look for new opportunities to advance the value movement."

About America's Physician Groups

America's Physician Groups is the nation's leading professional association for accountable physician groups, composed of approximately 300 medical groups and independent practice associations (IPAs) across 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. America's Physician Groups' members operate under a capitated, coordinated care model that is the essence of the nation's health reform movement from volume to value. Our [Annual Conference 2018](#) will be held April 19-21, 2018 in San Diego. Learn more at www.apg.org.

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