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### **AGP Recognizes Leaders in Risk-Based Coordinated Care as Part of 2018 Standards of Excellence Survey**

**LOS ANGELES**—America's Physician Groups (APG), the leading association in the country representing physician organizations practicing capitated, coordinated care, today announced the results of its 2018 Standards of Excellence™ (SOE®) member survey. Now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year, physician groups earn their survey rankings based on their performance in delivering risk-based, coordinated care.

"As more and more healthcare providers move into value-based care models, it is vital to have a valid and reliable measurement tool," said Donald H. Crane, APG President and CEO. "Our survey delivers this important tool to America's healthcare system."

The SOE® survey is offered to more than 300 APG members in 43 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. This year, 122 medical groups, health systems, and independent practice associations (IPAs) participated in the voluntary survey, covering 12.9 million commercial lives, 3.2 million Medicare Advantage lives, and 3.7 million Medicaid lives.

"I'm very proud of our members for their continued success on SOE®, specifically how they repeatedly prove that risk-based, coordinated care is the best care model for the patients and communities they serve," said Amy Nguyen Howell, MD, APG's Chief Medical Officer. "Seeing so many of our members receive the highly coveted Elite status confirms what we know—physician groups across the country are leaders in the ongoing value movement."

#### **2018 Survey Highlights:**

- Eighty-seven physician organizations achieved the coveted Elite honor in 2018. The same number of Elite honors were achieved in 2017.
- Seventy-one percent of SOE® participants made Elite designation. This is an increase of almost 10 percentage points when compared to last year's survey.
- Six new organizations achieved Elite status, with 11 new groups participating in 2018.

- Participation is voluntary for APG members. Survey results and additional information can be found at [www.apg.org/soe](http://www.apg.org/soe).

**About America's Physician Groups**

*America's Physician Groups is the nation's leading professional association for accountable physician groups, composed of over 300 medical groups and independent practice associations (IPAs) across 43 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 [Colloquium 2018](#) will be held October 10-12, 2018 in Washington, DC. Learn more at [www.apg.org](http://www.apg.org).*

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