

Media Statement

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**Director of New Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation the Right Person at
the Right Time Says President of California's Physician Groups**

**Statement from Donald Crane
President and CEO
California Association of Physician Groups**

"California's Association of Physician Groups (CAPG) and the 60,000 physicians we represent applaud today's announcement by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that Richard Gilfillan, M.D. has been selected as acting-Director of the new Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMI). The Affordable Care Act gives the Innovation Center the crucial mission of testing ways for paying health care providers that improves the effectiveness of delivering and enhances the quality of health care for consumers. During his career Dr. Gilfillan has served as a high-level expert to many large-scale health care systems and payer organizations advising them on design and implementation of innovative care delivery and financing programs including accountable care organizations, patient-centered medical homes and bundled payment systems.

"Dr. Gilfillan has dedicated his career to the field of health care innovation and has a deep understanding of the health care delivery system used by California's physician groups, an approach that has been refined over the past 20 years to appropriately align provider payments with more effective care for patients. Dr. Gilfillan has a tremendous background in health care innovation and he's the right person at the right time to lead this charge. He understands both the design requirements and the mechanics of what it will take to build the right kind of "accountable care" vehicle to deliver high quality, cost-effective care throughout the country.

"At a time when more consumers and employers are searching for solutions to the prospect of higher health care costs and reduced services, we look forward to working with Dr. Gilfillan and the new CMI staff to demonstrate how California's physician groups can serve as an accountable care model to the rest of the nation and provide innovative practices that will improve care for patients, save taxpayer dollars and transform our health care delivery system."

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About CAPG

The California Association of Physician Groups (CAPG) represents groups that employ or contract with nearly 60,000 California doctors and provide care to 15 million Californians. CAPG is committed to improving health care for Californians and supports a progressive and organized system of health care delivery, which focuses on coordinated treatment plans and comprehensive coverage, including the most current preventive services and exams. This allows physicians to focus on illness prevention and proactive management of patients in order to maintain their optimum level of health.

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