

## **Media Statement**

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## **California Physician Groups Say Accountable Care Regulations Proposed by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Will Reinvigorate Effort**

**Statement from Donald Crane  
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“The final Accountable Care Organization (ACO) regulations released by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) mark a major improvement over the proposed regulations issued last March. CMS has obviously heard and heeded the many comments calling for increased flexibility and a more appropriate sharing of savings among providers.

“We are delighted at the move toward an “advance payment” program operated out of CMS’s Innovation Center, which will pre-pay projected savings to ACOs in an effort to provide capital and cash flow to build the infrastructure and hire the staffing necessary to coordinate care for the attributed patient population. These and other changes represent significant improvements to the program.

“Each and every organization will need to assess the opportunity this presents, and it will certainly not please everyone, but it will reinvigorate and generate a lot of renewed interest in the ACO program. We look forward to hearing Deputy CMS Administrator, Jonathan Blum, address the regulations at the National ACO Congress November 1-3 in Los Angeles.”

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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 healthcare for Californians and supports a progressive and organized system of healthcare 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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