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## **America's Physician Groups Launches New Task Force Aimed at Developing Future Advanced Alternative Payment Models**

WASHINGTON, DC — [America's Physician Groups](#) (APG) announced today the formation of its **Risk Evolution Task Force**, a learning collaborative dedicated to accelerating the volume to value movement and supporting the development of the next iteration of the Advanced Alternative Payment Models (Advanced APMs). Both APG and Task Force members are committed to the proliferation of accountable care that better utilizes resources through the delivery of high-quality, coordinated healthcare services to the patients and communities they serve.

“Data tells an important story—integrated, risk-bearing delivery systems outperform fragmented, fee-for-service systems in both cost and quality,” said Don Crane, APG President and CEO. “But this story is more than that; it's about providing access to high-quality, affordable healthcare services to all Americans. And our new Task Force provides members with the education and support they need to improve the nation's healthcare system by putting providers on a budget and holding them accountable for patient outcomes.”

The **Risk Evolution Task Force** will focus on the dual purpose of educating and sharing of best practices among its members, as well as advocacy activities focusing on key members of Congress and officials at the Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Task Force will be led by two APG member Co-Chairs who are very experienced in risk bearing contracting: Melanie Matthews, CEO of [Physicians of Southwest Washington](#) and Niyum Gandhi, Executive Vice President and Chief Population Health Officer of the [Mount Sinai](#) Health System. It will also rely on two national subject matter experts who will be assisting members with data analytics and care transition planning:

- Aneesh Chopra, MPP – President of [CareJourney](#), former U.S. Chief Technology Officer
- Eric Coleman, MD, MPH – Founder of [The Care Transitions Program](#) and Professor of Medicine and Head of the Division of Health Care Policy and Research at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

Aneesh and his team at CareJourney will provide accountable care organization (ACO)-level benchmarks defined by the Task Force and derived from its Innovator access to CMS' national dataset of Part A/B/C/D claims for over 65M+ Medicare and Medicare Advantage lives. CareJourney is a leading provider of clinically-relevant analytics supporting the

transition to value for over 50 Medicare ACOs and will provide insights to the Task Force via its [Network Advantage](#) market intelligence and benchmarking product.

Dr. Coleman will serve as the subject matter expert for improving care transitions with the aim of reducing hospital and emergency department admissions/re-admissions (one of the most impactful levers for succeeding in risk contracting). Dr. Coleman brings over 20 years of experience partnering with care delivery organizations to implement practical solutions aimed at enhancing both clinician-to-clinician and clinician-to-patient/family interactions to improve quality and safety and reduce costs of care.

The Task Force's advocacy efforts will be led by Valinda Rutledge, APG's Vice President of Federal Affairs.

For more information or to join APG's Risk Evolution Task Force, please contact Margaret Peterson, Director of Federal Affairs at [mpeterson@apg.org](mailto:mpeterson@apg.org) or 202-770-1878.

#### **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 Annual Conference 2019 will be held April 11-13, 2019 in San Diego. Learn more at [www.apg.org](http://www.apg.org).*

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