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**Statement from Don Crane, President and CEO
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APG Responds to Release of CMS Medicare Shared Savings Program Final Rule

"Today, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released its Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) final rule, which includes significant changes to Medicare Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) through CMS' 'Pathways to Success' initiative. While we are still in the process of reviewing the final rule in detail, we are pleased that CMS is moving forward with many of their proposals aimed at accelerating the value movement and acknowledging the important role physician-led organizations play in that movement.

"APG applauds CMS for increasing the BASIC track shared savings from a minimum of 25 percent to 40 percent under Levels A and B. Under Levels C, D, and E, the maximum shared savings rate is 50 percent under a two-sided model. We also pleased with many of the proposals in the final rule that we recommended and supported in the proposed rule.

"America's Physician Groups' members are committed to improving our nation's health through responsible payment models that make them accountable for both cost and quality. We thank CMS for their thoughtful changes to Medicare ACOs and will continue to work with them to drive the evolution and transformation of care delivery through integrated, comprehensive, value-based care models that improve the quality and value of healthcare."

*For more information on changes to the MSSP, you can read the CMS fact sheet [here](#). APG will take a closer look at the MSSP final rule during our Deep Dive webinar **on Thursday, January 10 at 1 pm ET/10 am PT**. Make sure you [register today](#).*

About America's Physician Groups

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