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Welcome to America's Physician Groups' "Healthcare on the Hill," where you can get the latest on healthcare happenings in our nation's capital--and with a special focus on the value-based care movement. Here's what you will find in this edition:

- *Does it Add Up? APG Helps You Decipher Your Data*
- *Change is A' Comin': New Medicaid Program Guidance Issued*
- *Close to the End*
- *Register Today! APG Annual Conference 2020 in San Diego!*

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APG Host Deep Dive Webinar "Using Data Analytics to Achieve Success in Risk-Based Contracts"

Has data got you in the dumps? To help you make sense of all your data, **America's Physician Groups** and **CareJourney** will host a **Deep Dive Webinar on Data Analytics on Thursday, February 27 from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET**. You can register [here](#).

We have gathered a set of experts who will help you not only make sense of data but also use it to build better networks, track referrals, benchmark providers, and improve performance in risk-based contracts.

Joining me on the webinar will be **Aneesh Chopra, President of CareJourney**, who will lead a discussion with industry experts to help you overcome those roadblocks and find the pathway to success in value-based care. Learn how the nation's leading health providers are tackling these everyday challenges as they share best practices, lessons learned, and tips to:

- Build better networks
- Optimize existing network performance
- Identify best practices and best/worst performing providers for inclusion/exclusion
- Identify and minimize network leakage

Space is limited so [register today](#).

Administration

Trump Administration Implements Major Changes in the Medicaid Program

Last week, the Trump Administration issued guidance adding major changes to the Medicaid program, including inviting each state to apply for permission to move away from the current system which flexes based upon the number of citizens that meet federal poverty levels to “block grants” to the state. The changes to block grants would allow more flexibility to the states in terms of benefits but during times of increased enrollment like a downturn in the economy, this could lead to less benefits. The new program will be called “Healthy Adult Opportunity” and will only apply to limited populations like non-disabled adults. It will be interesting to see how many states will apply.

Congress

The impeachment trial has paused all legislative activity on Capitol Hill, but once it wraps up in early February, we can expect discussions on surprise billing and drug pricing to continue. We will keep a close eye on both issues as well as any action Congress may take to address key healthcare extenders, which are set to expire in May.

The State of the Union will be Tuesday, February 4, and we can expect that significant portions of President Trump's speech will be dedicated to healthcare issues like out-of-pocket medication expenses and price transparency. The President's budget will be submitted to Congress next week, which will outline recommendations based upon his priorities.

APG Annual Conference 2020

Make sure you [register today](#) for America's Physician Groups Annual Conference 2020 The Value Movement Grows Up: What's Next? May 28-30 in San Diego. No matter where you are on the journey to risk, you'll find the keys to success at our Annual Conference 2020. [Register today!](#)



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