



## FACT SHEET

### Our Payment System Needs CPR

#### Overview

The U.S. health care system needs new systems of payment that promote affordability, advance clinical quality and foster prevention, coordination, safety and better patient outcomes. These payment changes must be done hand-in-hand with more effective engagement of patients in making decisions based on having better information and incentives.

Policymakers in both public and private settings are focusing on new forms of payment that could potentially result in better value, including new payments for primary care, bundled payment, pre-payment and paying for care of entire populations, as well as improving current types of payments. The details of payment reforms will be critical to their impact and must be guided by a clear set of goals and principles supported by public and private sector stakeholders.

#### Mission

The Center for Payment Reform's mission is to accelerate reforms to payment that promote and reward high quality, patient-centered care that is cost-effective and reduces disparities. Payment should ensure that patients receive the "right care, at the right time, from the right provider", incorporating the values and preferences of patients and foster improvements and innovations that effectively slow the growth of health care costs.

#### Strategic Positioning

There are several key elements, unique to the Center for Payment Reform that will help drive reform efforts:

- Representation across a variety of different stakeholder groups
- Fostering alignment between public and private sectors regarding payment reform
- Focus on *how* payment changes are determined in addition to *what* changes occur
- Highlight on unintended consequences of proposed changes with recommendations to mitigate
- Lead payment reform on the private side

#### Actions

The Center for Payment Reform will initially focus on:

- Establishing a common set of payment reform principles and develop a roadmap for change
- Creating a National Scorecard on Payment Reform that measures the country's progress toward meaningful payment
- Launching a rapid learning system to disseminate information on what works (or does not work)
- Aligning public and private sector efforts to both minimize confusion and maximize payment reforms that results in better patient outcomes and affordability of care
- Developing RFP and Contract Language to drive public sector testing and innovation

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#### About Us

The Center for Payment Reform (CPR) is a coalition of consumers, purchasers, labor, physicians and other health care providers, payers, and policymakers who have come together based on their shared vision that improving quality and affordability in health care requires a transformation in our payments systems.