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Health Care Organizations Form New ACCESS Coalition

Groups Partner to Advance Shared Learning and Collaboration in CMS Tech-Enabled Care Pilot

WASHINGTON (September 15, 2026) – Accountable for Health, America's Physician Groups, the Health Care Transformation Task Force, and the National Association of Accountable Care Organizations have joined together to launch the ACCESS Coalition, a new collaborative effort to accelerate evidence-based technology-enabled care through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation's recently launched ACCESS (Advancing Chronic Care with Effective, Scalable Solutions) Model.

The ACCESS Model expands opportunities for Medicare beneficiaries to receive technology-enabled care through ACCESS care organizations working in partnership with physicians and other clinicians. Through the coalition, participating organizations will foster collaboration, exchange best practices, and create opportunities for shared learning among accountable care organizations (ACOs), physician groups, health systems, clinicians, and technology partners.

Insights and lessons learned through the model's implementation will help inform future innovation efforts, accelerate the adoption of best practices, and further support the delivery of high-quality, patient-centered care for Medicare beneficiaries.

Quotes from convening organizations:

"New approaches to chronic care should build on the progress of accountable care and strengthen the connections between patients and their care teams," said **Mara McDermott, chief executive officer of Accountable for Health**. "This coalition creates an opportunity to better understand what is working, where challenges remain, and explore how technology-enabled services can support more coordinated care."

"Delivering value-based care provides multiple opportunities for physician groups to link with technology providers to support patients in controlling their conditions, including diabetes, high blood pressure, chronic musculoskeletal pain, and depression," said **Susan Dentzer, president and chief executive officer of America's Physician Groups**. "A key imperative for ACCESS will be ensuring that partnerships between physician groups and ACCESS participants effectively advance Medicare beneficiaries' health without making some matters worse – for example, by complicating coordination of care for patients or providing meager returns on investment."

“The ACCESS model seeks to equip patients with new technology-enabled tools to drive prevention and outcomes,” said **Theresa Dreyer, chief executive officer of the Health Care Transformation Task Force.** “The ACCESS Coalition will help ensure that the model successfully improves patient outcomes and experience.”

“The ACCESS Model provides a welcome opportunity to understand how to support the health of America’s seniors through technology-enabled care, but it’s not without its challenges,” said **Emily Brower, president and chief executive officer of the National Association of Accountable Care Organizations**. “By accelerating learning across participants, the coalition can help strengthen the model's impact, build the evidence base for technology-enabled care, and inform how these innovations are applied more broadly to improve care.”

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