

Primary Care: Paving the Path for Value-Based Care

**Promoting Better
Patient Outcomes
While Lowering Costs**

A paradigm shift in our health care system that prioritizes the role primary care teams play in promoting patient health and wellness will accelerate the transition away from our current fee-for-service system that drives "sick" care to one that focuses on "health" care and improving patient outcomes.



WHAT IS FEE-FOR-SERVICE?

- **Payment is based on what services are provided.**
- The current fee-for-service model encourages higher usage of services and procedures – a dynamic at direct odds with health and wellness.

WHAT IS VALUE-BASED CARE?

- **Payment is based upon the quality of the care that is provided and linked to patient outcomes.**
- Primary care practices are resourced to keep patients healthy and proactively address chronic conditions rather than wait until patients get sick to provide care.
- Encourages effective and efficient care coordination with other specialists which reduces fragmentation across the health care delivery system.

PRIMARY CARE IS LEADING THE CHARGE FOR VALUE

Primary care physicians and care teams serve as a patient's initial point of entry into the health care system, focusing on health and wellness, including effective management of chronic conditions. And primary care teams play a central role in coordinating a patient's care with other specialists and helping patients navigate the complex health care system - leading to improved patient experiences and outcomes.



key point:

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MORE HEALTH CARE SPENDING DOES NOT TRANSLATE INTO BETTER PATIENT HEALTH OUTCOMES

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By prioritizing quality of care and health outcomes achieved over the quantity of services provided, value-based care that is coordinated through primary care teams can make health care more efficient and effective for patients, clinicians, and payers – leading to a healthier nation overall.

INCREASED INVESTMENT IN PRIMARY CARE AND INNOVATIVE PAYMENT DESIGN WILL TRANSFORM OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Widespread adoption of value-based care models will:

-  *Enhance patient experiences*
-  *Decrease cost and reduce un-necessary care*
-  *Improve population health across all communities*
-  *Reduce health disparities*

OUR COLLABORATION:

Primary Care for America (PCfA) is a diverse collaboration of key partners focused on educating policymakers and health policy influencers about the value of comprehensive, continuous, and coordinated primary care. Its formation serves as a commitment to our continued effort to help improve the well-being of the individuals, families, and communities that we proudly serve.

PCfA is comprised of a diverse group of founding partners in the American health care industry: agilon health, Aledade, American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Physicians, Catalyst Health Network, ChenMed, Elation Health, Everside Health, MDVIP, National Association of Community Health Centers, One Medical, and VillageMD.