

Statement by Blair Childs, senior vice president of Public Affairs, Premier healthcare alliance, on President Obama's FY 2014 budget

Instead of payment cuts that undermine hospitals' ability to transform healthcare, we urge the Obama Administration and Congress to seek a more transformational approach to reduce costs. We urge a focus on accelerating and expanding delivery system reforms that simultaneously achieve sustainable savings and improve healthcare quality. Providers need tools to bend the cost curve and improve quality. We should look to bipartisan reforms such as accountable care organizations and bundled payments that have proven to incent quality and successful outcomes and improve coordination, thereby generating better value for beneficiaries and the government.

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