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**Statement from AMGA President & CEO Don Fisher  
on CMS Pioneer Announcement**

Alexandria, VA – Today, the American Medical Group Association (AMGA) issued the following statement from Don Fisher, AMGA President & CEO, regarding the announcement from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on the Affordable Care Act's Pioneer Program:

“Our groups are in the forefront of transforming the nation’s healthcare delivery system to coordinated, affordable, high-quality care. Today, we learned that the overwhelming majority of AMGA’s 25 members participating in the CMS Pioneer ACO program will continue. The remainder of the participants will transition to either the equally challenging Medicare Shared Savings Program ACO or will not continue as a CMS-sponsored ACO. All of these groups are to be applauded for their leap of faith and their continued dedication to advancing the role of high-performing health systems in America.

As with any ambitious effort of this scale, the movement to value-based, coordinated care for patients is an evolutionary process. Programs like the ACO initiatives will take many years to mature. Our members are laying the foundation for future programs and innovative payment arrangements. These medical groups will continue to invest in improvements in care processes and infrastructure that will provide patients with better health outcomes, an enhanced care experience, and lower costs well into the future. I commend all of our members who have undertaken this journey.”

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