

## Premier statement on Innovation Center ACO Programs

Statement by Blair Childs, senior vice president of Public Affairs, Premier healthcare alliance, on Innovation Center ACO programs

Members of the Premier healthcare alliance commend the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) for announcing new programs aimed at fostering the continued development of Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs).

As we have learned from members of the Premier Accountable Care Collaboratives, ACOs are at different points in their journey to deliver accountable care, with some prepared to launch quickly, while others require more time, resources and knowledge before they commit. As ACOs are local and subject to regional market conditions, CMS's decision to create multiple and accelerated tracks will allow a variety of approaches to be tested, as well as a broader scope of learnings. Moreover, a separate model within CMMI will reward those who are already pursuing accountable care in private markets, and provide emerging ACOs an alternative to the Medicare shared savings program.

Members of Premier are committed to moving to patient centered, coordinated care models in a variety of markets, including the Medicare population, commercial markets, self-funded employers, provider-sponsored plans and Medicaid. Providing a broad range of options for participation will maximize the potential for success.

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