

## **Statement by Blair Childs, Senior Vice President, Premier healthcare alliance, on bicameral physician payment reform proposal**

The Premier healthcare alliance commends the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance committees for bipartisan efforts to repeal the flawed sustainable growth rate formula, and phase in a new value-based system to pay physicians serving Medicare patients for the quality of care they provide.

For too long, doctors have had to operate in a highly uncertain payment environment. Now is the time to embrace a new system that provides certainty, measurement alignment across healthcare and reward for value. We strongly support the incentives in the proposal for engaging in alternative care models, such as bundled payments and accountable care organizations, which move toward patient-centered, high-quality, coordinated and cost-effective care.

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