

Holston Medical Group

In Re: Response to Request of Chronic Care Working Group

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our recommendations to the Committee to address the impact of chronic disease on the Medicare Program and reflecting the need for carefully crafting policy solutions.

First, we recommend the Committee promote participation by physicians in a private secure physician centric interoperability platform to increase coordination between individual physicians caring for the same chronic complex patients across all the settings.

Second, we recommend a simplified algorithm for stratifying Medicare payments to physicians based on the number of a patient's disease states, with payment to physicians stratified as follows:

0 -1 disease states pays Medicare FFS

2 – 4 disease states pays Medicare FFS + X%

5 or more disease states pays Medicare FFS + 2X%

Third, we recommend a quality reporting registry be developed as a requirement to participate in the payment stratification based on disease states with disease states reporting, quality metrics, care transition metrics, outcome metrics and efficiency metrics.

We are available to offer more details of our policy proposal should the Committee so deem.