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Thought Leaders' Corner

Q. What Effect Will the New American Health Act (AHCA)—if it Passes—Have on Population Health Management?

We are watching closely to see if the AHCA will become law in its current form. However, regardless of whether healthcare reform of any kind passes in this Congress, we believe the accelerating shift to value-based care will continue because value-based reimbursement encourages healthcare providers to deliver the best care at the lowest cost, while patients receive a higher quality of care at a better value.

Ten years from now, provider reimbursement will look very different from the way it does in today's healthcare environment. Current initiatives, such as ACOs, will continue and will evolve because they are predicated on moving from volume to value for reimbursement and care approach. However, we may see initiatives, such as mandatory participation in bundled payment reimbursement, end due to the belief that it can take the day-to-day medical decisions away from doctors and patients.

Regardless of the White House occupant or the party controlling the Congress, the move to improve outcomes and lower costs will continue. As a result, health systems and health plans must still focus on the transformation required to manage care beyond the walls of a facility and the need to improve health outside of clinical encounters. It's going to be a challenging and exciting future in healthcare.



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