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Via Email

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On Behalf of Allison Brennan  
Senior Vice President, Government Affairs  
National Association of ACOs (NAACOS)

Dear Allison Brennan:

Thank you for contacting the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMS Innovation Center) on behalf of the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS) after attending our Roundtable on the CMS Innovation Center Health Equity Strategy. I value NAACOS' ongoing commitment to advancing value-based care.

I appreciate your thoughtful recommendations to enhance the ability of Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) to improve health equity for Medicare beneficiaries as well as your feedback regarding the use of mandatory models. CMS will consider your input as we design, develop, and enhance our current and future ACO initiatives. Incorporating feedback and innovative approaches from collaborative stakeholders like NAACOS is critical to CMS achieving the goals outlined in the Innovation Center's Strategic Refresh.

Please feel free to reach out with additional feedback in the future; we may also reach out using the provided contact information if we have additional questions in the future.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your views and your continued support of our ACO initiatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth Fowler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elizabeth Fowler  
Deputy Administrator and Director,  
Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation