



Direct Contracting and ACO REACH: Expected Policy Changes for 2023

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The Lead up to ACO REACH



- Direct Contracting drew the ire of progressive Democrats in Congress
 - On January 5th, Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) sent a [letter](#) signed by more than 50 progressive Democrats calling for CMS to end GPDC
 - On Feb. 2, Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) at a Senate Finance subcommittee [hearing](#) called for Direct Contracting's termination
- Their calls were heard by the Biden administration, who seriously considered terminating the model
 - Complaints were that Direct Contracting was a Trump-era model that would privatize Medicare and lead to stenting of care by profit-driven middlemen
- Cancelling GPDC would be devastating for ACOs and all APMs

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- NAACOS and other ACO coalition members sent [a letter](#) on Feb. 14 with 222 signatures, urging Becerra to fix, not end, GPDC
 - This follows a Dec. 16 NAACOS [letter](#) to CMS
 - On February 24th, 23 Members of Congress sent a [bipartisan letter](#) to Becerra asking that Direct Contacting not be cancelled
- NAACOS worked behind the scenes with administration officials and Congress to get Becerra to not cancel the model
- NAACOS issued a [statement of support](#) for the new ACO REACH Model
- We continue to meet with offices on Capitol Hill to stress the importance of Medicare payment reform

ACO REACH – Advocacy ‘Wins’



Several changes are included in ACO REACH that NAACOS asked for

- Keeps CMMI’s premier ACO model with a new name to better reflect how it is part of the evolution of accountable care
- Expresses a commitment to provider-led organizations and value-based care
- Allows a 2023 cohort
- Permanently cancels Geographic Direct Contracting
- Reduces the discount in the global risk option
- Places more emphasis on equity, which NAACOS has devoted [attention](#) to and provided [recommendations](#) on how to address in ACOs
- Increases provider and patient participation on governing boards

NAACOS ACO REACH Coalition



Dedicated to promoting shared learning and advocating on behalf of Medicare's newest value-based payment model

- Stand-alone [webpage](#) with CMS and NAACOS resources
 - [April 4 webinar](#) -- ACO REACH Model - Next Steps for Evaluating and Applying
 - [March 10 webinar](#) -- Understanding Medicare's Latest Accountable Care Model
 - NAACOS [MSSP vs. REACH ACO Comparison Chart](#)
 - NAACOS [Summary of ACO REACH Model](#)
- Current NAACOS members will enjoy all of the benefits of the new coalition
- NAACOS continues to meet with Democrats, including Jayapal and Warren, advocating for them to back down from their demands to permanently end GPDC

Questions



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