

YPS Value Based Care Committee Report, November 2021

In 2018, the AMA developed an External Advisory Committee on Value-Based Care. This committee was charged with advising and informing the AMA's 5-year strategy of helping advance value-based care in our country and empowering patients, physicians and practices to thrive in a value-based care environment. This committee has since been sunsetted, but there continues to be a demand for strategies to help physicians delivery high quality patient care, use resources efficiently, and have a sustainable practice in the context of value-based payment models. In the report that follows, I have detailed the AMA's ongoing work in this area. Your YPS VBC will continue to work together to identify opportunities for advancement of AMA policy with regards to value-based payment models. I would like to thank the committee membership for their service.

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The AMA is currently working to support physician private practice within value-based systems by providing the exposure, tools, and information that enables them to choose the mode of practice that suits them. The AMA survey data show 49.1% of patient care physicians worked in physician-owned practices, down from 54% of physicians in the 2018 AMA survey. The drop of nearly five percentage points is the largest two-year change measured since the AMA survey began in 2012. The AMA's Private Practice Section will be hosting a CME Program on Innovative Contracting on November 6th at 2:30 pm CST. We anticipate the release of tool kits and webinars by the end of 2021 that will focus on promoting high performance physician-owned private practices. There are ongoing discussions regarding opportunities for UME and GME private practice curriculum development.

The AMA has a major initiative on Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) that will require adjustments to current payor systems. BHI allows physicians to provide high-quality patient care while tailoring their efforts to their patients' needs and resources. Current financial models limit the financial sustainability of providing this care for both fee-for-service and alternative payment model reimbursement strategies. As such, the AMA is

planning to launch a BHI Initiative in Fall of 2022 to “catalyze effective and sustainable integration of behavioral and mental healthcare into physician practices (with an initial focus on primary care).” As a part of this initiative, the AMA will be providing educational programming, resources, and toolkits for physicians to add to their practices. Furthermore, they will be testing and validating the effectiveness of the solutions and working with industry stakeholders to show BHI’s value.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this report on behalf of the YPS-VBC. We look forward to continuing to work on behalf of young physicians in our rapidly evolving health care system!

Respectfully submitted,

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