Shaping the Future of American Health Care

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Shaping the ACA

Provisions the AMA got eliminated:

- Medicare/Medicaid enrollment fees for docs
- Medicare physician pay cut
- 5% cut for “outliers”
- Medicare buy-in
- Tax on elective cosmetic surgery
Improving ACOs

• AMA convinced CMS to dramatically revise rules and create $170M advance payment program

• Today half of ACOs created post-ACA are physician-led
Health Insurance Exchanges

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation, March 5, 2013
Improving HIEs

• Achieved gains in federal rules:
  – Inclusion of physicians in stakeholder list exchanges must consult
  – Ability for physicians to participate in governance
  – Adherence with state scope-of-practice laws

• Working with states to achieve:
  – Adequate networks
  – Fair contracting provisions
Medicaid Expansion

Where the States Stand - March 1, 2013
24 Governors Support Medicaid Expansion

Vote: As of 3/2/13 all policies subject to change. The District of Columbia plans to participate in Medicaid expansion and will operate its own exchange.

Learn more about the Medicaid expansion at advisory.com/MedicaidMap

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AMA Action on Medicaid

• When proposal surfaced to eliminate increase from 2013-14, coordinated 261 medical societies in opposition
• Currently assisting state societies in negotiations with legislators

Helped achieve recent victories in D.C., New Mexico and Washington
Preparing for Sunshine Act

• CMS will begin tracking industry payments to physicians in August
• AMA working to ensure physicians can challenge false or misleading reports
• Launched resource page on our website and will offer webinars and modules

www.ama-assn.org/go/sunshine
Addressing Outstanding Issues
Sequestration: the Latest Blow

- 2% provider cut
- Applies to Medicare payment, not fee schedule amount
- One-time cut, not cumulative
- Won’t affect Medicaid increases

**How Sequester Trims $85B from Annual Budget**

- Defense: **7.9% cut**
- Domestic spending: **5.3% cut**
- Mandatory programs: **5.8% cut**
- Medicare providers: **2% cut**
Toward a Permanent Fix

- AMA sent Congress joint letter outlining principles for transition to better system
- Multiple drafts of policy to repeal SGR have been introduced in House
- Senators Baucus and Hatch also support repeal
- CBO reduced price tag by $100 B
Physician Shortage
AMA Action on GME

Residents Serve the Underserved

Though only around 6% of hospitals are teaching hospitals, APPROXIMATELY

40% of all charity care in the U.S. is provided by teaching hospitals.¹

8.4 Billion Dollars

AMA Strategic Plan

Goals over next five years

1) Increase physician satisfaction by shaping more effective payment and delivery models
2) Accelerate change in medical education
3) Improve health outcomes
Challenges for Physicians

• Unpredictable income
• Increased workload
• Administrative hurdles
• Move toward consolidation
• Concern about quality of patient care
• Uncertainty about ACA
Finding a Solution

• One size doesn’t fit all
• Currently conducting field research at 30 physician organizations in 6 states:
  - Colorado
  - Massachusetts
  - North Carolina
  - Texas
  - Washington
  - Wisconsin
Improving Delivery Models

• Will create tools and resources
• Will promote successful models in private/public sectors
• Will push for necessary legislative and health system changes
Moving Beyond Flexner

Gaps in the current system:

- Not enough team-based training
- Little outpatient experience
- Students need more preparation for business side of medicine
Improving Medical Education

• Launched $10M grant initiative
• 115 medical schools responded to RFP
• Will select up to 10 schools and form learning consortium to share best practices

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Growing Health Crisis

- Americans dying younger and living sicker
- Lower probability of living to 50

Source: U.S. Health in International Perspectives: Shorter Lives, Poorer Health; Report by National Research Council and Institute of Medicine
Improving Health Outcomes

- Identify conditions for national dashboard
- Set immediate and long-term goals
- Collaborate with partners to improve outcomes
A Better, Healthier Future

Advancing the Strategic Plan Means…

• Increased quality and lower costs
• Satisfied providers, working together in sustainable practice environments
• Medical students poised for success in the 21st century health care system