



## Population Health Alliance Applauds CMS's ACCESS Model

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The Population Health Alliance (PHA) is enthusiastic about the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) announcement of the Advancing Chronic Care with Effective, Scalable Solutions (ACCESS) Model.

ACCESS links payment with outcome-focused quality measures and promotes the use of technology-enabled care, including telehealth, wearable devices, remote monitoring, and digital health applications. This approach brings new patient engagement and treatment options to Original Medicare, along with a payment model ("Outcome-Aligned Payments") that could strengthen primary care. The initial clinical tracks include four priority areas that affect millions of Medicare beneficiaries:

1. Early cardio-kidney-metabolic (eCKM) conditions
2. Cardio-kidney-metabolic conditions with established diabetes, chronic kidney disease, and atherosclerotic heart disease
3. Musculoskeletal conditions
4. Behavioral health conditions

These conditions contribute substantially to morbidity, mortality, and healthcare spending. ACCESS offers an important opportunity to improve outcomes for millions of adults by fostering comprehensive, coordinated, and proactive management strategies.

PHA appreciates the model's emphasis on patient engagement, a core principle championed by the PHA. ACCESS prioritizes measures and care processes that support individualized care planning, shared decision-making, and ongoing engagement, all of which are central to improving both individual and population health outcomes.

PHA recommends using validated population health approaches, such as the [PHA Population Health Management Framework](#), to ensure that ACCESS-funded activities achieve optimal results. This framework provides an evidence-informed structure for organizing multi-sector, technology-enabled interventions that improve outcomes and advance equitable access and care.

PHA looks forward to supporting stakeholders, including delivery systems, clinicians, digital health and other technology solution providers, and community partners, as they prepare to participate in the ACCESS Model and advance population health nationwide.