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NCMS Announces Initiative to Assist Physicians Move Toward Value-Driven Health Care

Today, the North Carolina Medical Society (NCMS), along with 24 other North Carolina medical societies and organizations, launched the **Toward Accountable Care Consortium and Initiative** to provide the medical community with the knowledge and tools needed to understand, participate in, navigate, lead, and succeed in a patient-centered, value-driven health care system. Consortium members are committed to helping the medical community work together to face the challenges of a changing health care environment.

The goal of this initiative is to encourage and empower clinicians to actively participate in and lead the redesign of our health care system. For patients and consumers, this effort will result in health care services of higher quality, with more consistent, better coordinated, and more cost-effective care. Another key component of value-driven, patient-centered care focuses on patient and family/caregiver engagement.

The Consortium will provide information, resources, and tools to its members in many different mediums, including a user-friendly “white paper” regarding value-driven health care, toolkits developed by physicians in different specialties, and webinars and other educational sessions. Most of the physician resources will be focused on general principles promoting patient-centered, value-driven health care, although more specific guidance will be developed for programs that are gaining traction, such as the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Shared Savings Program, the CMS Advanced Payment ACO Model, and bundled payments.

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The Initiative is being guided by a [Physician Advisory Committee](#) comprised of national and state leaders working toward innovative health care delivery. A team of [Smith Anderson attorneys](#), led by Julian “Bo” Bobbitt, are providing expertise to many of the resources being developed. [The NCMS](#), which is leading the coordination of the Initiative, has committed significant staff resources to ensure that this Initiative remains viable. [The NC Academy of Family Physicians](#) and [Community Care of North Carolina](#) also have contributed staff to this effort.

[Click here](#) for a list of current **Toward Accountable Care Consortium** members. More information about the North Carolina Medical Society’s accountable care efforts can be found here: www.ncmedsoc.org/ac.

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About the North Carolina Medical Society

The North Carolina Medical Society is the largest and oldest professional member organization in North Carolina, representing approximately 12,500 physicians and physician assistants who practice in the state. Founded in 1849, the Society seeks to promote access to quality health care for all citizens in North Carolina and champions initiatives that seek to improve quality of care and promote patient safety.

About the North Carolina Medical Society Foundation

The North Carolina Medical Society Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the North Carolina Medical Society. It is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization. The Foundation works to improve the sustainability of medical practices by providing grants to encourage health professionals to serve in areas of North Carolina that need them most, assisting medical practices with management and Health Information Technology challenges, and by educating physicians to become leaders in their communities through the NCMS Leadership College.

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