

TABLE 1
PERCEIVED EFFECTIVENESS OF CURRENT PAYMENT APPROACH

“Under the current payment approach, payment is given to each provider for individual services provided to each patient. How effective do you think this payment system is at encouraging high-quality and efficient care?”

Base: 222 respondents

	Total (n=222)	Academic/ Research Inst. (n=101)	Health Care Delivery (n=60)	Business/ Insurance/ Other Health Care Industry (n=63)	Government/ Labor/ Consumer Advocacy (n=26)
	%	%	%	%	%
Very effective/Effective (Net)	7	7	10	8	4
Very effective	2	2	2	3	—
Effective	5	5	8	5	4
Somewhat effective	22	23	27	17	23
Not effective	69	68	60	71	73
Not sure	2	2	3	3	—

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TABLE 2
EXPECTED EFFECTIVENESS OF POLICY STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING PERFORMANCE

“How effective do you think each of the following policy strategies would be in improving U.S. health system performance (improving quality and/or reducing costs)?”

Base: 222 respondents

		Total (n=222)	Academic/ Research Inst. (n=101)	Health Care Delivery (n=60)	Business/ Insurance/ Other Health Care Industry (n=63)	Government/ Labor/ Consumer Advocacy (n=26)
		%	%	%	%	%
Fundamental provider payment reform with broader incentives to provide high-quality and efficient care over time	Very effective/Effective (Net)	85	81	88	80	85
	Very effective	45	32	53	37	54
	Effective	40	49	35	43	31
	Somewhat effective	11	15	8	13	12
	Not effective	1	1	—	2	4
	Not sure	3	4	3	6	—
Bonus payments for high-quality providers and/or efficient providers	Very effective/Effective (Net)	55	43	62	62	57
	Very effective	14	6	22	11	15
	Effective	41	37	40	51	42
	Somewhat effective	36	50	28	30	23
	Not effective	8	7	8	6	19
	Not sure	2	1	2	2	—
Public reporting of information on provider quality and efficiency	Very effective/Effective (Net)	53	45	52	51	58
	Very effective	18	9	17	19	35
	Effective	35	36	35	32	23
	Somewhat effective	39	47	40	41	27
	Not effective	6	6	5	5	12
	Not sure	2	2	3	2	—

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		%	%	%	%	%
Incentives for patients to choose high-quality, efficient providers	Very effective/Effective (Net)	42	26	45	49	54
	Very effective	15	7	20	16	12
	Effective	27	19	25	33	42
	Somewhat effective	42	57	35	33	27
	Not effective	13	14	18	14	15
	Not sure	3	3	2	3	4
Increased competition among health care providers	Very effective/Effective (Net)	28	20	24	41	20
	Very effective	10	8	7	17	12
	Effective	18	12	17	24	8
	Somewhat effective	42	47	40	35	50
	Not effective	27	31	33	24	23
	Not sure	3	3	3	—	8
Increased government regulation of providers	Very effective/Effective (Net)	25	26	12	24	30
	Very effective	9	7	5	8	15
	Effective	16	19	7	16	15
	Somewhat effective	45	51	50	41	42
	Not effective	28	20	37	33	27
	Not sure	1	2	—	2	—
More consumer cost-sharing	Very effective/Effective (Net)	19	14	20	27	23
	Very effective	5	3	3	10	4
	Effective	14	11	17	17	19
	Somewhat effective	30	24	35	37	19
	Not effective	49	60	43	37	58
	Not sure	1	2	2	—	—

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TABLE 3
EXPECTED EFFECTIVENESS OF PAYMENT APPROACHES
AT FACILITATING A MORE EFFICIENT SYSTEM

“How effective do you think each of the following payment approaches would be in facilitating a more efficient health care system?”

Base: 222 respondents

		Total (n=222)	Academic/ Research Inst. (n=101)	Health Care Delivery (n=60)	Business/ Insurance/ Other Health Care Industry (n=63)	Government/ Labor/ Consumer Advocacy (n=26)
		%	%	%	%	%
A blend of the modified fee-for-service and bundled per-patient payment systems	Very effective/ Effective (Net)	62	55	69	62	58
	Very effective	25	19	32	25	31
	Effective	37	36	37	37	27
	Somewhat effective	25	32	22	22	31
	Not effective	7	8	3	8	12
	Not sure	6	6	7	8	—
Bundled per-patient payment (a single payment for all services provided to the patient during the year), with bonus payments for high quality	Very effective/ Effective (Net)	51	55	43	58	47
	Very effective	19	17	20	29	12
	Effective	32	38	23	29	35
	Somewhat effective	27	27	28	21	35
	Not effective	14	13	17	14	12
	Not sure	7	5	10	6	8
A modified fee-for-service system, with bonus payments for high quality and efficiency	Very effective/ Effective (Net)	23	14	32	26	16
	Very effective	5	2	10	5	4
	Effective	18	12	22	21	12
	Somewhat effective	57	64	57	54	62
	Not effective	17	19	12	16	19
	Not sure	2	2	—	2	4

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**TABLE 4
PREFERRED PAYMENT SYSTEM**

“Of these options, which do you prefer?”

Base: 222 respondents

	Total (n=222)	Academic/ Research Inst. (n=101)	Health Care Delivery (n=60)	Business/ Insurance/ Other Health Care Industry (n=63)	Government/ Labor/ Consumer Advocacy (n=26)
	%	%	%	%	%
A blend of the modified fee-for-service (with bonus payments for high quality and efficiency) and bundled per-patient payment systems (a single payment for all services provided to the patient during the year with bonus payments for high quality)	53	49	63	44	50
Bundled per-patient payment (a single payment for all services provided to the patient during the year), with bonus payments for high quality	23	29	15	30	19
A modified fee-for-service system, with bonus payments for high quality and efficiency	9	7	13	6	8
The current fee-for-service payment system (payment to each provider for individual services provided to each patient)	1	—	—	2	4
None of these	11	11	7	16	15
Not sure	3	4	2	2	4

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**TABLE 5
EXPECTED EFFECTIVENESS OF PLANS FOR IMPROVING EFFICIENCY**

“Two approaches for encouraging improved efficiency are “paying for performance on efficiency” (providing bonus payments for high performance on measures of efficiency) and “shared accountability for resource use” (holding health care organizations including hospitals and physicians accountable for use of resources in care of patients over time and sharing a portion of any savings with the accountable care organizations). How effective do you believe each of these approaches would be in improving efficiency?”

Base: 222 respondents

		Total (n=222) %	Academic/ Research Inst. (n=101) %	Health Care Delivery (n=60) %	Business/ Insurance/ Other Health Care Industry (n=63) %	Government/ Labor/ Consumer Advocacy (n=26) %
Shared accountability for resource use	Very effective/ Effective (Net)	57	58	62	63	42
	Very effective	24	25	25	22	23
	Effective	33	33	37	41	19
	Somewhat effective	27	28	27	24	35
	Not effective	7	6	5	8	12
	Not sure	8	9	7	5	8
Paying for performance on efficiency	Very effective/ Effective (Net)	37	30	41	47	35
	Very effective	7	3	13	10	8
	Effective	30	27	28	37	27
	Somewhat effective	43	51	35	35	54
	Not effective	12	12	15	13	8
	Not sure	7	7	7	5	4

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TABLE 6
SUPPORT FOR STRATEGIES TO REALIGN PAYMENT FOR IMPROVED EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS

“Several approaches to realigning provider payment have been suggested to improve the efficiency and effectiveness with which health care is delivered. Please indicate your level of support for each.”

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		%	%	%	%	%
Revise the Medicare resource-based relative value schedule (RBRVS) to increase payments for primary care	Strongly support/Support (Net)	85	83	90	85	85
	Strongly support	63	65	75	52	58
	Support	22	18	15	33	27
	Somewhat support	9	13	7	6	15
	Do not support	4	3	2	6	—
	Not sure	2	1	2	2	—
Pay for transitional care services, such as phone calls to high-risk patients following hospital discharge	Strongly support/Support (Net)	77	79	82	63	81
	Strongly support	36	39	40	22	27
	Support	41	40	42	41	54
	Somewhat support	14	12	13	22	15
	Do not support	5	6	3	13	—
	Not sure	2	4	—	—	4
Pay physician practices a monthly per-patient fee for serving as a patient-centered medical home that meets standards and demonstrates better outcomes for patients	Strongly support/Support (Net)	74	71	82	75	69
	Strongly support	43	43	50	35	50
	Support	31	28	32	40	19
	Somewhat support	17	20	8	19	27
	Do not support	6	8	7	5	—
	Not sure	3	2	3	2	4
Eliminate payments resulting from avoidable infections and other complications that occur in the hospital (“never events”)	Strongly support/Support (Net)	67	64	58	71	69
	Strongly support	38	36	25	46	38
	Support	29	28	33	25	31
	Somewhat support	25	28	27	24	23
	Do not support	7	6	15	5	8
	Not sure	1	2	—	—	—

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		%	%	%	%	%
Reduce physician fees for unusually high-priced, high-volume services	Strongly support/Support (Net)	65	74	62	58	58
	Strongly support	33	42	27	29	23
	Support	32	32	35	29	35
	Somewhat support	18	13	17	25	27
	Do not support	9	6	12	11	12
	Not sure	7	6	8	5	—
A global fee for hospital acute-care episodes including the hospital admission and post-acute care, inpatient physician services, and all inpatient or emergency care for 30 days after the hospital discharge	Strongly support/Support (Net)	61	66	58	65	50
	Strongly support	26	24	25	25	19
	Support	35	42	33	40	31
	Somewhat support	21	16	13	21	8
	Do not support	10	10	17	8	12
	Not sure	9	9	10	6	—
Reduce DRG (diagnosis-related group) payments for unusually profitable hospital services, such as some cardiac and orthopedic procedures	Strongly support/Support (Net)	56	63	43	59	69
	Strongly support	29	35	18	30	27
	Support	27	28	25	29	42
	Somewhat support	21	22	18	22	15
	Do not support	15	9	25	14	15
	Not sure	8	7	12	5	—
Financial incentives/ penalties for hospitals based on their 30-day readmission rates	Strongly support/Support (Net)	54	54	43	62	62
	Strongly support	16	19	10	11	27
	Support	38	35	33	51	35
	Somewhat support	26	24	32	21	27
	Do not support	15	19	20	14	8
	Not sure	5	4	5	3	4

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TABLE 7
SUPPORT FOR STRATEGIES TO REDUCE GROWTH OF HEALTH CARE COSTS

“Please indicate your level of support for each of the following strategies to reduce the growth of health care costs.”

Base: 222 respondents

		Total (n=222)	Academic/ Research Inst. (n=101)	Health Care Delivery (n=60)	Business/ Insurance/ Other Health Care Industry (n=63)	Government/ Labor/ Consumer Advocacy (n=26)
		%	%	%	%	%
Medicare should negotiate pharmaceutical prices	Strongly support/Support(Net)	72	77	78	63	73
	Strongly support	51	57	53	38	54
	Support	21	20	25	25	19
	Somewhat support	11	11	10	13	12
	Do not support	12	8	7	21	12
	Not sure	3	3	5	2	4
Reimbursement for durable medical equipment should be based on competitive bidding with Medicare paying a price based on the distribution of bids	Strongly support/Support(Net)	73	80	65	70	69
	Strongly support	41	40	38	35	38
	Support	32	40	27	35	31
	Somewhat support	11	8	13	16	15
	Do not support	2	3	7	—	—
	Not sure	12	9	13	13	15
Differential rates among payers should be narrowed over time, bringing up Medicaid and Medicare and lowering commercial payments	Strongly support/Support(Net)	57	54	55	54	57
	Strongly support	23	25	22	22	15
	Support	34	29	33	32	42
	Somewhat support	22	21	25	25	31
	Do not support	13	16	12	11	8
	Not sure	7	9	8	8	4
The Sustainable Growth Rate formula underlying Medicare physician payment should be replaced with a budget target for Medicare outlays per beneficiary across all Medicare services	Strongly support/Support(Net)	40	40	48	38	35
	Strongly support	11	14	8	8	4
	Support	29	26	40	30	31
	Somewhat support	17	18	17	21	19
	Do not support	15	14	20	17	19
	Not sure	26	28	15	22	27

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Medicare should achieve savings by adjusting payment updates in high-cost geographic areas	Strongly support/Support(Net)	45	50	36	46	39
	Strongly support	17	18	18	14	12
	Support	28	32	18	32	27
	Somewhat support	23	25	30	25	23
	Do not support	15	12	20	8	27
	Not sure	15	13	10	19	12
States should be encouraged to reinstitute all-payer systems of establishing hospital payment rates	Strongly support/Support(Net)	41	49	32	33	50
	Strongly support	16	25	10	11	15
	Support	25	24	22	22	35
	Somewhat support	15	12	20	21	19
	Do not support	20	19	22	22	8
	Not sure	22	20	25	21	23

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**TABLE 8
SUPPORT FOR MEDICARE HEALTH BOARD**

“Recently, there has been policy interest in creating a Medicare Health Board that would enable Medicare to innovate within broad guidelines. Congress would establish a Medicare Health Board, headed by full-time Board members with long terms (e.g., 9 years) to make Medicare payment and benefit decisions subject to Congressional guidelines. Congress would also delegate to the Medicare Health Board authority to set specific payment methods and rates and address other payment and coverage issues. Please indicate your level of support for such a process.”

Base: 222 respondents

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	%	%	%	%	%
Strongly support/Support(Net)	56	60	50	53	47
Strongly support	21	26	23	16	12
Support	35	34	27	37	35
Somewhat support	21	15	23	30	27
Do not support	9	8	10	10	8
Not sure	14	18	17	8	19

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TABLE 9
TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT

“How would you describe your current employment position?”

Base: 222 respondents

	%
Researcher/Professor/Teacher	31
CEO/President	26
Policy analyst	22
Physician	18
Management/Administration	14
Consultant	12
Health care purchaser	7
Foundation officer	6
Consumer advocate	5
Dean or department head	5
Retired	5
Policymaker or policy staff (federal)	4
Policymaker or policy staff (state)	3
Lobbyist	3
Other health care provider (not physician)	3
Regulator	1
Investment analyst	—
Other	6

Note: Percentages do not add up to 100 percent because of overlap in employment types.

TABLE 10
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

“Which of the following best describes the place or institution for which you work
or if retired last worked?”

Base: 222 respondents

	%
Academic and Research Institutions	45
Medical, public health, nursing, or other health professional school	21
Think tank/Health care institute/Policy research institution	15
University setting not in a medical, public health, nursing, or other health professional school	7
Foundation	5
Medical publisher	1
Other Industry/Business Settings	25
Health care consulting firm	10
Health care improvement organization	7
CEO, CFO, Benefits Manager	3
Accrediting body and organization (non-governmental)	1
Polling organization	1
Other	5
Professional, Trade, Consumer Organizations	20
Medical society or professional association or organization	9
Hospital or related professional association or organization	5
Labor/Consumer/Seniors’ advocacy group	3
Health insurance and business association or organization	2
Allied health society or professional association or organization	1
Pharmaceutical/Medical device trade association organization	1
Financial services industry	—
Health Care Delivery	18
Hospital	9
Health insurance/Managed care industry	6
Clinic	5
Physician practice/Other clinical practice (patient care)	4
Nursing home/Long-term care facility	1
Government	6
Non-elected state executive-branch official	3
Staff for a state elected official or state legislative committee	1
Staff for a federal elected official or federal legislative committee	1
Non-elected federal executive-branch official	1
Staff for non-elected federal executive-branch official	—
Staff for non-elected state executive-branch official	—
Pharmaceutical Industry	2
Drug manufacturer	2
Biotech company	1
Device company	—

Note: Percentages in respondent groups do not add up because of overlap in subgroups.