



## **Consumer-Purchaser Alliance Statement on Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015**

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Today, President Obama signed into law the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015, intended to replace the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate formula (SGR). This law represents an important step toward a value-oriented health care system. The new approach has the potential to improve the quality and affordability of health care for Medicare beneficiaries. In addition, it will strengthen the entire health care system if private health plans and large employers align their efforts with Medicare and continue to move toward value-based payment.

The success of this transformation will depend on a strong foundation of meaningful and actionable performance measures that truly distinguish between high and low performance. We need measures that can help achieve high quality care, greater efficiency, and better health outcomes. Consumers and purchasers – the true end users of health care – must have a voice in shaping and selecting the performance measures used in the alternative payment models and physician incentive program established by the new law. We encourage the Administration to actively seek consumer and purchaser input on the measures used in the new Merit-Based Incentive Payment system and in any qualifying alternative payment models.

*The Consumer-Purchaser Alliance is a collaboration of leading consumer, employer and labor groups working together to promote the use of performance measurement in health care to inform consumer choice, value-based purchasing, and payment. Our mission is to strengthen the voice of consumers and purchasers in the quest for higher quality, more affordable health care.*