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Statement from Donald H. Crane, President and CEO, America's Physician Groups

Brad Smith Selected as Director of CMMI

WASHINGTON, DC— [America's Physician Groups](#) released the following statement on the selection of Brad Smith as Director of the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Mr. Smith will also serve as Senior Advisor to Health and Human Services Department Secretary Alex Azar for Value-Based Transformation.

"America's Physician Groups and the over 300 medical groups and independent practice associations we represent applaud the selection of Brad Smith as CMMI Director. Brad understands the important role value-based care plays in helping to deliver the high quality, efficient, and coordinated care all Americans deserve.

"For too long, our health system has incentivized clinicians based on the volume of services provided while failing to consider cost or patient outcomes. That is why APG members are taking the lead in adopting alternative payment methodologies that put patient outcomes first and reimburse clinicians based on quality and efficiency rather than 'numbers served.'

"We also applaud CMMI for the introduction of the two voluntary Direct Contracting options last year. We will continue to provide extensive and ongoing support in the form of tools and education to assist providers who are looking to participate in these innovative risk-based payment models.

"Brad Smith is a true visionary who has demonstrated a commitment to improving the health of all Americans. We look forward to working with him to accelerate the volume-to-value movement."

About America's Physician Groups

[America's Physician Groups](#) is the nation's leading professional association for accountable physician groups, composed of over 300 medical groups and independent practice associations (IPAs). America's Physician Groups' members operate under a capitated, coordinated care model that is the essence of the nation's health reform movement from volume to value. Our [Annual Conference 2020](#) will be held May 28 - 30, 2020 in San Diego, CA. Learn more at www.apg.org.

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