ASA Update

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Background
Advocacy
Practice Models
Public Outreach
Q&A

2 + 2 = 5
Disruptive Public Policy
Mergers & Acquisitions
Employment Models
Mega Groups
Delivery Models
Inadequate Networks
Disruptive Technology
Payment Quality
APM
Population Health

**RELEVANCE**

**PAYMENT TRANSITION**

![Diagram of payment transition]

“It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory.”
-- W. Edwards Deming

I skate to where the puck is going to be, not where it has been.
- Wayne Gretzky
FEDERAL ADVOCACY

- VHA Nursing Handbook
- SGR Repeal/MACRA (QPP)

Patient Safety for Veterans

Designates all APRNs, including nurse anesthetists, as Licensed Independent Practitioners (LIP)
- Every facility
- Every state
Shulkin: 

"...we believe the current system is serving Veterans adequately and safely."
a result of disparate State practice regulations. As of March 7, 2016 CRNAs have full practice authority in 17 states, while CNPs have full practice authority in almost 50% of

The Washington Post
PowerPost

To cut wait times, VA wants nurses to act like doctors. Doctors say veterans will be harmed.

VA News Release

The purpose of this proposed regulation is to ensure VA has authority to address staffing shortages in the future,” said VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. Robert Wilkie. “Implementation of the Authority would be subject to VA’s policy, which is a critical factor in our ability to deliver timely care to our beneficiaries. The goal is to ensure that care is provided in a timely and efficient manner while maintaining the high-quality care that our veterans deserve.”

This is a good start for our 21st century veterans to participate in their own care decisions.
Next Major Step...

Published in Federal Register with public comment period.

- Over 90,000 comments were loaded into the FR via our platforms.
- 26,000 were from Veteran’s and Veteran’s families.
- Over 400 media placements occurred reaching an audience of over 330 million people.
- Over 130 members of Congress have weighed in, in support of Veterans.

Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA)

*To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, to reauthorize the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.*

ASA Action

Medicare Payment Reform Steering Committee
Chair, Alex Hannenberg, M.D.
- Randy Clark, M.D.
- Neal H. Cohen, M.D.
- Stanley W. Stead, M.D.
- Paul Pomerantz
- Manuel Bonilla
- Roseanne Fischoff
- Nora Matus
- Sharon Merrick
- Matt Popovich

AHC on Payment Reform
Steering Committee
Relevant ASA Committees
AAA Members:
- Genie Blough
- Steve Comess

McDermott+Consulting
Inflation-Adjusted 10-Year Change in Physician Payment Under MIPS

Inflation-Adjusted 10 Year Change in Physician Part B Payments Under APMs
The Only Way Physicians Can Maintain Current Income is Through Successful APM Performance

Source: Brandeis University

Track 1: MIPS Program and measures weighting

Implementation Details......
ASA Resources and Information
- Email: MACRA@asahq.org

Coordinated System of Perioperative Care

Purpose
Strategy
Tactics

SUCCESS
OUTCOME
Quality
Safety
Cost
SPECIALTY
APMs
The National Quality Strategy

The strategy is to concurrently pursue three aims:

- BETTER HEALTH
- BETTER CARE
- LOWER COSTS

NQS Priorities

1. SAFETY
2. PATIENT ENGAGEMENT
3. COMMUNICATION & COORDINATION
4. Prevention and treatment-CV disease
5. HEALTHY LIVING
6. AFFORDABLE
COLLABORATIVE

PSH Learning Collaborative 1.0 - Pilots Launched

- Collectively, members launched a total of 64 pilots
- Number of PSH cases completed by each pilot ranged from 14 to 2700
PSH Learning Collaborative 1.0 - Sample Outcomes

- Decreases in pharmacy costs
- Decreases in overall costs
- Reductions in average length of stay
- Decreases in number of patients discharged to a skilled nursing facility
- Decreases in readmission rates for total hips
- Decreases in readmission rates for total knees

Public Outreach

American Society of Anesthesiologists

Research Told Us…

- Majority of the public and many policymakers unaware that anesthesiologists are physicians
- Quality of care is the No. 1 concern of Americans and policymakers
- On issues of quality of care, physicians have almost unimpeachable levels of credibility
- People want a physician in case of an emergency
Be the Specialty’s Strongest Advocate

Make your voice heard
• Legislators
• Hospital administrators
• Surgeons and referring physicians
• Friends and family
• Patients

American Society of Anesthesiologists
Political Action Committee (ASAPAC)

Nation’s top physician PAC
Provides ASA members a powerful voice in the political process
Helped Elect Physician Lawmakers -
  ○ Rep. Andy Harris, M.D. (R-MD)
  ○ Rep. Larry Bucshon, M.D. (R-IN)
  ○ Rep. Ami Bera, M.D. (D-CA)
  ○ Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D. (D-CA)

National Patient Safety Initiative

Prescription Drug Abuse
Thank You!