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A National Strategy to Put Accountable Care into Practice

The article was based on implementation of issues connected with accountable care organizations (ACOs). The article gave a comprehensive definition of ACOs and main principles and also provided an update on implementation in line with other social reforms and dealt with evolving matters that will have an impact of the success of the organization through various payment models. Various exhibitions that clearly demonstrate various conceptual levels and prospective evolution of ACOs.

The article noted the flaws on the current systems and, therefore, proposed a national strategy for the purpose of identifying and expanding successful approaches to care implementation that is accountable. The impact of the accountable care reform legislation was also extensively discussed, pointing out the various ways that it would be demonstrated including pilots and payment models.

There was also the discussion of comprehensive performance measurement and clearly illustrated a set of quality measures that encompassed chief national priorities for performance improvement. Episode-based payment reforms were also stated to work more efficiently if they are combined with initiatives and

enticements that pay more. Implementation of the payment reforms were stated to yield to delivery of improvements and provision of funds that may assist ACOs. Steps that may be taken to deal with the barriers to efficient implementation of accountable care were clearly demonstrated. These steps were also aimed at developing better evidence on the manner in which care reforms may have a more effect on the improvement of care and the reduction of costs.

The article also referred to studies conducted on improved antitrust monitoring and evaluation. It was noted that lack of consistent and appropriate performance measures which were essential for the evaluation of ACOs would pose a problem. Reforms were noted to be the alternate method of handing the risk of consolidation. It was made evident that the evaluation of accountable care reforms may be a monitor to an antitrust policy. The article was, therefore, successful in discussing issues facing ACOs and the possible reforms that may help in dealing with such issues.