



Institute for ACCOUNTABLE CARE

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NEW RESEARCH INSTITUTE WILL BUILD AND IMPLEMENT EVIDENCE BASE ON ACCOUNTABLE CARE

Clif Gaus, ScD, President and CEO of the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS), announced the Board of Directors of the newly launched Institute for Accountable Care, a 501(c)(3) organization with the mission to build the evidence base on accountable care and to evaluate the impact of accountable care models on health care delivery systems. “Accountable care” — where physicians, hospitals, and patients work together to enhance quality of care, reduce costs, and improve population health — is a key strategy in the shift to value-based care.

“To make the kind of informed improvements needed in health care, we must invest in research that advances our knowledge about how to implement accountable care as effectively as possible,” says Institute board member, Mark McClellan, MD, PhD, Director of the Duke-Robert J. Margolis, MD Center for Health Policy at Duke University. “The creation of the Institute for Accountable Care capitalizes on the growing opportunities to expand the evidence-based science on effective accountable care strategies.”

“The Institute will not only build the evidence base but also ensure that effective approaches and best practices get into the hands of providers so they can deliver better care to patients,” says Don Berwick, MD, Institute board member and President Emeritus and Senior Fellow, Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

The Institute for Accountable Care, headquartered in Washington, D.C., will undertake an ambitious research agenda to produce studies and reports that will be available to providers, as well as to researchers, and policy makers. Working with major academic and philanthropic institutions, the Institute’s research portfolio has four areas of focus.

- To help health care organizations develop successful strategies for improving care and controlling cost growth.
- To improve data available to researchers for the analysis of accountable care strategies and performance.
- To promote collaboration among frontline providers and their organizations to achieve improved population health.
- To test innovative approaches that health care organizations can use to further improve health care while also controlling cost growth.

More information on the Institute and its research agenda will be presented at the NAACOS Fall 2017 Conference on October 5-6 at the Capital Hilton, Washington, D.C. Details on the Institute are also available at www.instituteforaccountablecare.org.

The inaugural board of the Institute for Accountable Care includes:

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