

**Media Statement**

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**STATEMENT ON APPOINTMENT OF DONALD BERWICK, M.D., AS  
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

**Donald Crane  
President and CEO  
California Association of Physician Groups**

The California Association of Physician Groups (CAPG) and the 150 Accountable Care Organizations we represent applaud President Obama's appointment of Donald Berwick, M.D., as administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Dr. Berwick is a true leader in health care quality improvement and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to CMS.

Dr. Berwick has dedicated his career to the field of health care innovation and has been a longtime advocate of the coordinated care model which is the primary health care delivery system used by California's physician groups for the past 20 years. Through his work at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), Dr. Berwick has led a movement to engage health care providers in the continuous quest to improve the quality, safety, and affordability of health care. The tools and advice made available through the IHI under his leadership have been used by health providers around the world, and as a result, has benefitted the lives of thousands of patients.

As the sweeping changes made by health care reform are put in place we are confident that Dr. Berwick is the best person to serve in this key position. We look forward to working with Dr. Berwick and the Administration to continue finding new ways physician groups can improve care for patients, save taxpayer dollars and transform our health care delivery system.

**About CAPG**

The California Association of Physician Groups (CAPG) represents groups that employ or contract with nearly 60,000 California doctors and provide care to 15 million Californians. CAPG is committed to improving health care for Californians and supports a progressive and organized system of health care delivery which focuses on coordinated treatment plans and comprehensive coverage, including the most current preventive services and exams. This allows physicians to focus on illness prevention and proactive management of patients in order to maintain their optimum level of health. [www.capg.org](http://www.capg.org).

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