

Value-Based Payment NEWS

Surveys, Reports Outline Present, Future of Value-Based Payment

There's no shortage of opinions about the state of value-based payment, and there's no shortage of research to back them up. Here's a survey of recent developments.

➤ CAQH CORE Research Calls for Industry Collaboration

New research from CAQH CORE analyzes operational challenges that may slow implementation of value-based payment or increase its costs, and finds that "industry collaboration is needed to minimize variations." The research "identified five operational opportunity areas that, if improved, would smooth implementation," according to a statement. The report, *All Together Now: Applying the Lessons of Fee-for-Service to Streamline Adoption of Value-Based Payments*, is based on "an intensive study by CAQH CORE examining value-based payment operational processes," it adds. For each of the five opportunity areas, the report describes "the unique challenges associated with value-based payment" and makes multiple recommendations; it also suggests organizations that may be best suited to drive the strategies.

- **Data quality and uniformity.** "Non-standardized data, irregular data and inconsistent use of terminology can cause data to be misinterpreted or not useful," the report states.
- **Interoperability.** Non-interoperable systems and processes "prevent stakeholders from sharing information and common expectations," it adds.
- **Patient risk stratification.** Measuring risk is an essential part of value-based care; however, the report comments, "the multitude of risk stratification methodologies erodes trust and is a source of confusion."
- **Provider attribution.** In value-based payment models, healthcare providers take responsibility for the care of specific patients, "yet there is no standard attribution methodology."
- **Quality measurements.** Responding to the growing number of clinical quality measurement programs, the report adds, "has become an operational burden for providers."

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Numerof Survey: Population Health Leaders Leave Laggards Even Farther Behind

A growing number of healthcare organizations "are failing to keep pace with their population health objectives," according to the third annual *State of Population Health* survey by Numerof & Associates -- and they're "falling even farther behind the leaders in this space."

Larger hospitals and systems are more likely to be engaged in risk-based agreements



- In rounds one and two, the healthcare strategy consultancy reports, "respondents predicted a dramatic increase in one measure of progress: the percentage of annual revenue that would be at risk in the next two years."
- However, "those projections have not been realized," as 54% still report less than 10% of their revenue comes through risk-based agreements.

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