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Re: ASCO Patient-Centered Oncology Payment Model

Dear Dr. Bailet and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), we're pleased to submit for your consideration, the Patient-Centered Oncology Payment Model (PCOP). Since its original publication in 2015, ASCO has incorporated the 10 criteria for Physician-Focused Payment Models to improve and complete a major update to the PCOP model. We believe that the Committee will find PCOP well-aligned to the goals set forth by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015.

ASCO seeks to work with providers; federal, state and private payers; employers; regional health networks; patient advisors and others to build multi-stakeholder communities that would implement all or specific elements of the model. The support of the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee and participation by the Medicare and Medicaid programs would advance this model in its intent to establish communities of providers and payers working together to improve cancer care delivery.

Thank you for your service on this committee and for your consideration of the Patient-Centered Oncology Payment Model. As PCOP proceeds through your committee's process of review, ASCO will make available its volunteers and staff to give further context and answers to any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

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