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Title: Rural Physicians and ACOs
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Referred to: Reference Committee A
House Action: No Action.

Whereas, Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) have been touted as a solution for stemming the unprecedented explosion of healthcare costs, and

Whereas, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has already announced and started funding various ACO projects throughout the country, and

Whereas, 11% of physicians practice in areas classified by the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as non-metropolitan, taking care of over 51 million Americans¹, and

Whereas, these physicians with sparse resources do not have a mechanism to become involved in costly and time consuming endeavors such as ACOs; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That our AMA work with CMS to include rural physicians, caring for over 51 million Americans, in programs such as Accountable Care Organizations; and be it further

RESOLVED: That our AMA make sure that there are adequate provisions in Accountable Care Organization programs and arrangements to protect the interests of rural physicians.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE

¹ Facts about rural physicians. Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. Accessed on March 7, 2012 at http://www.shepscenter.unc.edu/rural/pubs/finding_brief/phy.html