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Statements from the CMS Administrator and PTAC Chairman regarding their June 14 meeting:

“CMS and the PTAC had a positive and productive conversation about creating a stronger collaboration on model concepts and priorities. CMS values the input of providers on the frontlines of healthcare, and we work with a wide range of stakeholders in model development – their engagement is critical to ensuring that our models will be successful. CMS is excited by the PTAC’s work and we plan to continue to work together with them and the model stakeholders to evaluate potential. PTAC’s recommendations are currently supporting the agency’s continued efforts in areas such as chronic kidney disease, primary care redesign, and serious illness. PTAC’s guidance is valuable to the agency and we plan to continue to build our partnership together.”

- Seema Verma, Administrator of CMS

“The members of the PTAC believe that the physician-focused payment models that we have recommended for testing or implementation have great potential for reducing Medicare spending while improving quality of care for beneficiaries. In addition, these models would provide physicians the opportunity to participate in value based payment arrangements. We are pleased that CMS is desirous of further and close collaboration and we will provide whatever assistance we can, wherever and however, to further the evaluation and implementation of these and other models.”

- Dr. Jeffrey Bailet, Chairman of PTAC