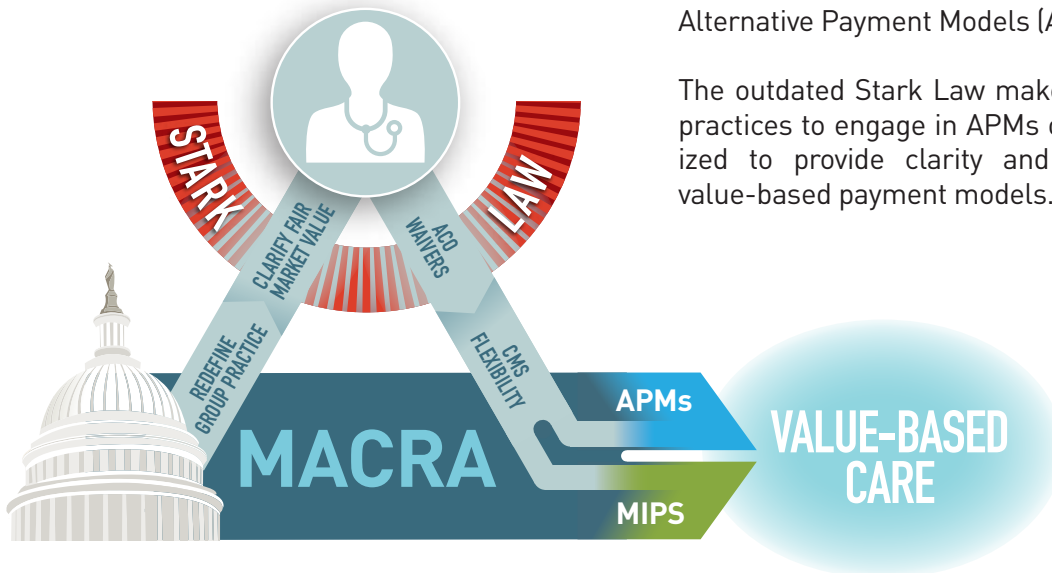


Modernize the Stark Law

A BARRIER TO VALUE-BASED CARE

As our healthcare system shifts from a fee-for-service model to value-based care, two payment structures incentivized by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) are the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Alternative Payment Models (APMs).

The outdated Stark Law makes it difficult for independent GI practices to engage in APMs or MIPS and should be modernized to provide clarity and flexibility for participation in value-based payment models.



MIPS:

Bases a portion of physician payments on quality, resource use, meaningful use of electronic health records, and clinical practice improvements.

APMs:

Require a physician to take on risk and bases compensation on quality. Providers will receive a Medicare payment bonus if a majority of Medicare or all-payer reimbursement comes from APMs.

WHAT CAN CONGRESS DO?

1 Modify Stark Law "Group Practice" definition to enable proper physician compensation on the basis of quality and cost savings.



2 Clarify that incentives for improved quality or reduced costs are indeed "fair market value."



3 Extend protections for ACOs to independent practices in value-based arrangements.



4 Provide CMS more flexibility to create Stark Law exceptions.



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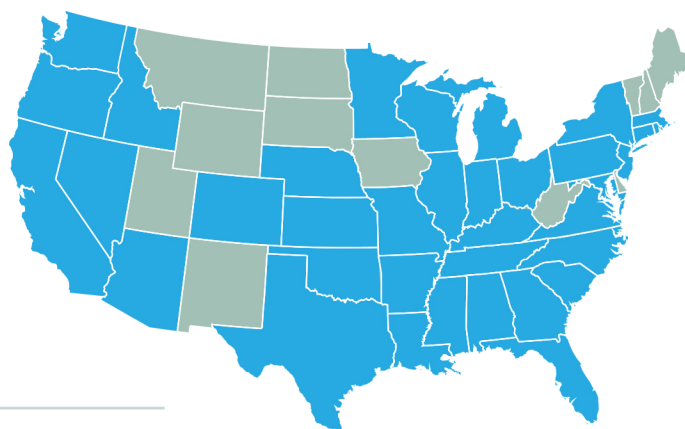
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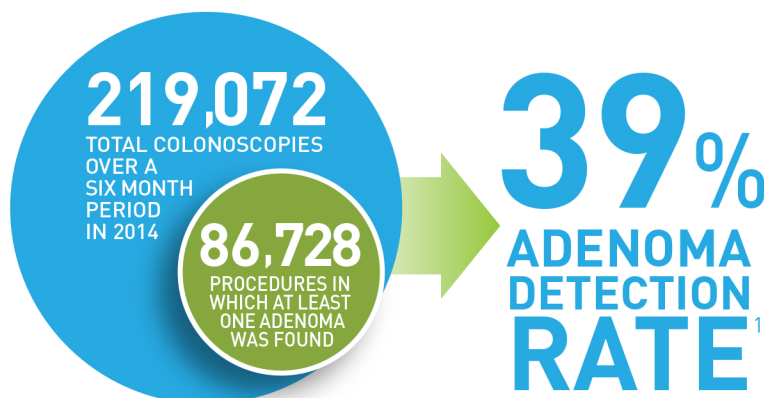
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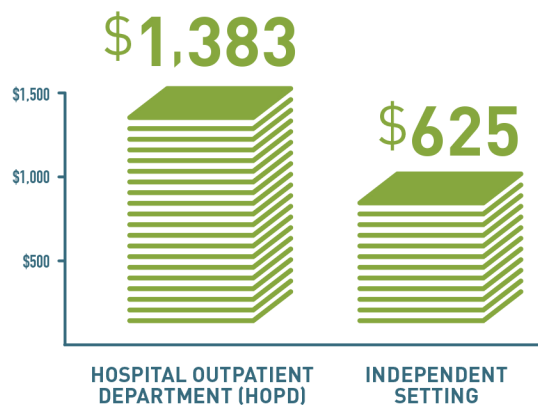
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