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Alliance to Fight for Health Care applauds regulatory and legislative activity to make health care more affordable

The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** supports policies designed to lower health care costs, including a recent final rule that **protects patients from paying hospital prices for doctors' office visits and a bipartisan bill that will make health care more affordable for working families.**

The **Alliance** is dedicated to pursuing policies that increase competition and transparency to bring meaningful change — and cost savings — to our health care system and patients everywhere. This is why we applaud recent regulatory and legislative activity that will lower health care costs for patients.

In the Calendar Year 2026 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System [final rule](#), the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized a policy to **expand site-neutral payments** to include drug administration services furnished in excepted off-campus hospital outpatient departments. The **Alliance** submitted [comments](#) earlier this year urging CMS to finalize this provision in the 2026 Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) [proposed rule](#) and we applaud inclusion in the final rule.

The Alliance has been a long-standing supporter of lowering the cost of health care services through site-neutral payment reform. Current Medicare and private health insurance payment policies reimburse more for certain services provided in off-campus HOPDs. According to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC), this disparity is incentivizing health care consolidation and higher health care costs. It also makes it harder for smaller, independent physician practices to compete.

This policy serves as an important step toward protecting patients from paying hospital-level prices for outpatient care provided outside of the hospital and for removing financial incentives driving consolidation among health care providers and we urge CMS to finalize its policy proposal. Work remains and the Alliance will continue engaging in 2026 to advance site-neutral payment reform.

The Alliance also supports the bipartisan reintroduction of the [Healthy Competition for Better Care Act](#), which will help reduce health care costs for patients. Prohibiting anti-competitive contracting will improve access to higher quality, lower cost care and is an important step in improving the health care system for all Americans. **The Alliance urges Congress to pass the bipartisan Healthy Competition for Better Care Act** to address anti-competitive practices that are increasing the cost of health care.

The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** is a broad-based coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage. Together, we are working to ensure that employer-provided coverage remains an available and affordable option for working Americans and their families.