

Are Alternative Payment Models Working?

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Main Point

Need *critical thinking* to discern
soundness of proposed solutions

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Original Scholarship

Transformation of the Health Care Industry: Curb Your Enthusiasm?

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Policy Points:

- Policymakers seek to transform the US health care system along two dimensions simultaneously: alternative payment models and new models of provider organization.
- This transformation is supposed to transfer risk to providers and make them more accountable for health care costs and quality.
- The transformation in payment and provider organization is neither happening quickly nor shifting risk to providers. The impact on health care cost and quality is also weak or nonexistent.
- In the longer run, decision makers should be prepared to accept the limits on transformation and carefully consider whether to advocate solutions not yet supported by evidence.

