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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Accountable Care Organization

Comment: To reduce long term healthcare costs, there needs to be more emphasis on long term prevention. We need to provide more tools to allow healthy patients remain healthy and not slip into a high-risk category. For example, access to a registered dietician before you have a condition that then allows you to see one because health insurance will then cover it. More accessibility for prevention for children and families so that we can provide the tools and education to keep healthy kids healthy would be huge. Also, the hospital providing events that foster community and health, not just a place that you visit when you are sick. Healthcare costs will continue to rise, and hospitals will continue to be full until our population has the tools that they need to avoid preventable disease. Rather than siloed approaches, we should be working with schools and communities to wrap around families. Prevention is often an afterthought, minimally funded, or provided to those who have already acquired a preventable health condition.

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