

# DMHC and Regulatory Oversight of the Accountable Care Model



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# ACO Payment Methodologies

- PPACA Section 3022. “Medicare Shared Savings Program”
  - Part A and B fee-for-service payments to providers continue in same manner
  - If ACO meet quality performance standards, they become eligible to receive payments for shared savings



# ACO Payment Methodologies

- PPACA Section 10307. “Improvements to the Medicare Shared Savings Program”
  - Partial Capitation Model
    - Limited to ACO capable of bearing risk and highly integrated systems of care
    - Financial risk for some, but not all, of part A and B services
    - Cannot result in increased spending for assigned beneficiaries
  - Other Payment Models
    - “Any payment model the Secretary determines will improve the quality and efficiency of services”
    - Cannot result in increased spending for assigned beneficiaries
  - Secretary may give preference to ACOs participating in similar arrangements with other payers



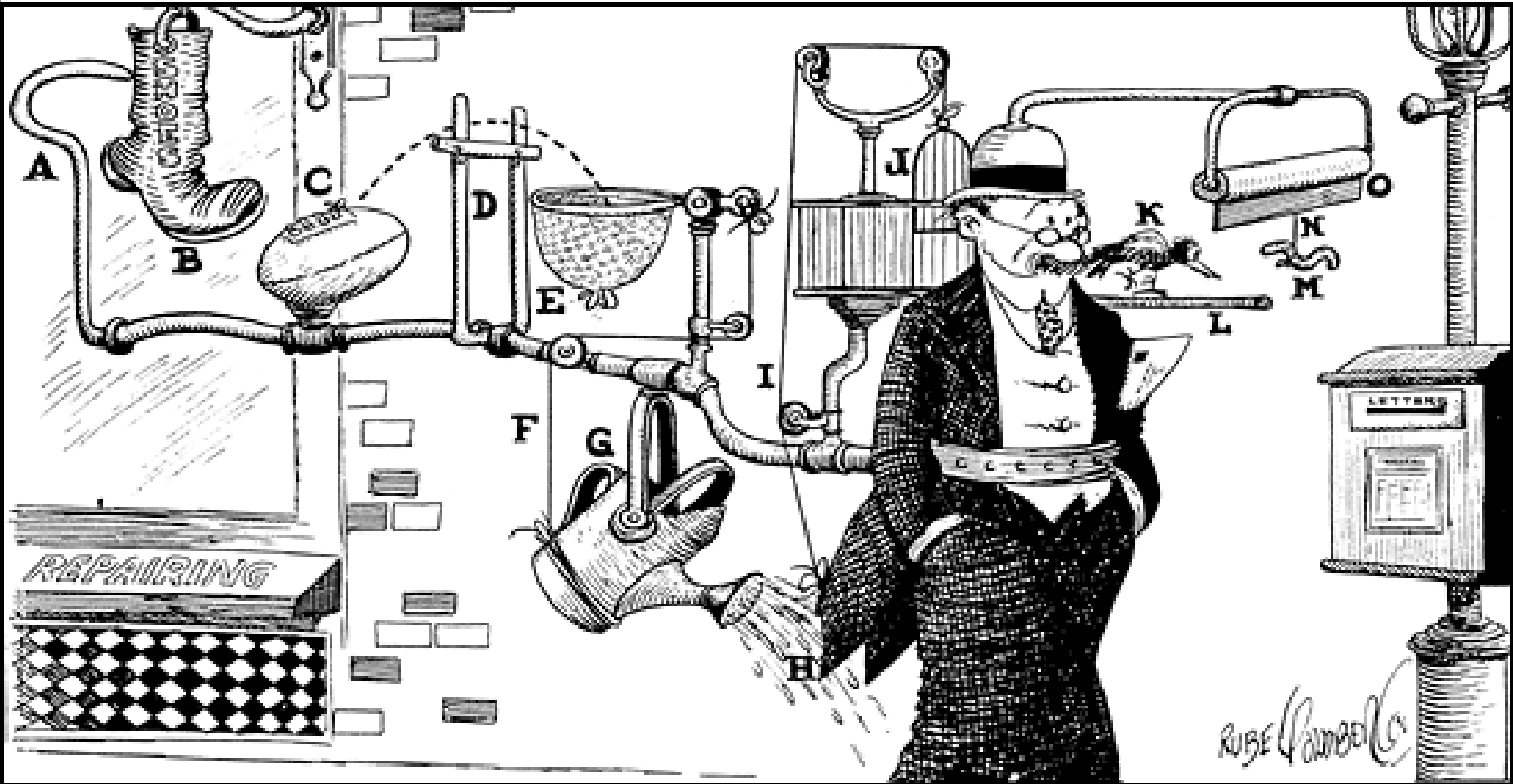


# “The Innovation Center” (CMI)

- PPACA Section 3021. Establishment of Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation within CMS
  - Purpose: **to test innovative payment and delivery models** to reduce program expenditures while preserving or enhancing the quality of care
  - The Secretary shall select models to be tested, which may include the following:
    - (ii of xx) Contracting directly with groups of providers of services and suppliers to promote innovative care delivery models, such as through **risk-based comprehensive payment** or salary-based payment



# There is No ACO Instruction Manual



# Accountable Care Critical Success Factors

## *Achieving the “Triple Aim”*

- Vision and values
  - Why are you doing this?
- Ability to hit quality performance metrics AND reduce costs
  - Engaged physician leadership
  - Appropriate physician incentives
  - Robust investment in IT systems
  - Care coordination expertise
- Collaborative doctor, hospital, and payer relationships
- Strong financial performance and financial reserves
  - Ability to successfully bear risk and generate bonuses
  - Ability to comply with regulatory requirements
- Willingness to be transparent with quality and cost data



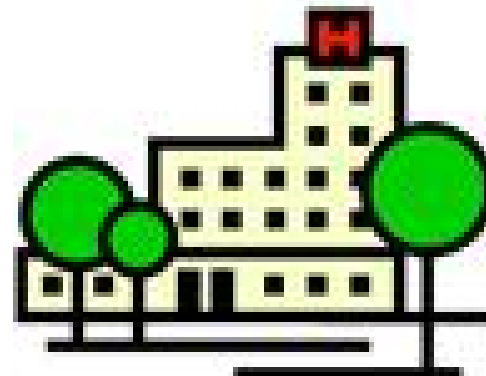
# California Coordinated Care Model

- “...*the most efficient and cost-effective way to deliver health care to the greatest number of Californians.*” -Governor Schwarzenegger
- 25 year history of physician-led coordinated care
- CAPG: 155 experienced IPAs and Medical Groups
- Areas of demonstrated expertise:
  - Accepting and managing financial risk
  - Organizing physician networks
  - Physician incentive payment methodology
  - Investments in HIT: registries, connectivity, EMR
  - Integrated delivery systems with hospital partners
  - Clinical care management programs
  - Cost effective high quality patient centric care



# What About the Rest of the Country?

- Generally speaking, physicians are not well organized to deliver integrated, coordinated, accountable care
- As a result, marketplace dynamics are driven by health plans and hospitals, whichever possess the greatest leverage
- Not ideal, if the objective is achievement of the “Triple Aim”





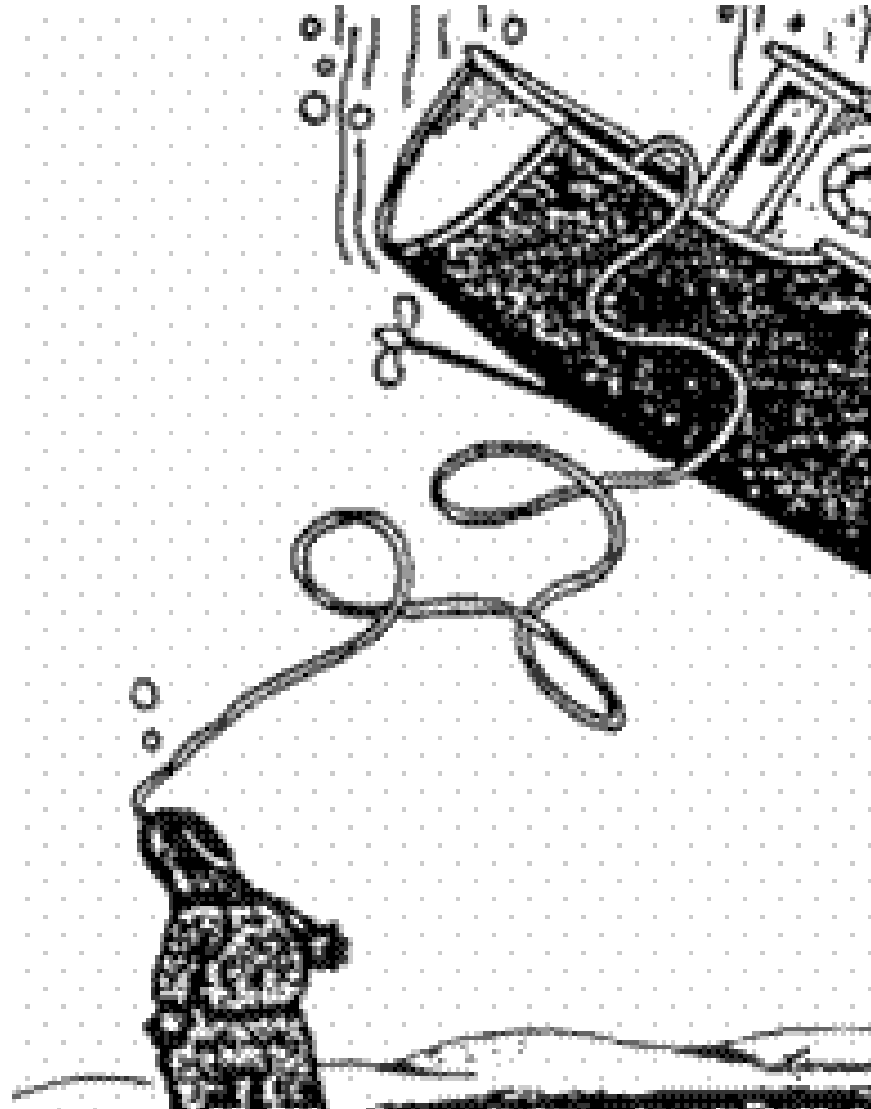
# Creating an ACO – a Lot of Hard Work

## Monarch/HCP/Anthem Workgroups

- **Steering Committee**
  - Bi-weekly conference calls
  - Includes Dartmouth-Brookings and DMHC representatives
- **Sub-committee Workgroups**
  - Member Attribution
  - Contract Framework and Structure
  - Information Technology and Operations
  - Performance Metrics
  - Product Development
  - Communications
  - Medical Operations



# Regulatory Protections Will Be Required



# Who Will Regulate ACO?



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Feds

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States



# ACO Model: Risks Defined

- Failure to launch
- Failure to achieve Triple Aim objectives
- Insolvency of ACO
- The greatest risk of all (in my view):

ACO momentum high-jacked by “ACO imposters” attempting to maintain the status quo

**“CMS will support ACO learning networks. Authenticity matters, those who seek to protect the status quo won't be tolerated.”**

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CMS Administrator  
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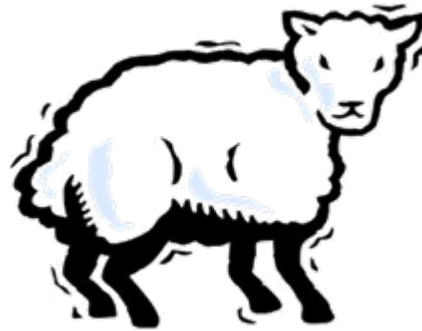




# DMHC's Role: Protect Against Risks



**“Imposter ACO”**



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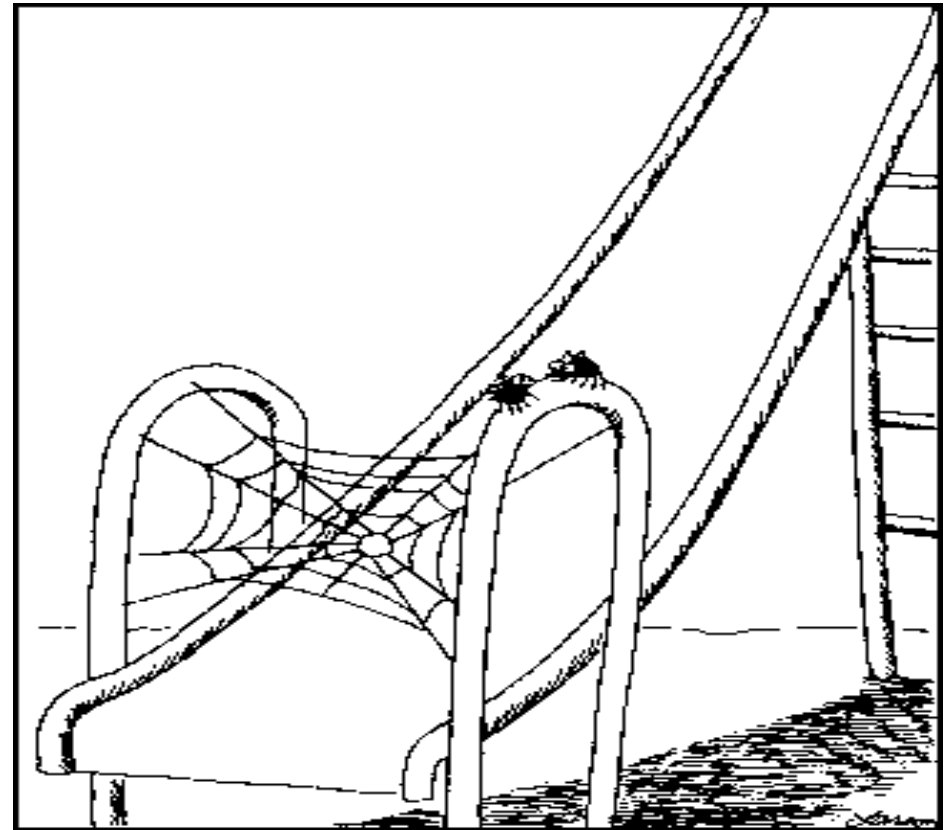


# Waiver Requirement Recommendations:

- Capital reserve and transparency requirements – Consistent with KKA Licensure
- Demonstrated ability to successfully bear risk (“delivery system capitation”) for at least three years
- Demonstrated willingness to submit financial data to DMHC (i.e. SB 260 regulations) for at least three years
- Demonstrated ability to successfully achieve and report quality metrics (i.e. CAPG Standards of Excellence and IHA P4P) for at least three years
- Willingness to transparently report total cost of care information, including year over year trend



# The Most Important Thing: Why They Doing Are This



"If we pull this off, we'll eat like kings."

Unfortunately, you can't regulate integrity.



# Questions and Discussion

