

THE ACHP DIFFERENCE

MAKING HEALTH CARE BETTER



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The Alliance of Community Health Plans (ACHP) represents the nation's top-performing nonprofit health companies, which serve tens of millions of Americans in nearly 40 states and D.C. across all lines of business. ACHP member companies collaborate with providers on high-quality coverage and care — leading the industry in reforms that prioritize quality care and outcomes for patients.

A UNIQUE APPROACH

ACHP is the only national organization advancing a unique payer-provider aligned model of health care that fosters true competition, delivering high-quality coverage and care. The ACHP approach means that health plans and provider networks work hand-in-hand, and in collaboration with the community, partnering on behalf of patients. This approach has proven results – ACHP plans outperform the largest insurers in 74% of Star measures for Medicare Advantage (MA) plans, indicating that consumers report better outcomes and experiences in ACHP plans. The sustainability of regional health plans is of paramount importance to an innovative and competitive insurance industry, ensuring consumers have robust choices for their health coverage.

COMMUNITY-FOCUSED CARE AND AFFORDABILITY

As nonprofit organizations, ACHP members prioritize patients and communities over corporate shareholders. With an average presence of over forty years in their communities, ACHP member companies understand local needs, leading to better solutions and improved health outcomes—especially compared to larger, for-profit insurers.

This community-first approach is central to ACHP's commitment to improving health care affordability. [ACHP's 2024 Affordability Report](#) shows that member companies are:

- ▶ Leading the industry by spending significantly more on care delivery than administrative costs
- ▶ Managing cost trends without passing increased costs onto consumers
- ▶ Embracing value-based care to promote better health outcomes at lower costs




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CHALLENGING THE STATUS QUO TO BOOST THE MA PROGRAM

With more than half of all seniors now enrolled in a MA plan, the program must evolve to continue meeting seniors' needs. ACHP is the first and only payer organization willing to step beyond the status quo with a vision for the future of the program. [MA for Tomorrow](#), unveiled in 2023, is a set of commonsense policy recommendations to improve and strengthen the program by: raising the bar on quality, advancing risk adjustment, improving consumer navigation, modernizing network composition and transforming benchmarks.

LEADING THE SHIFT TO VALUE



ACHP members lead in value-based payment models, emphasizing trust, transparency and transformation to align incentives, enhance care delivery and improve community health. On average, ACHP member companies have a higher percentage of high-risk sharing agreements with their provider aligned and integrated partners compared to the industry. These arrangements include upside/downside risk with shared savings and condition-specific or comprehensive population-based payment models.

LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS

ACHP is the only national payer group to support comprehensive reforms to make prescription drugs more affordable for working families. ACHP leads the way in promoting a transparent fee-based pharmacy benefit manager [model](#), patent reform [to increase generics competition](#) and the creation of a [national risk-pool for high-cost cell and gene therapies](#).

PROMOTING COMMUNITY HEALTH

ACHP and its provider-aligned members are committed to promoting community health by tackling chronic disease—one of the biggest drivers of health care costs and poor health outcomes in the U.S. Through the Chronic Disease Pledge, ACHP members are taking action to track and improve key health outcomes including diabetes, childhood obesity and hypertension, using localized, data-driven solutions. Research is at the heart of this effort, and with a \$1.5 million grant to expand access to continuous glucose monitors (CGMs), ACHP is driving the future of patient-centered care. CGMs are game-changing diabetes technology that offer individuals unprecedented transparency and control in managing diabetes. ACHP's dedication to practical and innovative solutions ensures better health outcomes, improved value for individuals, employers, and taxpayers, and stronger, healthier communities across the country.