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Article: “Are Higher Value Care Models Replicable?”

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This is an interesting piece that points to potentially reliable ways to improve quality of care for patients with chronic conditions. Though the Boeing study engages with physicians, it's important to recognize the role that healthcare providers, who are not doctors of medicine (MDs) or osteopathy (DOs), have in delivering this kind of care. These providers deliver quality care, can often serve as primary care providers, and often deliver care more cost-effectively.

The Coalition for Patients' Rights™ (CPR) represents over three million licensed providers that are committed to ensuring comprehensive healthcare choices for all patients. These providers are well-prepared to offer a broad spectrum of healthcare services, and include optometrists, psychologists, and clinical nurse specialists, among others. They have long been recognized as qualified and essential contributors to our nation's healthcare system.

Unfortunately, there are currently divisive efforts by the American Medical Association (AMA) and others to limit the scope of practice of healthcare professionals who are not MDs or DOs. We hope that all stakeholders interested in improving quality will recognize the important role that all healthcare providers have, and will promote collaborative partnerships in achieving those goals.

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