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**NCQA Provider Programs Built in to
New Medicare Reimbursement Framework**

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The National Committee for Quality Assurance’s (NCQA) Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) and Patient-Centered Specialty Practice (PCSP) Recognition programs are included in the latest version of the [advanced legislative framework](#) released by the Energy and Commerce Committee to reform the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate.

PCMH and PCSP are evaluation programs designed to improve the quality and value of care by improving access and care coordination.

“NCQA is pleased that Congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle have included our programs in their framework. These programs are great for the patient, and it is gratifying to see them incorporated into Medicare as part of an initiative to help the health care system deliver better value,” explained NCQA President Margaret E. O’Kane.

The [advanced legislative framework](#) would permanently repeal and replace the sustainable growth rate formula, which determines Medicare physician reimbursement rates.

ABOUT NCQA

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA’s Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS[®]) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA is committed to providing health care quality information for consumers, purchasers, health care providers and researchers.

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