

## Joint House-Senate Working Agreement With the AMA

- In 2006, physician groups will work with CMS to reach agreement on a starter set of evidence-based quality measures for a broad group of specialties for review by a consensus-building process.
- By the end of 2006, physician groups will have developed a total of approximately 140 physician performance measures covering 34 clinical areas.
- In 2006, physician groups will work with CMS to develop the most accurate and efficient method for physicians to report quality data to CMS.
- During 2006, physician groups will develop with CMS, the House Committee on Ways & Means, the House Committee on Energy & Commerce and the Senate Committee on Finance to implement additional reforms to address payment and quality objectives.
- In 2007, physicians would report voluntarily to CMS on at least 3 to 5 quality measures per physician. Physicians that report measures should receive an additional quality update to offset administrative costs.
- By the end of 2007, physician groups will have developed performance measures to cover a majority of Medicare spending for physician services.

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