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On behalf of Alexander Zureikat President of - Greater Chicago Medical Associates, an IPA serving the Medicare and Public Aid market in Chicago, as well as Ravenswood Physician Associates, Inc., an IPA serving both Commercial, Medicare, and Public Aid market in Chicago, I am submitting response to the questions regarding Coordinated Care Programs. These two entities encompass a network of Primary Care, Specialists, Ancillary Providers, and Hospitals to coordinate care across the spectrum.

GCMA and RPA are currently participating in coordination of care as IPA's contracted with insurance companies, as well as physicians and hospitals to create a network for the coordination of care. We are currently risk bearing entities, as well as having ongoing discussion regarding clinical integration, and moving towards Accountable Care Organizations.

A model we are actively researching is participation in clinical integration. This participation could be with multiple risk bearing organizations, as well as our hospital network. Since the definitions of Accountable Care are not defined, we are collaborating on clinical integration with multiple organizations, with the long term vision of Accountable Care, for the coordination of care for our patients.

Our organization is actively researching and collaborating on development of an Accountable Care organization for the federal program, and continue to monitor the make-up of that market, relative to the Chicago area.

Our organizations currently participate in Medicaid programs, and we feel confident that we are prepared to participate in the states programs come 2013.

The ability of our organization to grow with this business would be limited to the speed and scale of the initial program. We do have the ability to scale our operations to accommodate the changes in the business.

Our organizations are prepared to participate in Clinical Integration and Accountable Care Organizations however the market shapes up.

Should you have any questions or needs from our organizations, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

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