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## **SAVE THE DATE: U.S. Healthcare Experts to Convene at National Conference in California to Deliberate Implementation of Accountable Care Organizations**

Los Angeles, Calif. – Leading healthcare experts from across the country will meet in Los Angeles, October 25 - 27, 2010, during the National Accountable Care Organization Congress to discuss implementation of accountable care organizations (ACOs) which have become the centerpiece of federal health reform. The California Association of Physician Groups (CAPG) and the Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA) are co-producing the conference to provide an unprecedented opportunity to examine accountable care models used here in California in order to implement ACOs throughout the nation.

**What:** The National Accountable Care Organization Congress will take place as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) takes steps to advance Medicare's creation of ACOs and as many states and private payers work to implement them. Dozens of leading policymakers, experts, and California-based physician groups involved in ACO pilot projects will provide insights for moving forward at this critical point in health care reform.

**Who:**

- **Elliott S. Fisher, MD, MPH**, Director, Population Health and Policy, Director, Center for Population Health at the Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy
- **Mark McClellan, MD, PhD**, Director, Engelberg Center for Health Care Reform, Brookings Institution, Former CMS Administrator and FDA Commissioner
- **Peter V. Lee, Esq.**, Director of Delivery System Reform, Office of Health Reform, US Department of Health & Human Services, Former President and Chief Executive Officer, Pacific Business Group on Health
- **Stephen M. Shortell, PhD, MBA, MPH**, Blue Cross of California Distinguished Professor of Health Policy, Dean, UC Berkeley School of Public Health
- **John (Jack) H. Cochran, MD, FACS**, Executive Director, The Permanente Federation

**When: October 25 – 27, 2010** Full conference agenda and registration are available at: [www.ACOCongress.com](http://www.ACOCongress.com)

**Where:** Century Plaza Hyatt Regency, 2025 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, CA  
The event will also be available by webcast. Check [www.ACOCongress.com](http://www.ACOCongress.com)

**About CAPG:** The California Association of Physician Groups (CAPG) is a professional organization of more than 150 of California's leading physician groups. These groups employ and/or contract with physicians who provide health care services to approximately 15 million Californians. More than 50 percent of California's health care is delivered by physicians employed by or contracted with CAPG members. [www.capg.org](http://www.capg.org).

**About IHA:** IHA is a multi-stakeholder leadership group that promotes quality improvement, accountability and affordability of healthcare in California. IHA is a nonprofit association working to actively convene all healthcare parties for cross sector collaboration on health care topics. [www.ih.org](http://www.ih.org).

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