ACG's Principles of Medicare Reimbursement Reform

1. Medicare physician reimbursement impacts patient care and access to health care services.

2. The lack of Medicare physician reimbursement reform contributes to physician practice consolidation, provider burnout, slows down healthcare innovation and new technologies in patient care.

3. Medicare physician reimbursement must keep up with inflation and the cost of providing healthcare services, just like healthcare facilities and hospitals.

4. The "budget neutrality" provision in Medicare reimbursement statute is unfair, unwarranted, and is a leading cause of annual Medicare reimbursement temporary fixes and legislative emergencies.

5. Any quality reporting program tied to Medicare reimbursement must be carefully implemented, including an accurate assessment of the time, practice burdens, and costs associated with these quality reporting programs.