

Accountable Health Models

Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs)

A group of doctors, hospitals, and other providers that voluntarily coordinate care for their patient population. They're rewarded for keeping patients healthier and avoiding unnecessary costs.

Their payment models often include shared savings: if care costs less than expected and quality targets are met, the ACO would then keep a portion of those savings

Accountable Communities for Health (ACHs)

A broader, community-driven model involving an alliance of diverse stakeholders (hospitals, public health departments, schools, employers, policymakers, CMOs, and residents) to design and implement community-wide strategies that improve health outcomes.

ACHs use regional Wellness Funds that pool together resources to invest in prevention and local priorities.

Accountable Health Communities (AHCs)

A federal demonstration model by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services focused on addressing the gap between clinical care and social services among Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries.

Uses bridge organizations to screen patients for social needs (housing, food, transportation) and connect them to community-based organizations (CMO).



These are proven models working across the United States. They demonstrate that smarter investments in prevention and access can reduce costs while improving outcomes.