

**Statement For the Record of the Hearing of the
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Subcommittee on Health
On
“Medicare Physician Payment:
How to Build a More Efficient Payment System.”
Testimony of the American College of Physicians
In Collaboration with
the American Academy of Family Physicians
And
American Osteopathic Association
On
The Impact of Medicare Payment Cuts on Access to Primary Care**

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Introduction

My name is Vineet Arora, MD, chair of the Council of Associates of the American College of Physicians and a member of the College’s Board of Regents. I am an Instructor of Medicine in the Section of General Internal Medicine at the University of Chicago where I did my internal medicine residency. As an attending physician on staff, I, along with the residents and medical students I supervise, currently see a large number of Medicare patients. We deliver primary care to the residents on the South Side of Chicago; 85% of these patients are African American and the majority is over age 65 and covered by Medicare. I also serve as the Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program and the Assistant Dean for the Pritzker School of Medicine. In this role, I advise students and residents regarding their future careers.

