

NRHI CEO Elizabeth Mitchell Named to 11 Member Federal Advisory Committee on Physician Payment Models

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Portland, Maine – Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI) President and CEO, **Elizabeth Mitchell** will serve a three-year term on the new Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee created under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA).

In a [statement released today](#), Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States and head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), announced appointments to the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee. The committee was established as part of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA), and will provide comments and recommendations to Federal Health and Human Services Department on physician payment models.

Mitchell leads NRHI, a membership organization representing almost 40 [Regional Health Improvement Collaboratives](#) working in communities across the country to improve health care quality and reduce costs.

“I’m honored to serve on this committee with such a distinguished group.” said Mitchell. “We all know the current medical payment system creates barriers to implementing health care delivery improvement strategies. Payment reforms must be an integral part of any efforts to create a higher value health care system and ultimately better health at a lower cost.” She said that NRHI members have deep experience in [testing payment reform models](#) on the ground. “I look forward to sharing their experience to inform national payment reform strategies,” she added.

Mitchell herself has a long history in healthcare reform. Prior positions include CEO of the [Maine Health Management Coalition](#); Senior Director for Public Affairs at MaineHealth; Director of Public Affairs at The Nuffield Trust in London, England; and State Representative in the Maine State Legislature. She also serves as a member of the board of directors of the National Quality Forum and of the National Business Coalition on Health and as a member of the Guiding Committee of the Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network. Mitchell studied at the London School of Economics and Political Science, Cambridge University, and Reed College.

In his statement GAO Comptroller Dodaro said, “This committee will be a critical source of information and advice for the Secretary of Health and Human Services as the department considers new payment approaches for Medicare physician services. We were extremely impressed by the caliber of the nominations received for the new committee, and it is with great pleasure that I announce today’s appointees.”

About NRHI:

The Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement is a national organization representing regional multi-stakeholder groups working towards achieving the Triple Aim of better health, better care, and reduced costs through continuous improvement. NRHI and all of its members are non-profit organizations, separate from state government, working directly with physicians, hospitals, health plans, and patients using data to improve healthcare. For more information, visit us on the web at www.nrhi.org.

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