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America's Essential Hospitals Thanks MHA for Risk Adjustment Work

America's Essential Hospitals thanks the Missouri Hospital Association for its leadership on adjusting quality measures for sociodemographic status. The evidence is clear: Social and economic factors play a significant role in the health of vulnerable people and in the outcomes of their care.

America's Essential Hospitals vigorously supports risk adjustment in quality incentive programs to provide the best care possible for low-income and other disadvantaged people. Risk adjustment also will ensure incentive programs don't penalize hospitals for factors outside their control and further reduce already scarce resources.

We must account for patients' sociodemographic status when assessing hospital performance so we have a complete picture of care for vulnerable patients and all the information we need to reduce care disparities and improve outcomes.

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About America's Essential Hospitals

America's Essential Hospitals is the leading association and champion for hospitals and health systems dedicated to high-quality care for all, including the most vulnerable. Since 1981, America's Essential Hospitals has initiated, advanced, and preserved programs and policies that help these hospitals ensure access to care. We support members with advocacy, policy development, research, and education.

Our 275 members are vital to their communities, providing primary care through trauma care, disaster response, health professional training, research, public health programs, and other services. They innovate and adapt to lead the broader health care community toward more effective and efficient care. Learn more at essentialhospitals.org.