STATEMENT ON MHA SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC IMPACT REPORT

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The AHA has for several years urged CMS and others who use quality metrics to assess hospital and provider performance to recognize that good patient outcomes are the result of more than the quality of care provided. In fact, the AHA is working with Congress to pass legislation to address the issue.

Indeed, a growing body of research shows that where patients live is critically important to determining patient outcomes. MHA’s report is an important contribution to this body of research and demonstrates how publicly available data about patients and where they live can be used to adjust quality measures and more accurately portray hospital performance.

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