"While we're not surprised BPCI was successful, the results of our partnerships as a risk-bearing BPCI convener have and continue to exceed expectations," says Richards. "With the more than 50 hospital partners we're working with across the country, we've helped achieve more than \$83 million in total annual gross savings while improving the quality of care for patients. With the recent BPCI Advanced announcement, we're particularly encouraged by CMS' emphasis on care redesign and tying performance to more quality measures – measures that go beyond just 'checking the box' and that really put the patient forward.

"BPCI provides the unique opportunity for providers to drive change and improvements in healthcare," he continues. "Whatever the arrangement, we've seen a real coalescence around a program like BPCI – one that is shared across the continuum by all providers in that we can continue to do better in patient outcomes, patient quality and in driving value."

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