



What the health care community is saying about Walmart's health care pilots

"This is an important new step in moving away from paying for volume, with a real emphasis on measuring and improving quality of care. Walmart's action show how employers can lead in achieving better health outcomes and cost savings for their associates."

- Dr. Mark McClellan, physician and professor at Duke University. Former administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

"Employers like Walmart are leading innovation within healthcare that has not been adequately responsive to the needs of purchasers and patients."

- Elizabeth Mitchell, President and CEO, Pacific Business Group on Health. PBGH is a member organization of 40 public and private employers seeking to transform the quality and affordability of healthcare

"With these new initiatives, Walmart is setting the pace in pioneering new ways of connecting employees to the highest quality, affordable care."

- Suzanne Delbanco, Executive Director, Catalyst for Payment Reform. Catalyst for Payment Reform is an independent, national nonprofit organization whose mission is to catalyze employers, public purchasers and others to implement strategies that produce higher-value health care and improve the functioning of the health care marketplace.

"We know health care is a unique challenge for employers so, we applaud Walmart's efforts to identify high quality networks that demonstrate better care, at lower costs."

- Margaret E O'Kane, President, National Committee for Quality Assurance, a nonprofit that works to improve health care quality through the administration of evidence-based standards, measures, programs, and accreditation

"Once again, Walmart has taken the mantle of leadership in pursuing a bold and innovative strategy to provide its associates with access to high quality and affordable





health coverage”

- Jim Klein, President, American Benefits Council. The American Benefits Council represents over 220 of the world’s largest corporations. Along with our other member companies that provide services to employers of all sizes, our members either directly sponsor or advise and administer employee benefit plans covering virtually all Americans who receive employer provided health and retirement benefits.

“It is exciting to see an employer with the vision to curate data to help the employees in their communities easily identify providers with a demonstrated commitment to high quality care.”

- Dr. Shantanu Agarwal, President and CEO of the National Quality Forum, a non-for-profit, nonpartisan membership-based organization that works to catalyze improvements in healthcare

“As usual Walmart leads the country with bold and innovative programs that make health care better for their associates. We hope other companies will take similar steps forward, because that will transform health care.”

- Leah Binder, President and CEO, Leapfrog Group, a nonprofit national watchdog organization that reports on health care quality

