

Finally, ACOs should be allowed to employ a variety of payment approaches, including blended fee-for-service/prospective payment, shared savings, episodic or case rate methodologies, and partial capitation.

Heim said that as quality improvement and cost savings to the system are realized, primary care practices that are at the heart of the ACO model must be recognized. "Primary care practices will need to make sure that they are receiving the benefits of the shared savings," said Heim.

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For questions regarding the new iPhone app, Diplomates may contact the ABFM Support Center at 877-223-7437 or via e-mail at [help@theabfm.org](mailto:help@theabfm.org).

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## AMERICAN BOARD OF FAMILY MEDICINE LAUNCHES NEW EXAM PREP IPHONE APPLICATION

The ABFM is pleased to announce the launch of its new iPhone app, ABFM Exam Prep. This mobile application provides family physicians with useful information to assist with preparation for the ABFM Maintenance of Certification Exam. This module turns your iPhone into an invaluable tool for keeping you in touch with what you need to know as you enter your certification or recertification year. The app is available as a free download on iTunes.

Features include:

- Exam Prep documents and videos—including the detailed ABFM Guide for Exam Preparation document
- Upcoming Exam Dates—a quick view of future dates
- Links to the ABFM Web site and the Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine Web site
- Practice Quiz—Over 200 questions addressing problems commonly encountered by family physicians. Each practice quiz presents 10 questions followed by a clear rationale for the correct answer including the associated reference.

While not a substitute for a well-designed and executed study plan, the ABFM Exam Prep app is an additional tool to help prepare for the Maintenance of Certification Exam. This module is designed for family physicians, but the questions may be useful for medical students and other health care providers as well.

## FAMILY MEDICINE CLERKSHIP CURRICULUM—NEXT STEPS

Family medicine is an essential component of the United States health care delivery system. A required family medicine experience is part of the curriculum of most medical schools. However, the content of the family medicine clerkship varies widely among medical schools. To develop consistency across family medicine clerkships, the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine convened a task force to define the core objectives and content for the family medicine clerkship. The task force included representatives from the Association of Departments of Family Medicine, the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine Group on Medical Student Education, the Family Medicine Curriculum Resources Project, and fmCASES, a set of virtual patient cases. This task force defined the Family Medicine Clerkship Core Content as a list of common and important presentations that students should experience during their clerkship experiences. The curriculum has 5 sections: principles of family medicine, acute presentations, chronic diseases, health maintenance and disease prevention, and the role of family medicine. Each section has general objectives and specific objectives for each core content condition, available in the curriculum document. This document was approved by Council of Academic Family Medicine (CAFM). This initiative was funded by the STFM Foundation.

The Family Medicine Clerkship Core Content document serves as the foundation for a national clerkship curriculum; however, it did not address many issues critical to curriculum design. In addition to content, a curriculum includes educational methods for students and faculty members; learner, faculty, and program assessment; and considers context such as the length of the rotation, types of experiences, and strengths