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America's hospitals support the role health care group purchasing organizations (GPOs) play in helping to better manage rising medical costs. Today's report underscores the expectation that by working on behalf of hospitals, health systems and other providers of care, GPOs can help them achieve the highest quality and best value in their purchase of supplies and services.

Hospitals need the right equipment and supplies to provide the right care at the right time. To achieve those goals, hospitals often look to GPOs for assistance with their purchasing needs.

Working with GPOs also can help hospitals free up resources to meet their mission of caring for patients and communities across America. As our nation discusses and debates how to fix what's broken with our health care system, GPOs play a role in supporting a system that works better for hospitals and their patients.

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