



AACU Supports the Legislative Spirit of the Break Up Big Medicine Act

For much of the past decade, the structure of the healthcare marketplace has shifted toward increasing vertical integration. Insurers, pharmacy benefit managers, provider groups, and supply chain entities have become more closely aligned under common ownership structures. Those developments have changed how care is delivered, how referrals move through the system, and how independent specialty practices operate.

At the same time, specialty physicians are operating in an environment already defined by reimbursement pressure, workforce shortages, and growing regulatory complexity. Structural reforms must be evaluated carefully to ensure that changes intended to improve competition do not unintentionally reduce patient access to specialty care or destabilize physician practices that provide critical services in their communities.

As a result, AACU is very supportive of the critical issues raised in The *“Break Up Big Medicine Act.”* We are supportive of the spirit of the bi-partisan proposed goals led by Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and Josh Hawley (R-MO). We look forward to finding a moderate way forward on issues such as:

- Wholesaler Restrictions
- Cross-Ownership
- Mandatory Divestiture
- FTC and DOJ Oversight

AACU will continue its pledge to work with federal and state policymakers to advance the profession of urology.