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## **PIPC Presents Before PCORI Board of Governors**

*Partnership to Improve Patient Care Steering Committee member Andrew Sperling stresses importance of creating a strong process for research priority-setting*

ST. LOUIS--[Partnership to Improve Patient Care](#) (PIPC) steering committee member Andrew Sperling spoke before the Patient Centered Outcomes and Research Institute's (PCORI) Board of Governors at their meeting in St. Louis and asked PCORI members to create open, transparent procedures for setting research priorities that are responsive to the information needs of patients and their caregivers.

Sperling, who is the Director of Legislative Advocacy for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), noted that setting priorities for comparative effectiveness research funding is "one of the important initial duties of the Board." Sperling announced at the meeting that PIPC is releasing a paper on the topic that identifies five key elements for sound priority-setting: transparency and openness; stakeholder participation; multiple input opportunities; clinical input and guidance; and a systematic procedure for decision-makers to gather and incorporate the input they receive.

"We hope this information is useful in helping the Board develop a process that fosters trust and buy-in from the patient and provider communities, so that your work is used to enhance the quality of health care for all patients," Sperling said. Sperling's prepared remarks are available [here](#) on the PIPC website.

### **About PIPC**

*The Partnership to Improve Patient Care was formed in November 2008 to support proposals to expand the government's role in comparative effectiveness research that are centered on patient and provider needs; raise awareness about the value of well-designed CER; and promote the important role of continued medical innovation as part of the solution to cost and quality challenges in health care. Partnership members include a wide range of health care organizations representing patient, provider and industry advocacy groups.*

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