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Message from the CEO

Belal Abdallah, M.D., CEO and Board Chairman, Beaumont ACO

Medicare Shared Savings Program - 2018 performance year results

Greetings all ACO members, staff and families:

We are pleased to announce the Beaumont ACO is once again the top MSSP ACO in Michigan and ranks among the nation's best! Through our physician/health system partnership, we were able to create over **\$45 million** in shared savings for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in 2018, of which the Beaumont ACO gets to share in **\$19.8 million**. This amount is the highest dollar amount awarded to a MSSP ACO in Michigan and number five nationally among the roughly 500 MSSP ACOs across the country, the top 1% nationally. The \$19.8 million dollars over our 23,957 attributed beneficiaries equates to a **15% savings rate**, which again is number one in Michigan and number three nationally. We have done all of this while increasing our quality scores in the program as well. For 2018, our quality score increased a full percentage point to 90%.

Since inception, the Beaumont ACO has generated over **\$130 million** in savings for CMS, and of that, the ACO has received roughly **\$60 million** in shared savings. This performance is the best in Michigan over this period. We are also proud to say this has put us in the 99th percentile nationally among all ACOs. Our success in the program has allowed us to pass a majority of the shared savings generated, after infrastructure costs and reserve funding, back to the participating providers in the program. Currently, over 500 member physicians, both PCPs and specialists, participate in our MSSP covering more than 25,000 patients.

If you have additional questions, would like more details or would like to speak with an ACO representative on how to participate in this contract, please contact our Provider Relations team at 947-522-0037 or via email at: acoproviderrelations@beaumont.org.

Once again, it is the Beaumont ACO's mission to represent the best interest for our physicians and hospitals working together to improve the care of our population with quality, efficiency and patient satisfaction.

See the [Michigan MSSP 2018 participation results](#).

Best regards,

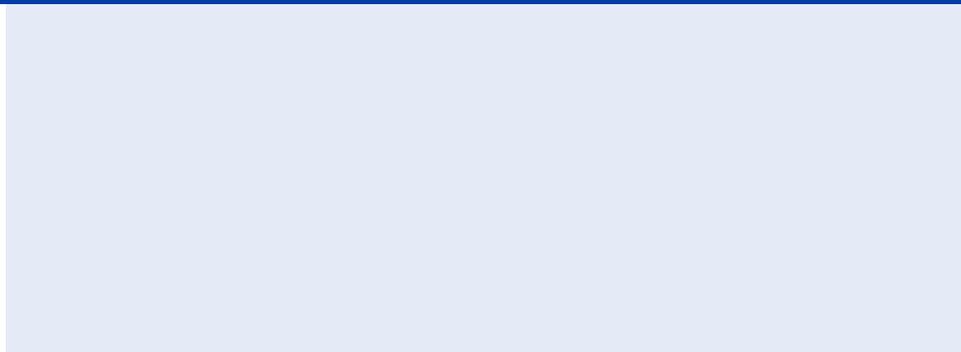
Belal Abdallah, M.D., MBA
Chief Executive Officer
Chair, Beaumont ACO Board

Beaumont ACO 2019 Patient Centered Medical Home Results

The Beaumont ACO has again excelled in the BCBSM Patient Centered Medical Home program with 98 physicians receiving PCMH designation this year. Overall, 128 physicians from 42 practices were nominated for PCMH designation.

Read more about the [ACO 2019 PCMH results](#) on the Beaumont ACO website.

Physician spotlight





Dr. John Paquet of Sunstrum Medical Associates, PC received a top BCBSM VBR, 45%, amongst our BACO PCPs. Dr. Paquet's stellar performance in quality ranked him in the 93rd percentile amongst all PCPs in the state of Michigan in PGIP. Dr. Paquet and his team at Sunstrum Medical Associates have embraced the PCMH model and continue to strive on improving patient care.



Dr. Daisey Angeles of Bakke Medical, PC received a top BCBSM VBR of 45% amongst our BACO PCPs. Dr. Angeles performed in the top 92nd percentile amongst all PCPs in the state of Michigan in PGIP. Dr. Angeles & her team work diligently on closing patient gaps, showing that teamwork is the best way to improve patient care.

Provider Delivered Care Management update

Beaumont ACO has partnered with eligible primary care practices since 2018 in Provider Delivered Care Management. PDCM is an integral part of our Patient Centered Medical Homes and core element of the Value Partnership Physician Group Incentive Program as part of our Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan contract.

The focus of PDCM is to deliver services such as patient education and other support service to those patients requiring additional care coordination. These care coordinators work collaboratively with physicians, their practices and other health care professionals to provide individualized, whole person focused care.

Currently, Beaumont ACO PDCM Care Coordination team is assigned to various practices. The efforts of this team are calculated into BCBSM value-based reimbursement for each of the practices they support. The BCBSM VBR results for 2018 have recently been released. We are pleased to announce that eight out nine practices, which have participated in Beaumont ACO PDCM program, received an PDCM VBR to their BCBSM reimbursement. In the coming months, we are working to expand participating practices within PDCM and increase the VBRs received for the 2019 performance year.

Donna Mimikos, RN
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Beaumont ACO

Quality corner

Managing Patients with COPD

COPD management to reduce the rate of admissions and readmission to the hospital

Management of chronic diseases is no easy task. Normally it takes multidisciplinary efforts, which are often difficult to coordinate but effective when applied correctly. COPD is no different. COPD is taxing to patients, their families, hospitals and third-party payers.

Read more about the [quality corner](#) on the Beaumont ACO website.



Executive Director Update

Walter Lorang, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Beaumont ACO

2019 MIPS reporting

Colleagues,

If you haven't already started thinking about MIPS Reporting for 2019, it's time to start. For all PCPs who are participating with the Beaumont ACO for MSSP, we hope to be able to qualify as an Advanced APM, through participation in the Enhanced Track effective July 1, 2019. Advanced APM status under the MACRA legislation for 2019 would replace MIPS reporting for those PCPs for this year. This Advanced APM status would also qualify PCPs for a 5% bonus paid by Medicare and replace the current MIPS reporting claims uplift. We believe there is a strong likelihood of achieving Advanced APM status, and we will know the outcome in December. There will be more to come on this topic.

For our ACO PCP members not participating in MSSP and specialist members, MIPS reporting for 2019 may need to be completed. We again continue to offer free resources and consultant assistance if you qualify as a MSSP specialist with the ACO. Listed below is contact information on the free resources available for providers through Altarum. Additionally, MSSP specialists can reach out to the ACO provider relations team if consultant assistance for MIPS reporting help is desired.

Michigan - Altarum

Email: gppinfo@altarum.org | Toll-free Phone: 1-844-777-4968 or 1-844-QPP-4YOU

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Sincerely,

Walter Lorang
Executive Director, Chief Operating Officer
Beaumont ACO

Physician portal

Don't forget to register for the portal

Check out the new Beaumont ACO physician portal

We are pleased to invite you to register for your new Beaumont ACO physician portal. **Use of the portal is required** for ACO membership. Usage data will be used for distribution of shared savings. This portal is [part of our new citizenship program being rolled out in 2019. Please follow subsequent updates in our newsletters.](#) Please follow the instructions to log in and review your reports.

To register and begin using the portal, please visit beaumont-aco.org/registration

Read more about the [physician portal](#) on the Beaumont ACO website.

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