



Oakwood ACO Delivers Medicare Shared Savings Again!

The Oakwood ACO ranked as best performing Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) ACO in Michigan according to data by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

For the fourth year in a row, the Oakwood ACO exceeded performance goals and helped save Medicare more than **\$14 million** by improving care and implementing best practices and cost savings measures for its more than 13,000 Medicare patients. The ACO has been among the **top 10% of ACOs nationwide**, in terms of % savings, for all 4 performance years, saving Medicare a total nearing **\$66 million**.

Formed in 2010, the Oakwood ACO is a voluntary partnership among physicians and Beaumont hospitals, providing them the opportunity to share in cost savings resulting from their efforts to improve patient care and outcomes. Intended to enhance collaboration, ACO providers have been working together for more than seven years to provide higher quality patient care at greater value.

“Improving care for our patients is at the heart of everything we do.” says Walter Lorang, interim Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Oakwood ACO. *“The ACO is focused on driving results through our value based programs, through the establishment of an improved total care model. We are accomplishing this by improving overall quality of care patients receive, increasing the patient’s experience, and ensuring services are delivered in the appropriate setting and at the appropriate time, based on patient need.”*

The goal of the improved total care model is to ensure that patients, especially the chronically ill, receive the right care at the right time while optimizing the patient’s health status and avoiding unneces-

sary duplication of services.

Under the MSSP contract when an ACO or other contracted group demonstrates that it has achieved high-quality care and has effectively reduced spending of health care dollars above certain thresholds, it is able to share in the savings generated for Medicare. This year participating MSSP providers in the Oakwood ACO will share over **\$6.6 million** in shared savings.

The Shared Savings Program looks at four quality data collection domains, which include: Patient / Caregiver Experience, Care Coordination/Patient Safety, Preventive Health and At Risk Populations.

The Oakwood ACO received an overall quality score of **95.89 percent**, a 2.75% increase over last year’s results. The ACO continues to improve in this area through collaboration between doctors, hospitals and other health care providers.

Sarju Shah, MD, Medical Director, noted that 2016 showed significant improvement in quality performance. The Oakwood ACO physicians are continuing to focus on improving quality scores. Specific areas of focus include diabetic care, including eye exams and lowering HbA1C, cancer screening including colorectal, breast and cervical screens, and completion of depression and fall screenings.

Opportunities for Improvement

- Influenza Immunization
- Pneumonia Vaccination
- BMI Screening & follow up
- Depression Screen & follow up
- Colorectal Screening (includes Cologuard)
- Breast Cancer Screening
- CAHPS: Timely Care, Appointments and Information
- CAHPS: Share Decision Making