



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 third year in a row, the Oakwood ACO exceeded performance goals and helped save Medicare more than **\$15 million** by improving care and implementing best practices and cost savings measures for its more than 13,000 Medicare patients.

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 six years to provide higher quality patient care at greater value.

“The Oakwood ACO is physician-driven and allows us to assess the entire continuum of care,” says William Isenstein, executive director and chief operating officer, Oakwood ACO.

“Together, we are focused on enhancing the overall quality of care patients receive. We are doing that by enhancing care delivery and investing in the people, tools and resources needed to best serve our patients and their physicians.”

The goal of coordinated care 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 unnecessary 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 **\$6.9 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 93 percent and continues to work toward an even better performance for beneficiaries by continuing to find innovative ways to foster greater collaboration between doctors, hospitals and other health care providers.

Sarju Shah, MD, Medical Director, noted that 2015 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.



CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Dear ACO Colleagues,

I hope everyone has had a great summer and is looking forward to another great Michigan autumn. I am very happy to announce on behalf of the Oakwood ACO board that our 2015 performance under the Medicare Shared Savings Program contract with CMS results are confirmed and we had the highest percentage savings rate of any Medicare ACO in Michigan.

“Our performance is solid evidence that physicians and hospitals can work together to consistently achieve excellent results,” says Belal Abdallah, M.D., board chairman of the Oakwood ACO. “We are committed to continual improvement through achieving better outcomes and efficiencies that benefit our patients. We are pleased to once again be recognized as a top performer by CMS.”

I want to thank our board, our medical directors, our program leaders, care coordinators, but most of all the physicians in our ACO who have been working closely with our staff. We look forward to presenting each MSSP Physician Participant with a shared savings check sometime around Christmas when all the final calculations are completed. Formulas for the distribution will accompany the checks.

If you are not enrolled in our MSSP program and are interested in being a participant please contact the ACO business office.

Belal Abdallah, MD, MBA,
Chairman , Oakwood ACO Board



REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE OAKWOOD ACO BOARD OF MANAGERS

It is time for the Oakwood ACO Board of Managers to elect four Primary Care Physicians (PCP) and two Specialist (SCP) at its forthcoming Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2017. Look for a Request for Nomination form to be faxed and emailed to your office in the near future.

THE OAKWOOD ACO BOARD OF MANAGERS

Primary Care	Primary Care	Specialty Care	Oakwood Administration
Belal Abdallah, MD	Ghadi Ghorayeb, MD	Vito Casano, MD	Malcolm Henoeh, MD
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