



Message from the CEO

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

Dear Beaumont ACO members and all staff,

We are pleased to announce that CMS has heard the cries of ACOs across the county and will be implementing changes to their Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of these changes will benefit our ACO and our physicians. A key change is CMS will be adjusting MSSP calculations to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 by removing all of a beneficiary's hospital expenditures for affected months from the shared savings calculations. CMS will also be expanding telehealth services, virtual check-ins, e-visits or telephone in the definition of primary care services used in the MSSP assignment methodology, effective Jan. 1, 2020, and for any subsequent performance year that starts during the public health emergency. For additional detailed information, [click here](#).

Additionally, I am pleased to announce that our ACO will once again be holding its annual Strategic Retreat of the ACO's board of managers. The purpose of the retreat is to set the strategic direction of ACO each year and is paramount to our continued success. This year, the event will be held in Bay Harbor, MI from September 17-19. The agenda is a robust one and includes discussion on MSSP performance and distribution methodology for 2019 results, an overview of Advocate Physician Partners, Blueprint for Affordability (a new risk bearing model being proposed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan) and more. Information will be shared with our membership in coming months following the conclusion of the retreat.

Finally, I would like to thank all our physicians, providers and staff for continuing to work with the ACO on value-based initiatives that aim to drive better care and outcomes to the patients and communities we serve. Your hard work does not go unnoticed by the Beaumont ACO.

Dr. Belal Abdallah
CEO & Board Chairman
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