

Beaumont ACO Delivers Medicare Shared Savings Yet Again!

The Beaumont ACO again 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 fifth year in a row, the Beaumont ACO exceeded performance goals and helped save Medicare more than **\$22.4 million** by improving care and implementing best practices and cost savings measures for its more than 13,400 Medicare patients. This ranks us **7th nationally** among all ACOs in terms of % savings per beneficiary per year, and **1st in the state of Michigan**. In 5 years of participation in the program the ACO has created savings for Medicare totaling **\$88 million**.

Formed in 2010 (as the Oakwood ACO), the Beaumont 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 eight years to provide higher quality patient care at greater value.

"I am humbled and proud to work alongside such great physicians who improve the lives of patients everyday." says Walter Lorang, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Beaumont ACO. "Our team-based focus on population health and collaboration has improved coordinated care among primary care physicians, specialists and hospitals to ensure that patients get the right care at the right time for better health outcomes and sustained success."

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 optimiz-

ing 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 Beaumont ACO will share in a large portion of just under **\$9.8 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 Beaumont ACO received an overall quality score of 88.85%, a decrease over last year's results. This decrease was a result of measures moving from "Reporting Only" to "Performance" based. The ACO continues to work to improve in this area through collaboration between doctors, hospitals and other health care providers.

Sarju Shah, MD, Medical Director, noted that 2017 results show the ACO's need for continued improvement in utilization performance, especially around readmission rates. The Beaumont ACO physicians are continuing to perform well on quality measures for preventive health and patient experience.

Opportunities for Improvement

- SNF 30 Day All Cause Readmission Rates
- All Cause Unplanned Readmission Rates for Patients with: Diabetes, Heart Failure, & Multiple Chronic Conditions
- Diabetic Care, including eye exams
- Medication Reconciliation, post discharge
- Colorectal & Breast Cancer Screening (includes Cologuard)
- CAHPS: Timely Care, Appointments and Information