

HOSPITALS USING ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS

This memorandum provides information regarding Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) and the number of hospitals in the state that have an ACO. An ACO is a group of doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers, that voluntarily come together to give coordinated care to patients. The goals of coordinated care are to provide patients with the right care at the right time without unnecessary duplication of services, and to prevent medical errors. Accountable Care Organization programs that are offered by Medicare include the Medicare Shared Savings Program, the Advance Payment ACO Model, and the Pioneer ACO Model.

- **Shared Savings Program** - The Medicare Shared Savings Program was established by Section 3022 of the federal Affordable Care Act. The program is a key component of the Medicare delivery system reform initiatives that are included in the Affordable Care Act. Congress created the program to facilitate coordination and cooperation among providers to improve the quality of care for Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries and reduce costs. Eligible providers, hospitals, and suppliers may participate in the program by creating or participating in an ACO.
- **Advance Payment ACO Model** - The Advance Payment ACO Model is designed for physician-based and rural providers who have come together voluntarily to provide coordinated care to Medicare patients. Through this model, selected participants may receive upfront and monthly payments that can be used to make investments in their care coordination infrastructure.
- **Pioneer ACO Model** - The Pioneer ACO Model is designed for health care organizations and providers that are already experienced in coordinating care for patients across care settings. The model allows provider groups to move more rapidly from a shared savings payment model to a population-based payment model. The model is designed to work with private payers by aligning provider incentives, and cost savings for Medicare, employers, and patients.

The following schedule provides information relating to hospitals in the state participating with an ACO based on information available from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

ACO	Type of Medicare ACO Program	Name of Hospital Participating in ACO	Location
Essentia Health	Medicare Shared Savings Program	Essentia Health	Fargo
National Rural ACO 24 LLC	Medicare Shared Savings Program	Coal Country Community Health Centers	Beulah
		Heart of America Medical Center	Rugby
		Sakakawea Medical Center	Hazen
		McKenzie County Healthcare Systems, Inc.	Watford City
		First Care Health Center	Park River
PrimeCare Select	Medicare Shared Savings Program	Ashley Medical Center	Ashley
		Bismarck Cancer Center	Bismarck
		CHI Carrington Health	Carrington
		Garrison Memorial Hospital	Garrison
		Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center	Elgin
		Linton Hospital	Linton
		Mercy Medical Center	Williston
		Mid Dakota Clinic PrimeCare	Bismarck
		St. Alexius Heart & Lung Clinic	Bismarck
		CHI St. Alexius Health	Bismarck
		CHI St. Joseph's Health	Dickinson
		The Bone & Joint Center	Bismarck
		West River Health Services	Hettinger
Wishek Hospital and Clinics	Wishek		