Managing Your 2018 ACO Participant List and SNF Affiliate List

ACOs currently participating in the Shared Savings Program are able to make changes to their ACO Participant List and SNF Affiliate List on an annual basis. There are multiple opportunities throughout any given year for CMS to review and provide feedback on your submitted ACO Participant List and SNF Affiliate List change requests. The next deadline for ACOs to submit change requests for CMS review and feedback is July 31, 2017. After the July 31, 2017 due date, ACOs will have one final opportunity to submit change requests to add ACO Participants and/or SNF Affiliates for performance year 2018.

ACOs must also upload necessary supporting documentation, such as ACO Participant Agreements and SNF Affiliate Agreements, along with each and every change request.

- For information on ACO Participant List and Participant Agreement requirements, please see the Medicare Shared Savings Program ACO Participant List and Participant Agreement Guidance.
- For details on how to submit ACO Participant List change requests in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS), please see the HPMS SSP ACO Participant List Management Module User Guide available on the SSP ACO Portal under the Resources tab or in HPMS.

SNF Affiliate List Resources:

- For more information on ACO SNF Affiliate List and SNF Affiliate Agreement requirements, please see the Medicare Shared Savings Program Skilled Nursing Facility 3-Day Rule Waiver Guidance.
- For details on how to submit SNF Affiliate List change requests, please see the ACO SNF Affiliate Quick Reference Guide available in HPMS.

These guidance documents have been updated for performance year 2018 and include the full change request review schedules applicable to ACO Participant Lists and SNF Affiliate Lists.

Please note that if you are a currently participating ACO with a 2015 start date that intends to submit a Shared Savings Program Renewal Application to renew your agreement, you may submit any ACO Participant List and SNF Affiliate List changes via your 2018 Renewal Application. Follow the application instructions and schedule on the How to Apply webpage.
RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE

Webinar Slides and Recordings Available
The presentation slides for the following upcoming 2018 Application Submission webinar are on the SSP ACO Portal Events Calendar, search by date:

- Medicare Shared Savings Program ACO: Application Submission Review for Currently Participating ACOs and Renewal Applicants: June 14, 2017

The link to the audio recording, presentation slides, and Q&A for these past Learning System Webinars are on the SSP ACO Portal Events Calendar, search by date:

- Learning System Webinar: Reducing Hospital Readmissions in the Post-Acute Care Environment: May 24, 2017
- Learning System Webinar: Identifying and Coordinating Care for Special Populations: April 13, 2017

Final Spring 2017 In-Person Learning Collaboratives & Materials Now Available
Learning Systems for ACOs hosted regional In-Person Learning Collaborative (IPLC) meetings for all Medicare ACOs across the country this spring to bring together ACOs in each CMS region to exchange ideas and information. Two IPLCs remain in Region 6 and Regions 9 & 10 this month.

Materials from the following previously-held regional IPLC meetings are now available on the SSP ACO Portal under the Announcement: 2017 Learning System for ACO IPLCs. These materials may also be found on the SSP ACO Portal Events Calendar, search by date:

- Region II – Princeton IPLC: May 19, 2017
- Region I – Boston IPLC: May 15, 2017
- Region V – Chicago IPLC: May 5, 2017
- Regions VII & VIII – April 20, 2017
- Region III – April 10, 2017

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Medicare Shared Savings Program ACO: Application Submission Review for Renewal Applicants (including currently participating Shared Savings Program ACOs applying for the Track 1+ Model and/or the SNF 3-Day Rule Waiver)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2017, 1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. EASTERN TIME**

- [Join the event](#): 1-415-527-5035; 901 447 927
- **Audience**: Potential 2018 renewal Shared Savings Program applicants, including currently participating Shared Savings Program ACOs applying to the Track 1+ Model and/or SNF 3-Day Rule Waiver.
- **Description**: During this webinar, our subject matter experts will give an overview of the 2018 application for Shared Savings Program renewal, and Track 1+ Model and SNF 3-Day Rule Waiver applicants for ACOs currently participating in the Shared Savings Program. This call will cover topics including, but not limited to:
  - Renewal, SNF 3-Day Rule Waiver, and Track 1+ Model application process
  - Repayment mechanism
  - ACO Participant List and SNF Affiliate List management
  - ACO Participant and SNF Affiliate agreements.
2017 Claims-Based and Administrative Quality Measures

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017, 1:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

- **Join the event:** 1-415-527-5035; 907 222 187
- **Audience:** All ACOs
- **Description:** This webinar will provide an overview of the 2017 quality measures that are calculated using claims and administrative data.

ACO Learning System Webinar: Making the Move to Track 2 or 3 – Session I

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017, 2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

- **Register here:** 1-857-232-0156; 271840
- **Audience:** All ACOs
- **Description:** This webinar will feature Collaborative Health ACO, Essentia Health, and MissionPoint Health Partners. The ACOs will discuss their experiences with switching to a higher risk track in the Shared Savings Program. Attendees will also have the opportunity to submit questions to presenters during the event.

Medicare Shared Savings Program Beneficiary Voluntary Alignment Overview

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017, 12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

- **Join the event:** 1-415-527-5035; 908 965 620
- **Audience:** All ACOs
- **Description:** During this webinar, we will explain what Voluntary Alignment is and its relationship to beneficiary assignment in the Shared Savings Program. We will also be providing a demonstration of new automated functionality that will support this process operationally.

ACO Learning System Webinar: Providing High Quality Care in Rural Settings

WEDNESDAY JUNE 28, 2017, 2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

- **Register here:** 1-857-232-0156; 271840
- **Audience:** All ACOs
- **Description:** This webinar will feature Anew Care Collaborative, Integral Healthcare, LLC, and Qualuable Medical Professionals. The ACOs will discuss their strategies for providing high quality care to rural populations and their approaches to addressing care challenges specific to rural settings. Attendees will also have the opportunity to submit questions to presenters during the event.

Medicare Shared Savings Program ACO: Training on Health Plan Management System ACO 2018 Application Submission Modules

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017, 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

- **Join the event:** 1-415-527-5035; 908 048 121
- **Audience:** 2018 Shared Savings Program initial, renewal, Medicare ACO Track 1+ Model and/or SNF 3-Day Rule Waiver applicants.
- **Description:** CMS subject matter experts will discuss how to submit your application(s) for the Medicare Shared Savings Program Medicare ACO Track 1+ Model (Track 1+ Model), and/or a SNF 3-Day Rule Waiver through the Health Plan Management System (HPMS). This call will cover topics including the application submission process, track selection options, HPMS modules, and an overview of application resources. A question and answer session follows the presentation.
ACO Learning System Webinar: Making the Move to Track 2 or 3 – Session II

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017, 2:30 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. EASTERN TIME

- Register here: 1-857-232-0156; 271840
- Audience: All ACOs
- Description: This learning event will feature presentations and a roundtable discussion with former Track 1 Shared Savings Program ACOs that have transitioned to Track 2 or 3: Millenium Accountable Care Organization, MetroHealth Care Partners ACO, and Torrance Memorial Integrated Physicians, LLC. This event is intended to be a follow-up to the June 21 webinar on risk track transitions. Presenters will discuss their experiences with switching to a higher risk track, as well as any operational changes they have implemented to sustain their work in the new track. Attendees will also have the opportunity to submit questions to presenters during the event.
CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ACOS

To help ACOs navigate questions regarding the Shared Savings Program.

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