

## Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) Enhanced Track and CMS “Pathways to Success” Rule

In December 2018, CMS finalized the “Pathways to Success” Rule, introducing new MSSP options for ACOs under BASIC and ENHANCED Tracks. Beginning January 1, 2020, Scripps ACO will be entering a new agreement period and will be participating in the Enhanced track, the option most similar to Track 3.

Scripps ACO is limited to the Enhanced option based on the ACO’s level of “Revenue” and “Experience” as defined by CMS. Highlights of the new program rules and the Enhanced track are as follows:

- Agreement period terms changed from 3 years to 5 years (Calendar year 2020-2024)
- Allows for choice of retrospective or prospective beneficiary assignment methodology. Scripps ACO is retaining prospective assignment.
- Termination notification period reduced from 60 to 30 days, with pro-rated shared losses if term date is after June 30
- CMS can require corrective action plans for ACOs in “negative outside corridor” position; CMS can terminate an ACO if low performance continues.
- SNF 3-day waiver retained
- New Telehealth waiver and option of Beneficiary Incentive Program waiver expanded to MSSP
- Must have >75% of clinicians on CEHRT for aAPM status, based on ACO attestation

Future publications will provide more detail regarding some of the above highlights. In the meantime, if you have additional questions please contact your region’s practice outreach manager:

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