

ACO UPDATE

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No Action Required: Information Only APM Bonus Distribution for Performance Year 2020

CMS has begun distributing the 2022 APM (Alternative Payment Model) Incentive Payments to our Scripps ACO Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) participants. You will be receiving a bonus payment equivalent to 5% of your 2021 Medicare Part B covered professional services payments and is based upon your Tax Identification Number (TIN).

Incentive bonuses were made possible because the Scripps ACO has made significant investments of time and resources in order to achieve advanced APM status for the 2020 performance year, thus allowing our members to qualify for these bonuses.

We are now entering our sixth year in the MSSP and we continue to strive to achieve shared savings based upon our cost and quality performance. To achieve this, we need the active support and participation of our members in established and future performance improvement activities. Those already in place include:

- Completion of Annual Wellness Visits for your Medicare patients
- Consideration of Scripps HealthExpress for non-serious conditions
- Preferential use of Scripps Outpatient Surgical Centers for procedures
- Use of Scripps Preferred Skilled Nursing Facilities and Home Health Services
- Use of free-standing imaging and laboratory facilities
- Consideration of Alana program for chronic conditions (i.e., COPD)
- Consideration of Good Medicine or Advanced Care Clinic to support our frail and most vulnerable patients and to reduce unnecessary hospital admissions
- Consideration of Iris Advanced Care Planning for identified Medicare patients

We thank you for your participation in the Scripps ACO and MSSP and, with your partnership, look forward to continuing to deliver value-based, high-quality patient care. Your ongoing engagement will increase our opportunity for shared savings for our ACO and its participants.

If you have any questions, please contact your region's practice outreach manager:

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If you have not received your payment or have questions regarding payment distribution by NPI, please check your Quality Payment Program (QPP) account at qpp.coms.gov or contact the QPP directly at QPP@cms.hhs.gov or 1-866-288-8292.

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