

Scripps Accountable Care Organization
 10140 Campus Point Drive
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Re: Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) Incentive Payment

Dear Scripps ACO MSSP Provider,

We are now in our eighth year in the Scripps Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) and have successfully achieved APM (Alternative Payment Model) status for each performance year resulting in an APM incentive payment for a percentage of Medicare Part B covered professional services payments to eligible clinicians.

Last year, we communicated the Congress-enacted provisions that extended the availability of an APM Incentive Payment, allowing eligible clinicians who are Qualifying APM Participants (QPs) for the 2023 QP Performance Period to receive a 3.5% APM Incentive Payment in Payment Year 2025. **They have extended the advanced APM incentive payment for Payment Year 2026 at 1.88%.**

MSSP Participation Year	2022	2023	2024
Eligible Services Rendered	2023	2024	2025
Payment Year	2024	2025	2026
Incentive	5% bonus	3.5% bonus	1.88% bonus + 0.75% annual payment adjustment

After the 2024 Performance Year, the APM Incentive Payment will end. Instead, beginning for the 2024 performance year, QPs will receive a higher Medicare Physician Fee Schedule update of 0.75% compared to non-QPs.

Despite the changes made by CMS, the Scripps ACO will make no changes in MSSP participation at this time. The Scripps ACO will continue to report Quality and Patient Experience measures (MIPS measures) and have begun communicating changes on participation expectations for future reporting requirements.

In summary:

- ✓ CMS extended the Advanced APM Incentive for another year at 1.88% for Performance Year 2024 and if achieved, incentive payment will be received in 2026.
- ✓ This is in addition to the 0.75% annual payment adjustment, which starts in Performance Year 2024.
- ✓ The Scripps ACO will continue to report MIPS: CMS required changes for future reporting and participation expectations will continue to be communicated.

There are many CMS resources available should you have additional questions:

- ✓ Read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) on our website or contact the Quality Payment Program at QPP@cms.hhs.gov or 1-866-288-8292.
- ✓ For details regarding the legislative change, this can be found on page 3711 in section 4111 of the [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023](#).

With your partnership, we will continue our goal of delivering value-based, high-quality patient care to increase our opportunity for shared savings for our ACO and its participants.

Sincerely,



Tracy Chu
Chief Executive, Scripps ACO