



Scripps Accountable Care Organization

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Dear Scripps ACO Member,

CMS has released the 2024 5% APM (Alternative Payment Model) Incentive Payments earlier this month. By virtue of your participation in the Scripps Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) in 2022, you are receiving a bonus payment amounting to 5% of your 2023 Medicare Part B covered professional services payments. This is because the Scripps ACO achieved APM status for the 2022 performance year.

Payment is based upon your Tax Identification Number (TIN). Payment information at the individual level based upon your National Provider Identifier (NPI) can be found by accessing your PECOS or QPP account. These payments are made possible because the Scripps ACO has made significant investments of time and resources to achieve APM status thus allowing our members to qualify for these bonuses.

We are now entering our eighth 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. Please review the attached document for the list of current programs and call to action.

We thank you for your participation in the Scripps ACO and MSSP and, with your partnership, hope to continue our goal of delivering value-based, high-quality patient care. This will allow future Medicare bonus payments to you as well as increase our opportunity for shared savings for our ACO and its participants.

If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Diamond at [diamond.victoria@scrippshealth.org](mailto:diamond.victoria@scrippshealth.org) or 818-577-8548.

Thank you,

Kevin Hirsch, MD, FACP  
Board Chair, Scripps ACO

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Chief Executive, Scripps ACO

## Scripps Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) Program Overview

Scripps MSSP Accountable Care Organization (ACO) continues 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. Please see below for a list of programs and call to action.

Program	What is it?	Call to Action
Annual Wellness Visits	A yearly preventative appointment with a primary care provider (PCP) to create or update a personalized care & prevention plan	Completion of AWV visits for Medicare Patients (target 60%)  Email <a href="mailto:scrippsaco@scrippshealth.org">scrippsaco@scrippshealth.org</a> for your yearly list of Medicare patients
Scripps Health Express	Walk-in clinics that offer convenient, same-day care for minor illnesses and health care needs for both adult and pediatric patients	Consideration of Scripps Health Express for non-serious conditions  <a href="https://www.scripps.org/locations/scripps-healthexpress">https://www.scripps.org/locations/scripps-healthexpress</a> 858-554-7439
Outpatient Surgical Centers	Outpatient surgery centers allow cost savings and lower patient out-of-pocket costs compared to hospital based ambulatory surgical centers (ASC)	Preferential use of Scripps Outpatient Surgical Centers for procedures  <a href="https://www.scripps.org/locations/specialty-centers">https://www.scripps.org/locations/specialty-centers</a>
Skilled Nursing Facilities & Home Health	Facilities that meet the high quality and safety standards required by Scripps and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)	Use of Scripps-preferred Skilled Nursing Facilities & Home Health <a href="https://www.scrippsaco.org/aco-products/medicare-shared-savings-program/snf-3-day-rule-and-waiver">https://www.scrippsaco.org/aco-products/medicare-shared-savings-program/snf-3-day-rule-and-waiver</a>  <a href="http://www.medicare.gov/homehealthcompare">www.medicare.gov/homehealthcompare</a>
Lab & Imaging	Referring to in-network, free-standing lab/imaging facilities instead of hospital-based imaging department allows significant cost savings	Use of free-standing imagine and laboratory facilities  <a href="https://www.scripps.org/locations/specialty-centers">https://www.scripps.org/locations/specialty-centers</a>
Spiras (formerly Alana)	COPD/CHF Education & Disease Management Program	Consideration of Spiras (formerly Alana) program for patients with chronic cardio or pulmonary conditions, such as COPD or CHF  <a href="https://www.alanahealthcare.com/scripps">https://www.alanahealthcare.com/scripps</a>
Good Medicine Home Based Care	Physician Directed care with Multi-Disciplinary Care team of Doctors, Nurse Practitioner, Care Managers, RNs, Social Worker, Medical Assistants who will visit and care for the patients in the HOME setting and coordinate care across the continuum.	Consideration of Good Medicine to support our frail and most vulnerable patients  <a href="mailto:GoodMedicineINC@gmail.com">GoodMedicineINC@gmail.com</a>

For more information on Scripps MSSP ACO:

<https://www.scrippsaco.org/aco-products/medicare-shared-savings-program>