

# **ACO UPDATE**

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Dear ACO Participant Provider,

We are pleased to announce that the Scripps Accountable Care Organization (ACO) has been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as a Track 3 ACO in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) effective January 1, 2017. As an MSSP ACO, Scripps

Scripps ACO by the Numbers

1,276 Participating Physicians

714 SMF Physicians

**562** Independent Physicians

**13** Skilled Nursing Facilities

**39,160** Medicare Beneficiaries

ACO is considered an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (aAPM) entity as defined by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). Together with its participating providers, the ACO will work to create high-value, affordable care and improve health outcomes for our patients here in San Diego.

The purpose of the Scripps ACO is to build a patient-centered, physician-

led, clinically integrated network of providers and facilities that is high performing and delivers value to customers through:

- Growing patients and member lives in the network
- Improving value of care for patients through improved quality and reduced total cost of care
- Supporting physicians and providers to be successful in value based care

Coming soon: Participating providers will receive a provider manual containing detailed information about the ACO's organization structure, program guidance, policies and procedures, and information on quality reporting.

We will publish this newsletter on a regular basis to keep you updated on the progress of the ACO as well as key information you need to know. If you have any questions please contact us at <a href="mailto:scrippsACO@scrippshealth.org">ScrippsACO@scrippshealth.org</a> or visit the Scripps ACO website at <a href="www.Scripps.org/ACO">www.Scripps.org/ACO</a>

We look forward to working with you all to create the highest value for patients in San Diego.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hirsch, MD, FACP ACO Board Chair Barbara Price ACO Chief Executive

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