

## What Does It Mean to Be Part of the Scripps ACO?

More than two years ago Scripps launched the Scripps ACO as a physician-led, clinically integrated network of providers. Scripps ACO participants include both Scripps affiliated physicians and Scripps Medical Foundation physicians.

Although many of you were eager to join the Scripps ACO, we often receive the same question: “What does it mean to be part of an ACO?” By definition an ACO stands for “Accountable Care Organization” and is a healthcare organization that ties payments to quality metrics and the cost of care by using alternative payment models. ACO’s come together voluntarily to give coordinated high-quality care to their Medicare patients. Within the Scripps ACO, we agree to meet certain obligations that will improve care, lower costs and increase patient satisfaction for defined populations. And together, we have the opportunity to achieve shared savings by keeping costs below established thresholds, while improving quality for our patients.

The Scripps ACO currently offers two products. These products include participation in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) and, on the commercial side, the Qualcomm Premier ACO contract.

For the MSSP, we have achieved Advanced Alternative Payment (APM) status which means all participating providers are excluded from MIPS [with the exception of Promoting Interoperability (PI) reporting] and are eligible for a five-percent bonus on professional Medicare billings.

The Qualcomm Premier ACO contract, launched last January 2018, is an exclusive partnership with our ACO network providers and Qualcomm’s 32,000 employees and dependents who reside in San Diego County. This is the Scripps ACO’s first direct-to-employer health plan.

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