



## **NAACOS Joins CMS in Welcoming 58 Next Generation ACOs in 2018!**

**WASHINGTON, D.C., January 18, 2018**—Today the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (Innovation Center) announced that 58 Accountable Care Organization (ACOs) will participate in the Next Generation ACO Model in 2018. Of the Next Generation ACOs, 14 are new and 44 are renewing ACOs. Information on the participating Next Generation ACOs is available on this [webpage](#). CMS also recently announced the ACOs participating in the Medicare Shared Savings Program in 2018, of which there are 561 participating ACOs. The collective 619 Medicare ACOs demonstrates encouraging growth for a vital program committed to improving quality of care while reducing unnecessary costs.

The strong participation in the Next Generation Model illustrates the commitment of these ACOs to improving quality of care while reducing unnecessary expenditures. The Next Generation Model is at the forefront of redesigning healthcare delivery and payment. “The interest and growth in participation in the Next Generation Model shows that ACOs are increasingly driving change and pushing healthcare delivery and payment reform forward in new and innovative ways. These ACOs are trailblazers and we congratulate them for their work,” said Clif Gaus, President and CEO of NAACOS.

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**About NAACOS.** NAACOS is the largest association of ACOs, representing over 4 million beneficiary lives through more than 300 Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) ACOs, Next Generation, and commercial ACOs. NAACOS is an ACO member-led and member-owned non-profit organization that works on behalf of ACOs across the nation to improve the quality of Medicare delivery, population health and outcomes, and health care cost efficiency. Our members, more than many other healthcare organizations, want to see an effective, coordinated patient-centric care process.