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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RESOURCES

NOIA Opens June 1st

The Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) and application submission dates for a January 1, 2023 start date for the Shared Savings Program are available on the Shared Savings Program's [Application Types & Timeline webpage](#).

CMS will accept NOIAs via the [ACO Management System \(ACO-MS\)](#) from June 1, 2022, through June 7, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. (noon) Eastern Time (ET). A NOIA submission does not bind your organization to submit an application; however, **you must submit a NOIA to be eligible to renew, early renew, or apply for participation in the Shared Savings Program for a January 1, 2023 start date.** Each ACO should only submit one NOIA. After submitting a NOIA, ACOs can submit the application from June 8 until June 29, 2022, at noon ET.

For currently participating ACOs, you should only submit an Early Renewal NOIA if your ACO wants to voluntarily terminate your ACO Participation Agreement with an effective termination date of December 31, 2022, and apply for a new agreement period starting on January 1, 2023.

For more information visit:

- [Shared Savings Program website](#)
- [Application Types & Timeline webpage](#)

For questions, contact your ACO Coordinator.

Change Request and Application Cycle Documents: Now Available

CMS released the [Change Request Cycle for Performance Year Beginning on January 1, 2023](#) document, posted in the Program Resources section of the Knowledge Library tab in [ACO-MS](#), to inform currently participating ACOs about actions they can take during the change request submission period.

In addition, CMS released related application resources for the January 1, 2023 application cycle:

- [Key Application Actions and Deadlines](#)
- [How to Submit a Notice of Intent to Apply in ACO-MS](#)
- [Shared Savings Program Participation Options for Performance Year 2023](#)

The *Application Reference Manual*, *ACO Participant List and Participant Agreement Guidance*, *SNF 3-Day Rule Waiver Guidance*, and *Repayment Mechanism Arrangements Guidance* are forthcoming and will be posted shortly.

PY 2022 Q1 Report Package: Now Available

On May 12, 2022, CMS released the Performance Year (PY) 2022 Quarter 1 (Q1) report packages to ACOs in the Data Hub tab in [ACO-MS](#). The report packages were sent as a zip file and included the following:

- Cover notice
- Assignment List Report (ALR)
- Assignment Summary Report (ASR)
- Aggregate Expenditure/Utilization Report (EXPU)
- Beneficiary Expenditure Utilization Report (BEUR)
- Non-Claims Based Payments (NCBP) file

Note: ACOs without non-claims based payments during the report period will not receive the NCBP file.

ACOs can find their PY 2022 Q1 report packages under “PY 2022” in the Data Hub tab in ACO-MS with the file name “P.Axxxx.ACO.QEXPU.D229999.T0100000.” The “D229999” indicates the reports are applicable for PY 2022, and “T0100000” indicates the reports are applicable to Q1 of PY 2022.

For additional information about the Q1 report package, reference the Q1 cover notice in the zip file and the most recently available report user’s guides:

- Assignment List Report and Assignment Summary Report User's Guide (PDF)
- Annual and Quarterly Aggregate Expenditure/Utilization, Beneficiary Expenditure/Utilization, and Non-Claims Based Payment Reports User's Guide (PDF)

These report user’s guides provide detailed information about the data elements included in the referenced program reports. They can be found in the Program Resources section of the Knowledge Library tab in ACO-MS by searching “Report User’s Guides” and then selecting [Performance Year 2022 Report User's Guides](#).

The December 2, 2021 and March 9, 2022 editions of the *ACO Spotlight Newsletter* include articles that highlight the updates to the *Assignment List Report*, *Assignment Summary Report*, *Aggregate Expenditure/Utilization Report*, *Beneficiary Expenditure/Utilization Report*, and *Non-Claims Based Payments File* implemented for PY 2022. Access the *Spotlight* archive in the *Spotlight Newsletters* section of the Knowledge Library tab in ACO-MS.

Identifying Qualifying APM Participant Status in QPP Participation Status Tool

CMS is aware of the Qualifying Participant (QP) Participation Status Tool issue that affected Alternative Payment Model (APM) Entity representatives signed into the Qualified Payment Program (QPP) website. This issue resulted in some data being inaccessible and other data failing to load when navigating to the “Eligibility & Reporting” section and clicking “View APM Entity Details & Participant Eligibility.” This issue also affected the APM Incentive webpage.

CMS actively worked to resolve the issue, finalizing a short-term resolution during the week of May 2, 2022, to change the default year to PY 2021 for all QPP users and allow for review of PY 2021 data.

Note: CMS has not loaded any 2022 APM snapshot data yet for interested parties to access; per the schedule on QPP’s [Timeline and Important Deadlines webpage](#), it will be loaded in July. Once this occurs, CMS will reset the tool to include PY 2022 data.

The process for checking your eligibility at the APM entity level has not changed. To check, please take the following steps:

- Sign into the CMS [QPP website](#). Learn how by downloading the [QPP Access User Guide](#) (zip).
- Browse to the taxpayer identification number (TIN)(s) affiliated with your ACO.
- Access the “Details” screen to view the eligibility status of every clinician based on their National Provider Identifier (NPI).
- For more information on APMs and lists of current APM participants, visit the [QPP APMs Overview webpage](#). For all other questions contact the QPP Service Center at QPP@cms.hhs.gov or 1-866-288-8292 (TTY: 1-877-715-6222).

Tell Us About Your QPP Submissions Experience

Have you recently submitted data to the QPP? Share your experience.

Please take the [QPP Submissions Experience Survey](#). The goal of this survey is to help CMS better understand the data submissions experiences of QPP participants who submitted data for PY 2021, including Shared Savings Program ACOs. Your responses will help us identify areas for improvement and enhance the QPP participation experience. **Please respond by May 22, 2022.**

Results will be reported in such a way that no single individual, group, or entity can be identified. This survey is conducted by outside contractors, and participation is completely voluntary and confidential. Your decision to participate or not to participate in this survey will not affect any pending or future determinations. This survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

Thank you, your feedback is essential to understanding how CMS can best serve QPP participants. If you have any questions, please reach out to qppuserresearch@cms.hhs.gov.

Seeking Speakers for a July Learning System Webinar on Health Equity in Palliative and Hospice Care

CMS will host a cross-model Learning System webinar in July 2022 highlighting approaches to and experiences with engaging beneficiaries to promote health equity in palliative and hospice care. These experiences may include multiple dimensions of equity that affect palliative and hospice services at your organization (for example, racial, cultural, socioeconomic, or linguistic). Topics may include but are not limited to strategies to engage diverse beneficiary communities, training staff in culturally sensitive conversations about palliative and hospice care, collaboration with community groups, or new approaches to working with families and caregivers of beneficiaries.

Does your ACO have a story to share about promoting health equity in palliative care and hospice care settings?

Please express interest in presenting by emailing VBCLearningSystem@mathematica-mpr.com (subject line “July Palliative Care Webinar”) by close of business **Friday, May 27th**. Kindly include in your email a brief description of your ACO’s efforts to address health equity.

EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SDOH Information Exchange: Technical Infrastructure and Interoperability

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022, 1:00 P.M.–2:30 P.M. EASTERN TIME

- [Register Here](#)
- **Audience:** Shared Savings Program ACOs
- **Description:** Join the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology’s (ONC) Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Information Exchange Learning Forum, which will bring together health care providers, community-based organizations, government, payers, health information exchange networks, IT platform developers, innovators, and other partners to share lessons learned, promising practices, and challenges related to exchanging SDOH data.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR ACOs

ACO Coordinator

To help ACOs navigate questions regarding the Shared Savings Program, **please contact your ACO Coordinator as your first line of contact.** These additional resources are also available:

ACO Information Center

Click the [ACO-MS](#) Helpdesk Icon (located within the ACO-MS banner)

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–7:30 p.m. ET

- Program operations and policy inquiries; technical inquiries related to program data and program reports; ACO-MS; and assistance with user access to CMS systems, including password resets
- 1-888-734-6433 (select Option 1) or 1-888-734-6563 (TTY/TTD)

Quality Payment Program Service Center

QPP@cms.hhs.gov

Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. ET; non-peak hours: before 10:00 a.m. and after 2:00 p.m. ET.

- Inquiries related to MIPS, APMs, MACRA, CAHPS® for ACOs survey, quality measures, quality reporting for 2017 and future years, and CMS Web Interface
- 1-866-288-8292

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