

ARE YOU READY TO PARTICIPATE IN A MEDICARE ACO?

CMS Wants All Their Traditional Medicare Patients in an MSSP Program by 2030

On August 30, 2022, a press release from CMS announced the overwhelming success of its Medicare Shared Savings Program in saving **\$1.66 billion** in 2021 when compared to expected expenditures for that year. For five consecutive years, this program has generated savings while bringing quality performance by meeting quality goals and preserving resources by employing evidence-based best practices.

Officials from Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced this success while sharing strategic plans for their expansion over the coming years with a goal of increasing savings and quality while delivering person-centered care that works toward erasing health disparities.

The success of the shared savings programs has led CMS to set a goal of enveloping 100% of its traditional Medicare patients into an MSSP ACO by 2030. The implication is that if you continue to treat traditional Medicare patients, you will eventually be participating in an MSSP.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full announcement with links to original CMS documents.

HOW DOES RISK CODING AFFECT COST SAVINGS CALCULATIONS?

CMS figures the total cost of a patient's care from claims data, adjusting for chronic conditions that tend to generate high expenditures and use more resources.

Properly coding and reporting those conditions in your patients to indicate their exact nature allows CMS to adjust their spending expectations upward as needed to set aside sufficient funds to cover the cost of care for your patients.

Quality preventive care allows you to demonstrate savings from preventing a decline in health and increase in expenditures due to unchecked chronic disease processes. This is not only how shared savings are generated, but also how your quality of care is weighed in the cost category of MIPS. No matter how well you provide quality care, if costs are higher than expected from the diagnoses that you code, your opportunity to share in the savings and your overall MIPS cost category score will suffer.

HC Trilogy Shared Savings

	2021
United Healthcare	\$89,000.00
CIGNA Exchange	\$ 62,000.00
CIGNA CAC	COVID Model
Medicare Shared Savings Plan	\$3,200,000.00

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Rescheduled from December: What is SVMIC Medical Practice Services and What Can We Do? Jackie Boswell, MBA, FACMPE 01-24-2023 12:00 pm

This program about the valuable free services of which of you may be unaware, is especially for medical practice managers, and will define the broad categories of services MPS provides, outline the types and purpose of assessments conducted by MPS consultants, and discuss accessing MPS services. [click here for info/RSVP](#)

E&M Leveling Webinars for Providers and Coders

As we did with the 2021 E&M changes, we will present some brief sessions on E&M leveling for the new 2023 E&M updates using inpatient and other pertinent cases.

Please email your difficult cases if you would like to discuss them during the session. Blind all PHE and email before noon on Jan 16 to: donna.pendergrass@metrocarephysicians.com. This will allow Karen to research prior to discussion.

Four sessions to accommodate your schedule:

Lunchtime 12:15 sessions-

January 18 [click here to register](#)

February 9 [click here to register](#)

Evening 6:00 PM sessions-

January 17 [click here to register](#)

February 21 [click here to register](#)

Catch Up on CPT Coding in February

In February, we will present again some important programs in case you missed them. The **2023 CPT Updates** will repeat on February 3 ([click here](#)) and **Three Hour Deep Dive for 2023 E&M** will be repeated February 10 ([click here](#)).

For a short month, February is a full one. This month also has some specialty coding programs that occur only once each year. These classes will include appropriate procedure coding along with the diagnostic coding and review of pertinent terminology and anatomy.

Please note that we will present specialty coding for

- Pediatrics February 10 9 AM [click here](#)
- The Nervous System February 24 9 AM [click here](#)
- Addiction, Behavioral Health and Pain Medicine February 24 1 PM [click here](#)

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