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Advance Payment ACO Model

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The Advance Payment Model is designed for physician-based and rural providers who have come together voluntarily to give coordinated high quality care to the Medicare patients they serve. Through the Advance Payment ACO Model, selected participants will receive upfront and monthly payments, which they can use to make important investments in their care coordination infrastructure.

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There are 35 ACOs participating in the Advance Payment ACO Model. ([List \(https://data.cms.gov/dataset/Advance-Payment-ACO-Model/ysx4-zh7v\)](https://data.cms.gov/dataset/Advance-Payment-ACO-Model/ysx4-zh7v))

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Background

In developing the Advance Payment ACO Model, CMS is responding to input from stakeholders received on the proposed rule for the Shared Savings Program, and [comments received \(PDF\) \(/Files/x/Advance-Payment-ACO-Model-Combined-Public-Comments-doc.pdf\)](#) on the initial Advance Payment Model announced in May 2011. Some providers have expressed a concern about their lack of ready access to the capital needed to invest in infrastructure and staff for care coordination. The Advance Payment ACO Model is meant to help smaller ACOs with less access to capital participate in the Shared Savings Program.

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Initiative Details

Through the Advance Payment ACO Model, selected organizations will receive an advance on the shared savings they are expected to earn. Participating ACOs will receive three types of payments:

An upfront, fixed payment: Each ACO will receive a fixed payment.

An upfront, variable payment: Each ACO will receive a payment based on the number of its historically-assigned beneficiaries.

A monthly payment of varying amount depending on the size of the ACO: Each ACO will receive a monthly payment based on the number of its historically-assigned beneficiaries.

Advance payments are structured in this manner to acknowledge that new ACOs will have both fixed and variable start-up costs.

Additional Information

[Fact Sheet: The Advance Payment Model \(PDF\) \(/Files/fact-sheet/Advanced-Payment-ACO-Model-Fact-Sheet.pdf\) updated January 10, 2013](#)

[Medicare Shared Savings Program application info \(https://www.cms.gov/sharedsavingsprogram/\)](https://www.cms.gov/sharedsavingsprogram/)

[Advance Payment ACO Model application info \(/initiatives/Advance-Payment-ACO-Model/Advance-Payment-ACO-Model-Application-Information.html\)](#)

[Solicitation for the Advance Payment Model \(PDF\) \(/Files/x/Advance-Payment-Model-ACO-solicitation-doc.pdf\)](#)

[Slides: Application Process Open Door Forum \(PDF\) \(/Files/slides/Advance-Payment-Model-ACO-ODF-Application-Process-slides.pdf\)](#)

Questions about the Advance Payment application, or the Advance Payment Model generally, can be sent to advpayaco@cms.hhs.gov (<mailto:advpayaco@cms.hhs.gov>).

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Model Summary

Stage: No Longer Active

Number of Participants: 35

Category: Accountable Care

Authority: Section 3021 of the Affordable Care Act

Milestones & Updates

Jan 10, 2013

Announced: New ACOs participating in the Advance Payment ACO Model.

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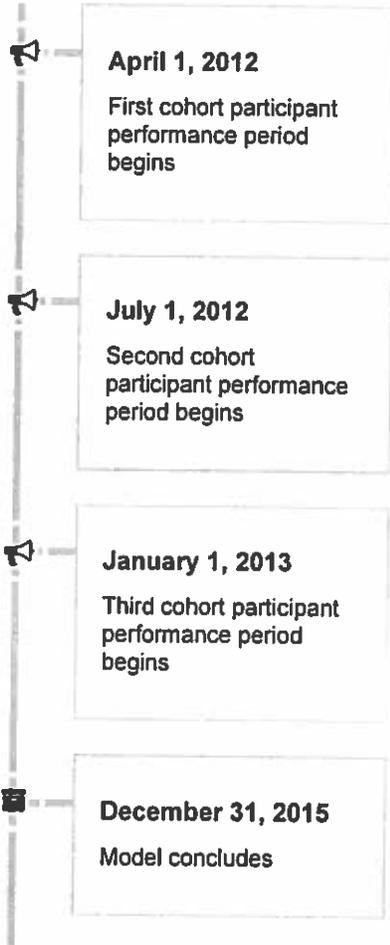
Jul 18, 2012

Announced: Participants for the performance period that began July 1, 2012

Jun 11, 2012

Announced: New round of applications. Notices of intent to apply to the Medicare Shared Savings Program are due 06/29. Applications to Advance Payment Model are due 09/19.

Timeline



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