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America's Physician Groups Members Were Among Organizations Producing Big Savings And High Quality Scores In ACO REACH Model In 2024

Washington, DC, July 10, 2026 – Multiple member organizations of America's Physician Groups (APG) generated net savings for the federal government while also earning shared savings payments as participants in the ACO Realizing Equity, Access and Community Health (ACO REACH) model in 2024, according to [results](#) released this week by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). These APG members were part of a corps of 115 total ACO REACH participants that produced strong improvements in cost control and quality that year compared to results achieved in 2023.

"These newly announced results show that APG members and other participants in the ACO REACH model can get better as they go in achieving both Medicare savings and quality improvement," said Susan Dentzer, president and CEO of America's Physician Groups. "We're especially gratified to see that all types of ACOs – Standard, New Entrant, and High Needs – reduced hospitalizations for ambulatory care-sensitive conditions and unplanned admissions for beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions." As CMS noted in its own release, these results show that these ACOs improved ambulatory care broadly and not just for a subset of patients with more severe comorbidities. A new [evaluation](#) of the model suggests some of the reasons why, noting that ACOs "made significant strides in their capacity to stratify risk, manage population health, and share timely data with providers," along with improving care transitions and increasing "touchpoints" with primary care patients.

Overall, ACO REACH participants in 2024 generated more than \$988 million in net savings for CMS – or 2.6 percent of what they were originally paid to provide care by Medicare –and also earned shared savings payments of more than \$1.5 billion, or 4.2 percent. These results exceeded the \$695 million in net savings to CMS and \$948 million in shared savings to ACOs in 2023. CMS attributed the increases to performance improvements by model participants as they gained experience and growth in model participation. Quality also improved relative to 2023, with REACH ACOs' Total Quality Scores – a composite measure -- increasing from 79.42% to 81.11% in 2024, enabling ACOs to "earn back" a commensurate share of the funds that are withheld by CMS pending determinations of ACOs' quality performance.

The newly released results reflect the fourth year of testing of the ACO REACH model, which began as the Global and Professional Direct Contracting model in 2021. The growing success of the ACO REACH model sets the stage for the Long-term Enhanced ACO Design (LEAD) model that will continue testing and refining similar direct contracting ACO approaches once the ACO REACH model expires on December 31, 2026, Dentzer said.

APG will continue to evaluate the results to determine how much in net and shared savings and quality improvements its members contributed. Meanwhile, APG salutes its participating organization members, which include Agilon, Bloom Healthcare, CareAllies, Castell/Intermountain, CenterWell, Commonwealth Primary Care, CVS, Harmony, Honest, Illumed, NeueHealth, North East Medical Services, Oak Street Health, On Belay, One Medical Senior, Pearl Health, Reliant Medical Group, Triad, United Physician Association, UT Southwestern, and Summit Health (formerly VillageMD), among others.

About America's Physician Groups

APG's more than 300 physician groups comprise roughly 260,000 physicians and other clinicians providing care to nearly 90 million patients, including an estimated 1 in 4 Americans and 1 in 3 Medicare Advantage enrollees. APG's motto, 'Taking Responsibility for America's Health,' represents our members' commitment to clinically integrated, coordinated, value-based health care in which physician groups are accountable for the costs and quality of patient care. Visit us at www.apg.org.

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