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APG DIRECT CONTRACTING
COALITION



Direct Contracting
Coalition Webinar
April 27, 2021

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APG DIRECT CONTRACTING COALITION

The Coalition is an opportunity for participants to exchange information, share best practices, and collaborate on advocacy opportunities that will strengthen the experience in the Direct Contracting Model.

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Agenda

- Update on CMMI Communication- Valinda
- Proposed Congressional Outreach- Valinda
- Status of April 1st Start Date Group- Rushika/Gary
- Second Coalition Letter Status- Valinda
- Evaluating Underserved and High Needs Populations- Gary/Aneesh
- Open Mic- All

Update on CMMI Communication- Valinda

Status of programs

- Global/Professional Direct Contracting(GPDC) Performance Year 1- April 1, 2021
- GPDC Performance year 2- January 1, 2022 for Deferred Applications only

Proposed Congressional Outreach- Valinda

Congressional Outreach

Senate

- Kaine (VA)
- Warner (VA)
- Schumer (NY)
- Durbin (IL)
- Wyden (OR)
- Duckworth (IL)
- Stabenow (MI)
- Murray(WA)
- Brown (OH)

House

- Pelosi (CA)
- Neal (MA)
- Pallone (NJ)
- Kind (WI)
- Bera (CA)
- Schneider (IL)
- Eshoo (CA)
- Doggett (TX)
- Thompson (CA)

From the Trenches Update- Rushika/ Gary

Village MD Pearls of Wisdom

- Claims
- Benchmarking
- Risk score trend
- Beneficiary identification and attribution

Second Coalition Letter Status- Valinda

Second Coalition Letter

- A Second Coalition Letter to CMMI detailing recommended changes to the April 1st performance period and flexibilities needed for the January 1st applicants –
- Draft will be sent to Coalition members by end of week



Evaluating Underserved and High Needs Populations

April 2021

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“Deep—Dive” on Medicare APM Demographics

CareJourney conducted an analysis on the 2019 set of 100% of CMS beneficiary-level claims data to better understand care delivery to underserved and high needs populations. The first set of outputs, with key findings below, break down national counts of beneficiaries by enrollment type, Distressed Community Index (DCI), Race, Dual Status, and Disabled Status.

You are 26% more likely to be assigned to an ACO if you live in a community that is not distressed (1) vs. (5) distressed

You are 48% more likely to be in MA if you are Hispanic or Black and similarly less likely to be in an ACO

Generally speaking, MA has better penetration of non-white, economically distressed beneficiary populations than ACOs.

Disadvantaged categories tend to be overrepresented in the non-assignable category

Definitions

Data Year
2019

Categories (These are Mutually Exclusive)	
MA	At least one month of MA Part C buy-in in 2019 from Master Beneficiary Summary File (MBSF)
ACO-Enrolled	MSSP enrolled for 2019 based on full year 2019 retrospective claims from VRDC SSP_Beneficiary source of truth
Assignable	Has at least 1 month of both Part A & Part B buy-in, no months with only Part A or Part B, no Medicare Buy-in and at least one eligible primary care service (based on MSSP attribution rules) in 2019. Uses MBSF and Claims. Not attributed to an ACO in 2019
Not-Assignable	Fails assignable criteria - either eligibility or qualifying PCP service.

DCI Quintile
1 (least distressed) - 5 (most distressed) ranking of beneficiary community based on EIG's distressed community index (DCI)
https://eig.org/dci/methodology

Race, Dual, Disabled
Race, Dual, and Disabled categories are based on the master beneficiary summary file for 2019
https://requests.resdac.org/cms-data/files/mbsf-base/data-documentation

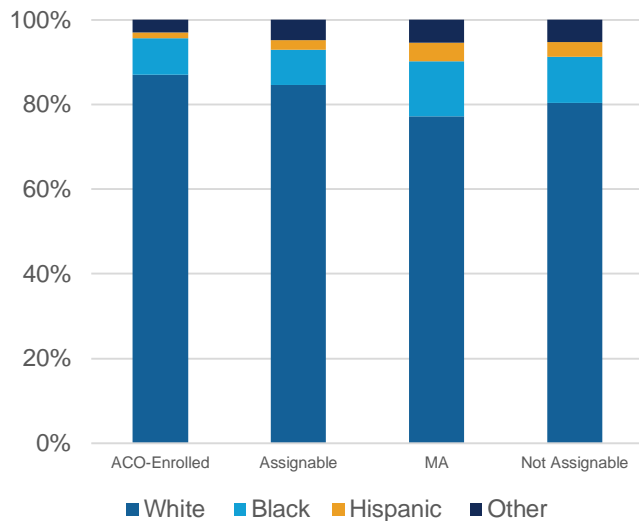
Distribution by Enrollment and Race

This table shows the 2019 breakdown of Medicare beneficiaries across ACO-Enrolled, Assignable, Not Assignable, and Medicare Advantage. It then also breaks down the distribution of population by Race.

Row Labels	ACO-Enrolled	Assignable	MA	Not Assignable	Grand Total
White	10,758,090	12,735,789	18,915,229	5,773,124	48,182,232
Black	1,062,032	1,246,124	3,226,012	788,895	6,323,063
Hispanic	180,725	331,794	1,048,216	245,534	1,806,269
Other	363,875	729,688	1,336,300	377,241	2,807,104
Grand Total	12,364,722	15,043,395	24,525,757	7,184,794	59,118,668

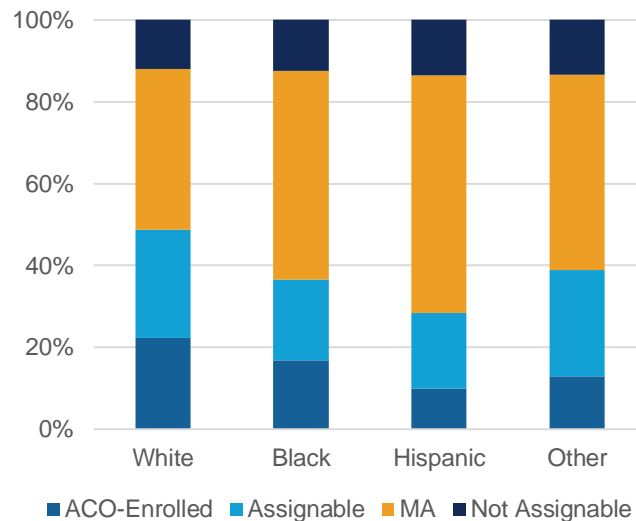
Distribution by Enrollment and Race

Distribution of Race by Enrollment Type



Race	ACO-Enrolled	Assignable	MA	Not Assignable
White	87%	85%	77%	80%
Black	9%	8%	13%	11%
Hispanic	1%	2%	4%	3%
Other	3%	5%	5%	5%

Distribution of Enrollment Type by Race



Enrollment	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
ACO-Enrolled	22%	17%	10%	13%
Assignable	26%	20%	18%	26%
MA	39%	51%	58%	48%
Not Assignable	12%	12%	14%	13%

Distribution by Enrollment & DCI

This table shows the 2019 breakdown of Medicare beneficiaries across ACO-Enrolled, Assignable, Not Assignable, and Medicare Advantage. It then also breaks down the distribution of population by Distressed Communities Index.

DCI	ACO-Enrolled	Assignable	MA	Not Assignable	Grand Total
1- Least Distressed	3,336,915	3,592,712	5,527,240	1,616,839	14,073,706
2	2,713,065	3,178,526	5,038,221	1,452,322	12,382,134
3	2,259,359	2,883,378	4,618,009	1,380,836	11,141,582
4	1,988,126	2,632,200	4,324,338	1,273,626	10,218,290
5- Most Distressed	1,730,423	2,325,759	3,859,637	1,145,184	9,061,003
Grand Total	12,027,888	14,612,575	23,367,445	6,868,807	56,876,715

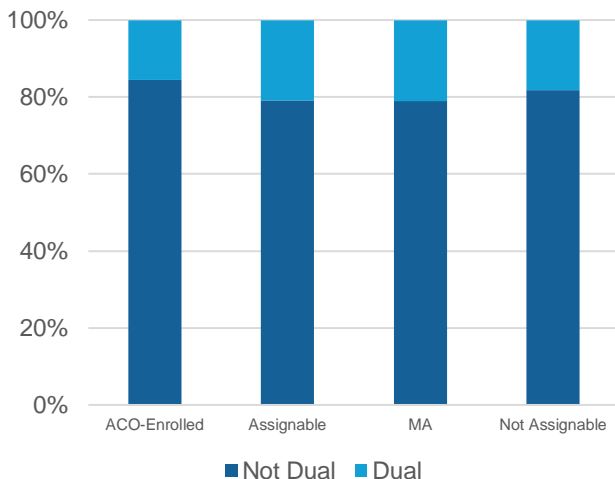
Distribution by Enrollment and Dual Status

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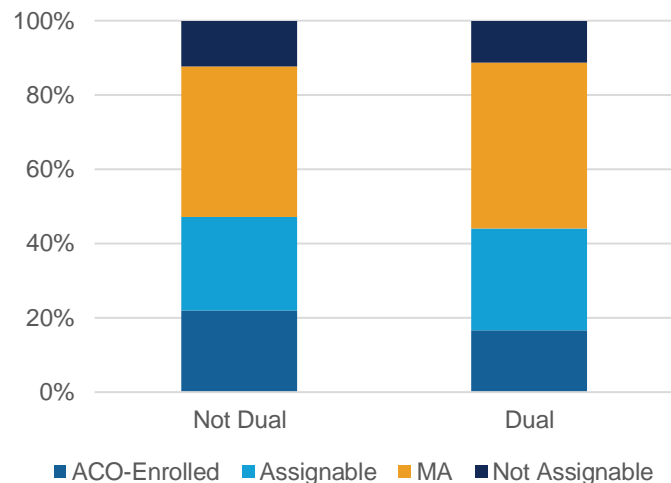
Dual Status	ACO-Enrolled	Assignable	MA	Not Assignable	Grand Total
Not Dual	10,445,387	11,980,565	19,344,312	5,879,482	47,649,746
Dual	1,919,335	3,162,830	5,181,445	1,305,312	11,568,922
Grand Total	12,364,722	15,143,395	24,525,757	7,184,794	59,218,668

Distribution by Enrollment and Dual Status

Distribution of Dual Status by Enrollment Type



Distribution of Enrollment Type by Dual Status



	ACO-Enrolled	Assignable	MA	Not Assignable
Dual Status	Enrolled			
Not Dual	84%	79%	79%	82%
Dual	16%	21%	21%	18%

Enrollment	Not Dual	Dual
ACO-Enrolled	22%	17%
Assignable	25%	27%
MA	41%	45%
Not Assignable	12%	11%

Driver #1: Consumer Designated Networks

Consumers Can Direct Their Capitated Dollar



CMS
CONFIRMATION OF YOUR PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN

Please complete the below form to select your primary care physician.

Medicare has started an initiative to help you choose your primary care physician. This is a voluntary program. You are receiving this letter to help you coordinate your care. These services include:

• Home Visits: Medicare will send a doctor to your home to help you

Provider Name

✓ Select Provider

Organizations

- Allied Health Care Associates
- Columbia Medical Center Limited
- Dr. Mary Tink
- Durand Internal Medicine
- Family Medicine & Wellness Center
- Indiana Sports & Medical Science Institute, PC
- Meyer Family Medicine Associates LLC
- Mishra Patel, P.C.
- Primary Care Medical Associates, Ltd
- Primcare Family Physicians, Ltd
- Progressive Medical Center, S.C.
- Worldwide Family Medicine, LLC

Providers

- Londa Aldridge
- Annie Barry
- Jodi Bult
- Naina Chhokar
- Respect Your Choice

Consumers Can Aggregate Their Data and Share with Those They Trust

Find apps to use with Medicare's Blue Button

Medicare's Blue Button 2.0 lets you connect your Medicare health information to other services you trust, like applications (apps).

These apps give you ways to manage and improve your health, like:

- ◆ Keeping track of the tests and services you need and getting reminders for them.
- ◆ Tracking your medical claims.
- ◆ Keeping your medical records and list of medicines in one place.

Trusty.care

LET'S GET STARTED!

We have partnered with Trusty.care, an approved Blue Button 2.0 company, to help you get better care.

Learn More

Import from Medicare

Enter data manually

Consumers Can Earn Rewards for Value-Based Shopping, Taking Responsibility

Benefit Enhancements

Benefit Enhancements are conditional waivers of certain Medicare payment rules. CMS uses the authority under Section 1115A of the Social Security Act (Section 3021 of the Affordable Care Act) to conditionally waive certain Medicare payment requirements.

Goals of these benefit enhancements are to:



Emphasize high-value services



Support care management and closer care relationships



Allow DCE flexibility

Knee Replacement

CARE BUNDLE OVERVIEW CARE BUNDLE DETAILS WHAT TO EXPECT QUESTIONS TO ASK HOW TO PREPARE RELATED CARE BUNDLES

Cost Breakdowns

Please check the boxes below to view the available prices you're interested in. Our estimated cost information is not a guarantee of payment or benefits. Your actual costs may be higher or lower than the estimate for a number of reasons you can view [here](#).

What level would you like to view cost information from?

☐ National: see average costs across the nation

Your Care Bundle

The care bundle includes the steps and procedures that are part of a typical treatment plan for that care bundle. Costs are broken out by step.

STEP 1: Office Visit with Specialist for Evaluation

A visit with a specialist for a detailed evaluation and treatment of your symptoms

FL \$159

through County \$173

A GENERAL HOSPITAL N/A

STEP 2:

CMS "DCEs" incentivized to voluntarily align new members, opportunity to harness consumer-directed health information exchange

Driver #2: Transparency for Care Navigation

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

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Hospitals Hide Pricing Data From Search Results

Webpages for hundreds of hospitals require users to click through to find prices, undermining federal transparency rule, Journal analysis shows

By [Tom McGinty](#), [Anna Wilde Mathews](#) and [Melanie Evans](#)

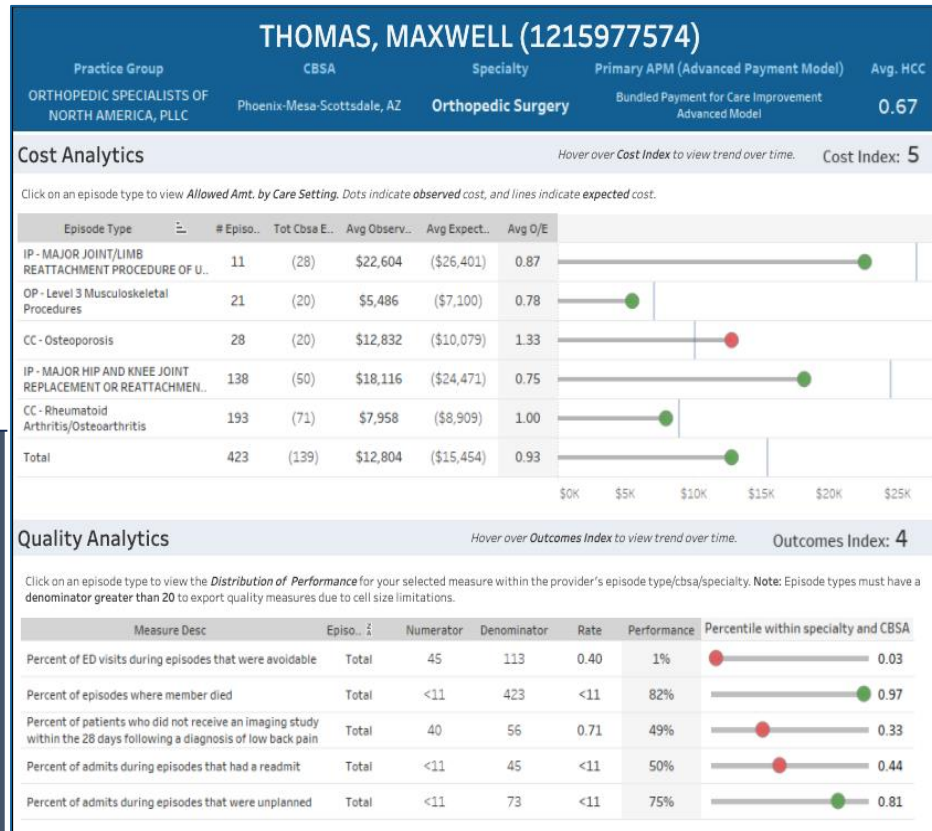
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Hospitals that have published their previously confidential prices to comply with a new federal rule have also blocked that information from web searches with special coding embedded on their websites, according to a Wall Street Journal

No Surprises Law: providers must "...provide a...good faith estimate of the expected charges for furnishing such item or service (including any item or service that is reasonably expected to be provided in conjunction...by another health care provider or health care facility)"





Driver #3: “Real Time” Analytics

Fact sheet

Reducing Provider and Patient Burden by Improving Prior Authorization Processes, and Promoting Patients' Electronic Access to Health Information CMS-9123-F: Fact Sheet

Patient Out-of-Pocket Cost Estimate

 **Prescriptions** 

Pending Prescription

☐ **etodolac 400 mg tablet**

\$57.38

Patient Preferred Pharmacy, 60 tablets, 30 days

\$1.91/day

Suggested Alternatives

☒ **etodolac 400 mg tablet**

\$41.90

Health System Pharmacy, 60 tablets, 30 days

\$1.40/day

☐ **ibuprofen 800 mg tablet**

\$8.60

Patient Preferred Pharmacy, 90 tablets, 30 days

\$0.29/day

Total Cost: \$41.90

14 -
22%

**Medication Order
Switch Rate**

SWIFTRX®

SMART on FHIR

Medicare Sockets

SMART on FHIR

Humana.

Please confirm below entered information:

Medicare Sockets

Please select the option that most represents this request:

A. New request for test (diagnostic) sockets

Will the test sockets be used for an immediate prosthesis?

Yes

Is this request for more than two test (diagnostic) sockets?

No

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CMS ADT Rule empowers physicians April 2021; proposes automated prior auth; regulates the use of “real-time benefit check” to lower drug costs

Idea: A Distressed Communities Model

- CMS makes up-front grants to eligible organizations to invest in communities that are either a 4 or 5 on the highly distressed scale
 - Grant does not count against potential future savings
- First 1-2 years of program is for investment
 - Selected participants receive grant funding from CMMI to establish and implement a “community transformation plan”
 - To continue in program participants would have to hit milestones of their proposed transformation plan
- Years 3-5 participant (the lead organization) takes full financial risk for aligned beneficiaries
 - Based on a prospective benchmark
 - CMS applies a modest discount
 - Outliers are capped (or opportunity for stop-loss)
- Proposal would require
 - Increasing PCP availability in the community
 - Providing additional support services (ideally on-site)
 - Participants must guarantee that providers would see community members beyond Medicare
 - Plan for community partnerships to address SDOH, including medical transportation, food/nutrition, etc.
 - Sustainability plan

Open Mic

Proposed Next Steps

- A Second Coalition Letter to CMMI detailing recommended changes to the April 1st performance period and flexibilities needed for the January 1st deferred applicants
- Advocacy at the Agency level (CMMI/CMS) and Hill level will be developed and coordinated. Complete by May 15

Questions?

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