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## **Medicare accountable care organization (ACO) policy options**

**ISSUE:** There are near-term refinements that may be helpful to the Medicare ACO programs. CMS is seeking comments on its *Request for information: Evolution of ACO initiatives at CMS* and a proposed rule on the Medicare shared savings program may be forthcoming.

**KEY POINTS:** In advance of the start of the second MSSP cycle, several regulatory and statutory issues will need to be resolved in 2014. The Pioneer demonstration will need to incorporate lessons learned into its payment model going forward and as additional models are considered.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should review the materials and be prepared to discuss their views on what refinements should be developed by the staff.

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