

Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) performance

ISSUE: To evaluate the performance of the MSSP, researchers and policymakers analyze how much Medicare spent on beneficiaries in MSSP ACOs relative to what would have been spent on those beneficiaries if they have not been assigned to an MSSP ACO.

KEY POINTS: Estimates of MSSP savings are dependent on how the treatment group and comparison group are defined. In particular, it is important how patients switching in and out of ACOs are categorized.

ACTION: Commissioners will review and discuss the material.