

## **Update on Medicare accountable care organizations (ACOs)**

**ISSUE:** Accountable care organizations (ACOs) have been expanding rapidly in the Medicare program. Staff will provide Commissioners with information on the first year performance of ACOs in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) and the Pioneer demonstration and review the Commission's position on a number of ACO related issues.

**KEY POINTS:** There are now about 350 ACOs in Medicare serving over five million beneficiaries. Both programs have achieved modest reductions in Medicare spending for their beneficiaries. There are some changes to the program that could increase beneficiaries' engagement with the ACO and make the program more attractive to providers.

**ACTION:** Commissioners should review the findings in advance of the discussion at the September meeting.

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