

Benchmark incentives for accountable care organizations

ISSUE: Benchmarks for accountable care organizations (ACOs) influence the likelihood of provider participation and program savings. In attempting to balance these two incentives, CMS has made considerable changes to ACO models in recent years, including the permanent Medicare Shared Savings Program.

KEY POINTS: Staff will describe the technical approaches used in setting ACO spending benchmarks and ongoing challenges in balancing benchmark incentives.

ACTION: Commissioners will provide feedback on potential ACO benchmark approaches.