

**Medicare accountable care organizations (ACOs):
Additional information on policy directions**

ISSUE: We expect the second Medicare Shared Savings Program ACO cycle to start in 2015 and the Pioneer ACO demonstration to move toward more population-based payment in 2014.

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. Findings from recent interviews with Pioneer ACOs will be presented.

ACTION: Commissioners should review the materials and be prepared to discuss their views on the various issues that will need to be resolved as ACO payment models evolve.

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