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Community Health Provider Alliance (CHPA) Saves Medicare Money for Fourth Consecutive Year
ACOs Improve Quality and Reduce Costs While Preserving Medicare Beneficiary Choice of Providers

Denver, Colorado — Community Health Provider Alliance (CHPA) improved care for **13,844** Medicare beneficiaries in **Colorado** and saved Medicare **\$15,270,028** by meeting quality and cost goals in 2022, according to recently released performance data from the federal agency that administers Medicare, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Medicare data shows CHPA earned a quality score of **70.63%** on performance measures ranging from preventive health checks to use of computerized health records to preventing avoidable hospitalizations. The **\$15,270,028** of gross savings to Medicare resulted in a shared savings payment of **\$7,482,314** to CHPA, 48% of which will be distributed directly to the participating member Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), also known as Community Health Centers (CHCs). An additional 20% will be distributed to CHCs at the discretion of the Board to drive quality improvement. CHPA will use 21% to support improvement efforts for individual CHCs, 6% will be awarded to CHCs through a Member Development fund, and the remaining 5% will be used to support CHPA's operating costs.

CHPA joined the CMS Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) in 2017 and shared savings were first earned in the third performance year of 2019. CHPA has continued achieving savings since then, providing **\$52 million in total savings for CMS over the last four years**. CHPA continues to implement various programs to reduce the total cost of care while improving quality and patient satisfaction.

Member CHCs who participated in the MSSP program work to increase the number of Medicare beneficiaries utilizing annual wellness visits, including recommended screenings and preventive care. The accountable care organization (ACO) also focuses on ensuring smooth patient transitions from the hospital to home and provides various supports to manage patients with chronic conditions and complex social risk factors. All member CHCs receive detailed information about their performance on quality measures from CHPA. Additionally, clinicians and providers share best practices to coordinate the care beneficiaries receive from different primary care and specialty providers to prevent health issues and repeat hospitalizations.

CHPA's 18 participating member CHCs have independent electronic health records (EHRs) and in addition to achieving savings in the 2022 performance year, CHPA was one of approximately 40 ACOS—out of a total of 482 participating—able to report electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs). This was due to a collaborative relationship with the Colorado Community Managed Care Network (CCMCN) who also serves the CHCs.

CHPA member CHCs who participated in the MSSP program in 2022 include:

Axis Health Systems	River Valley Family Health Center
Clinica Family Health Services	Salud Family Health Centers
High Plains Community Health Centers	Sheridan Health Services
Inner City Health Center	STRIDE Community Health Centers
Marillac Health	Summit Community Care Clinic
Mountain Family Health Center	Sunrise Community Health
Northwest Colorado Health	Tepeyac Family Health
Peak Vista Community Health Centers	Uncompahgre Medical Center
Pueblo Community Health Center	Valley-Wide Health Systems

A market-based solution to fragmented and costly care, ACOs empower local physicians, hospitals, and other providers to work together and take responsibility for improving quality, enhancing patient experience, and keeping care affordable. MSSP creates incentives for ACOs to invest in transforming care by allowing them to share in savings generated while meeting defined quality and cost goals.

In 2022 nationally, 482 ACOs caring for 11 million beneficiaries participated in the MSSP, generating gross savings of more than \$1.8 billion based on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services methodology for setting financial benchmarks. 405 of the 482 participants, or 84%, achieved a positive savings rate in 2022, and 63% of the ACOs were eligible to receive shared savings payments.

“We are encouraged and inspired by six consecutive years of savings and high-quality care, with 2022 being one of the strongest years of performance to date,” said Meena Seshamani, MD, PhD, CMS Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Medicare. “The Shared Savings Program is Medicare’s permanent, flagship Accountable Care Program, and we look forward to continually improving and growing the program, expanding the reach of participating ACOs, and addressing critical health disparities across the country.”

A fact sheet with more information about MSSP ACOs is available online, along with other resources—[What is an ACO?](#)—and the [ABCs of ACOs](#).

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Community Health Provider Alliance (CHPA) is a nonprofit accountable care organization (ACO) formed around a statewide integrated network of Colorado Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), also known as Community Health Centers (CHCs), that offer comprehensive primary care services to their patients.

Formed in 2014 as a 501(c)(3) organization, CHPA has decreased overall healthcare costs and increased patient satisfaction in its population. The integrated network of 20 CHCs participate in various payer-specific quality improvement projects in Medicare, Medicaid, and Commercial contracts. The network of providers includes more than 1,000 medical and behavioral health

providers that operate in more than 243 locations across the state of Colorado. These providers deliver care to over 832,00 lives.

Members of CHPA must agree to work as an ACO focused on adopting and implementing best practices to improve the health and well-being of CHPA's patients. Members agree to adopt and adhere to evidence-based clinical guidelines. Providers and clinics are required to actively participate in activities and CHPA initiatives to improve the quality, efficiency, and coordination of patient-care, including:

- Participating in clinical education, care coordination activities, and regular clinical and quality improvement meetings
- Reviewing CHC performance data and testing, demonstrating improvements and progress toward CHPA goals
- Implementing population health management strategies, including the implementation of health information technology to improve systems, care coordination, population management, and risk adjustment
- Adhering to clinical guidelines, as demonstrated by performance on nationally endorsed measures and defined performance targets

Learn more about CHPA and its members at chpanetwork.com.