

Transforming Episode Accountability Model

Proposed Mandatory Model: 2026-2030

The Transforming Episode Accountability Model (TEAM) would support people with Medicare undergoing certain surgical procedures by promoting better care coordination, seamless transitions between providers, and successful recovery.

Included procedures: lower extremity joint replacement, surgical hip femur fracture treatment, spinal fusion, coronary artery bypass graft, and major bowel procedure.



Episode Components

Participating acute care hospitals would be responsible for overseeing a patient's care from hospital admission or outpatient procedure and through 30 days after the individual leaves the hospital, including **coordination and communication** between providers across all care settings and with the patient and family. An episode includes:

- ▶ Inpatient hospital services
- ▶ Physician services: specialists and primary care
- ▶ Outpatient therapy services
- ▶ Skilled nursing facilities
- ▶ Home health services
- ▶ Clinical laboratory services
- ▶ Durable medical equipment
- ▶ Medications (Part B drugs and biologicals)
- ▶ Hospice

A participating hospital would connect the patient to a primary care provider after they leave the hospital to support continued recovery and positive long-term health outcomes.



Model Goals

- ▶ Quicker recovery after surgery
- ▶ Fewer avoidable hospital and emergency department visits
- ▶ Shorter hospital/post-acute care stays
- ▶ Smoother transitions back to primary care
- ▶ Lower costs
- ▶ More equitable health outcomes