

Medicare Shared Savings Program

Publicly Available ACO Data and ACO Performance Data Sources Maintained by CMS

INTRODUCTION

CMS makes data on Medicare Shared Savings Program (Shared Savings Program) Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) publicly available through a number of resources. The table below summarizes these sources of publicly available data, the contents of these data files, the format(s) through which the data can be accessed or downloaded, and the frequency with which these sources are updated as well as the approximate date when the source was last updated. Members of the public should submit questions about the Shared Savings Program’s publicly available data by email to ACO@cms.hhs.gov.

Table 1. List of publicly available ACO data and ACO performance data sources maintained by CMS

DATA SOURCE NAME (OR SHORT NAME)	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	FORMAT	UPDATE FREQUENCY/LAST UPDATED
Fast Facts – All Shared Savings Program ACOs	Historical program information (including program size, quality data, and shared savings); ACO information (including characteristics, composition, and participation information); and ACO assigned beneficiary population information.	Shared Savings Program website	Static report; PDF	Updated annually; last updated January 2018.
ACO Map	Interactive map of the United States that shows (pinpoint) locations of Shared Savings Program ACOs and displays select ACO-specific details (ACO service area, public reporting website, and executive and public contact name/email/phone).	Data.CMS.gov	Map viewable on screen with options for adjusting the view; data display can be customized; data can be exported into various formats ¹	Updated annually; last updated January 2018.

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Searchable List of Shared Savings Program ACOs	ACO-specific organizational information that includes but is not limited to name, start date, track, address, ACO service area, public reporting website, and executive and public reporting contacts' name/email/phone.	Data.CMS.gov	Data display can be customized (e.g., filtered); data can be exported into various formats ¹	Updated annually; last updated January 2018.
Searchable List of Shared Savings Program ACO Participants	Shows a listing of ACO participants by ACO name and organizational information.	Data.CMS.gov	Data display can be customized (e.g., filtered); data can be exported into various formats ¹	Updated annually; last updated January 2018.
Searchable List of Shared Savings Program ACO Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Affiliates	Shows a listing of ACO SNF affiliates by ACO name and organizational information.	Data.CMS.gov	Data display can be customized (e.g., filtered); data can be exported into various formats ¹	Updated annually; last updated January 2018.

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Shared Savings Program ACOs Performance Year (PY) Results	For ACOs for which financial reconciliation has been performed, includes participation in the Advance Payment Model and ACO Investment Model (if applicable), total number of assigned beneficiaries, total benchmark expenditures (\$), total expenditures (\$), total benchmark minus total assigned beneficiary expenditures (\$ and %), generated savings/losses (\$), earned shared savings payments/owed losses (\$), whether quality performance standard was met (Yes/No), and measure-specific quality performance rates (duplicative with data provided through Physician Compare website on select measures).	<p>Datasets for the following years:</p> <p>PY 2016 and 2017 results are available through the Shared Savings Program ACO PUF.</p> <p>PY 2015 results: Data.CMS.gov</p> <p>PY 2014 results: Data.CMS.gov</p> <p>PY1 Final results: Data.CMS.gov</p>	Data display can be customized (e.g., filtered); data can be exported into various formats. ¹	<p>Updated annually; last updated August 2018 (ACOs with 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 start dates).</p> <p>October 2017 (ACOs with 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 start dates).</p> <p>August 2016 (ACOs with 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 start dates).</p> <p>August 2015 (ACOs with 2012, 2013, 2014 start dates).</p> <p>October 2014 (PY1 final reconciliation for ACOs with 2012, 2013 start dates).</p>

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Shared Savings Program ACO Quality Performance Results – Physician Compare	Performance rates on a subset of CMS Web Interface and CAHPS measures for the 2016 reporting period.	Physician Compare website on Medicare.gov	Performance rates displayed in HTML (webpage format) by ACO; ACOs can be searched by name or selected from an index of ACO names.	Updated annually; last updated December 2017 (displays most recently competed reporting period only). Note, each year's performance data replaces the previous year's data. For previous years' quality performance data, refer to the above row's performance data.
Shared Savings Program ACO Public Use File (PUF)	For each ACO (identified by ACO name): includes financial and quality performance data (<i>including overall quality score, quality measures performance rates, final sharing rate, MSR/MLR, benchmark, calculations of savings/losses</i>); data on demographic characteristics of the ACO's assigned beneficiary population; ACO-level data on expenditure and utilization metrics, and data on the ACO's provider/supplier composition.	CMS.gov	Data can be exported into comma-separated values (CSV) format.	Updated annually; last updated November 2018. Reconciliation data available for the following years: 2017 2016 2015 2014 2013 (PY1 Final).

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Shared Savings Program ACO Beneficiary-level Research Identifiable File (RIF)	Beneficiary-identifiable data for every beneficiary assigned to a Shared Savings Program ACO, includes: ACO identifier, preliminary assignment, quarter of assignment, final assignment, unique beneficiary identifier, date of birth/death, gender, race, reason for Medicare eligibility, dual status, Part D enrollment status, and monthly eligibility flag.	Available through ResDAC for a fee to researchers who have obtained an appropriate Data Use Agreement (DUA)	Data can be requested and received through ResDAC in CSV format with supporting documentation (data dictionary).	Updated annually through PY 2017. Will be updated quarterly and annually starting with Quarter 1 of PY 2018. Last updated August 2018. Reconciliation data available for the following years: 2016 2015 2014 2013 (PY1 Final).
Shared Savings Program Provider-level Research Identifiable File (RIF)	Provider-identifiable data for institutional and individual providers who participated in a Shared Savings Program ACO during the performance year, including: ACO name and start date; provider identifiers (<i>National Provider Identifier (NPI)/name, taxpayer identification number (TIN)/name, CMS Certification Number (CCN)</i>); provider characteristics (facility type – institutions; practice type (specialty) – individuals, county primarily served).	Available through ResDAC for a fee to researchers who have obtained an appropriate DUA	Data can be requested and received through ResDAC in CSV format with supporting documentation (data dictionary).	Updated annually; last updated December 2017. Reconciliation data available for the following years: 2016 2015 2014 2013 (PY1 Final)

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Shared Savings Program Benchmark Rebasing Public Use Files (PUF)	Aggregate data consisting of per capita Parts A and B fee-for-service (FFS) expenditures, average CMS-Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) prospective risk scores, and total person-years for assignable beneficiaries by Medicare enrollment type (End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), disabled, aged/dual eligible, aged/non-dual eligible).	CMS.gov	Data can be exported into CSV format.	Updated annually and as additional updates are available; last updated September 2018. Data available for the following years: 2017 2016 2015 2014

¹ Data displayed on Data.CMS.gov can usually be exported into various formats, including: CSV, CSV for Excel, JSON, RDF, RSS, XML.