

# 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 [SharedSavingsProgram@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:SharedSavingsProgram@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
<b>Fast Facts – All Shared Savings Program ACOs</b>	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.	<a href="#">Shared Savings Program website</a>	Static report; PDF	Updated annually; last updated January 2021.
<b>ACO Map</b>	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).	<a href="http://Data.CMS.gov">Data.CMS.gov</a>	Map viewable on screen with options for adjusting the view; data display can be customized; data can be exported into various formats <sup>1</sup>	Updated annually; last updated January 2021.

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DATA SOURCE NAME (OR SHORT NAME)	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	FORMAT	UPDATE FREQUENCY/LAST UPDATED
<b>Searchable List of Shared Savings Program ACOs</b>	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.	<a href="https://data.cms.gov">Data.CMS.gov</a>	Data display can be customized (e.g., filtered); data can be exported into various formats <sup>1</sup>	Updated annually; last updated January 2021.
<b>Searchable List of Shared Savings Program ACO Participants</b>	Shows a listing of ACO participants by ACO name and organizational information.	<a href="https://data.cms.gov">Data.CMS.gov</a>	Data display can be customized (e.g., filtered); data can be exported into various formats <sup>1</sup>	Updated annually; last updated January 2021.
<b>Searchable List of Shared Savings Program ACO SNF Affiliates</b>	Shows a listing of ACO SNF affiliates by ACO name and organizational information.	<a href="https://data.cms.gov">Data.CMS.gov</a>	Data display can be customized (e.g., filtered); data can be exported into various formats <sup>1</sup>	Updated annually; last updated January 2021.
<b>Shared Savings Program ACO Public Use File (PUF)</b>	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.	<a href="https://cms.gov">CMS.gov</a>	Data can be exported into comma-separated values (CSV) format.	Updated annually; last updated September 2020.  Reconciliation data available for the following years: 2019 2018 2017 2016 2015 2014 2013 (PY1 Final)

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<b>Shared Savings Program ACO Quality Performance Results – Physician Compare</b>	Performance rates on a subset of CMS Web Interface and CAHPS measures for the 2017 reporting period.	<a href="#">Physician Compare website</a> 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 with 2017 data in July of 2019 (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.
<b>Shared Savings Program ACO Beneficiary-level Research Identifiable File (RIF)</b>	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 <a href="#">ResDAC</a> 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. Updated quarterly and annually starting with Quarter 1 of PY 2018. Last updated January 2021.  Data available for the following periods:  2020 (Q1, Q2, & Q3) 2019 (quarterly & annually) 2018 (quarterly & annually) 2017 (annually) 2016 (annually) 2015 (annually) 2014 (annually) 2013 (PY1 Final)

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<b>Shared Savings Program Provider-level Research Identifiable File (RIF)</b>	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 <a href="#">ResDAC</a> 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 through PY 2019. Updated bi-annually starting with PY 2020; last updated January 2021.
<b>Shared Savings Program Benchmark Public Use Files (PUF)</b>	Standard analytical files of the regional fee-for-service (FFS) expenditures used to calculate the historical benchmarks for ACOs and the annual updates to these benchmarks (as applicable based on the ACO's agreement period start date). For each calendar year, CMS releases two PUFs: (1) Aggregate Expenditure and Risk Score Data on Assignable Beneficiaries by County PUF and (2) Number of ACO Assigned Beneficiaries by County.	<a href="#">CMS.gov</a>	Data can be exported into CSV format.	Updated annually and as additional updates are available; last updated October 2020  Data available for the following years: 2019 2018 2017 2016 2015 2014

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<p><b>Shared Savings Program ACOs Performance Year (PY) Results</b> (These datasets are no longer produced. A different dataset format is available through the Shared Savings Program ACO PUF described above.)</p>	<p>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>	<p>These datasets are only available for the following years:</p> <p>PY 2015 results: <a href="http://Data.CMS.gov">Data.CMS.gov</a></p> <p>PY 2014 results: <a href="http://Data.CMS.gov">Data.CMS.gov</a></p> <p>PY1 Final results: <a href="http://Data.CMS.gov">Data.CMS.gov</a></p>	<p>Data display can be customized (e.g., filtered); data can be exported into various formats.<sup>1</sup></p>	<p>Last updated:</p> <p>August 2016 (ACOs with 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 start dates).</p> <p>August 2015 (ACOs with 2012, 2013, and 2014 start dates).</p> <p>October 2014 (PY1 final reconciliation for ACOs with 2012 and 2013 start dates).</p>

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