

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 program data, the contents of these data files, the format(s) in 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 with questions about the program's publicly available data should submit questions 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); 2018 ACO information (including characteristics, composition, and participation information); and 2018 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 showing (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, executive and public reporting contact 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 each ACO (for which financial reconciliation has been performed): indication of 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 payment / owe losses (\$), whether met quality performance standard (Yes / No), measure-specific quality performance rates (duplicative with data provided through Physician Compare on select measures).	<p>Datasets for the following years:</p> <p>PY2016 results are available through the Shared Savings Program ACO PUF</p> <p>PY2015 results Data.CMS.gov</p> <p>PY2014 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:</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>
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.	Medicare.gov / Physician Compare website	Performance rates displayed in html (webpage) by ACO; ACOs searchable by name or select 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 year quality performance data, refer to the above row's performance data.

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Shared Savings Program ACO Public Use File (PUF)	For each ACO (identified by ACO name): financial and quality performance data (including overall quality score, quality measures performance rates, final sharing rate, MSR / MLR, benchmark, and containing the same data provided through the Performance Year Results about the calculation of savings / losses); data on demographic characteristics of the ACO's assigned beneficiary population; ACO-level data on expenditure and utilization metrics; data on the ACO's provider / supplier composition.	CMS.gov	Data can be exported into comma-separated values (CSV)	Updated annually; last updated October 2017. Reconciliation data available for the following years: 2016 2015 2014 2013 (PY1 Final).
Shared Savings Program ACO Beneficiary-level Research Identifiable File (RIF)	Beneficiary-identifiable data for every beneficiary assigned to a Shared Savings Program ACO during the performance year, including: ACO name and start date, calendar year / quarter of assignment; unique beneficiary identifier, date of birth / death, gender, race; reason for Medicare eligibility, dual status, Part D enrollment status.	Available through ResDAC – for fee to researchers who have obtained an appropriate DUA	Data can be requested and received through ResDAC in comma-separated values (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 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 (NPI / name, TIN / name, CCN); provider characteristics (facility type – institutions; practice type (specialty) – individuals, county primarily served).	Available through ResDAC – for fee to researchers who have obtained an appropriate DUA	Data can be requested and received through ResDAC in comma-separated values (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)
Shared Savings Program Benchmark Rebasing Public Use Files (PUF)	Aggregate data consisting of per capita Parts A and B FFS expenditures, average CMS-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 comma-separated values (CSV)	Updated annually; last updated October 2017. Data available for the following years: 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.