

Medicare Shared Savings Program Advance Investment Payments (AIP) Roles for Community Based Organizations



The Medicare Shared Savings Program (Shared Savings Program) is a voluntary program that encourages groups of doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers to come together as an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) to give coordinated, high-quality care to their Medicare beneficiaries.

- The Shared Savings Program will offer a **new** payment option, known as Advance Investment Payments (AIP), to encourage health care providers in rural and underserved areas to join together to form ACOs. AIP offers eligible ACOs advance shared savings payments to build the infrastructure needed to succeed in the Shared Savings Program and promote equity by holistically addressing beneficiary needs, including social needs. Eligible ACOs that want to receive advance investment payments must submit to CMS complete supplemental information as part of their application to participate in the Shared Savings Program.
- Community based organizations (CBOs) that service Medicare beneficiaries, including Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, and Community Action Agencies, can work with ACOs receiving advance investment payments to address the holistic needs of beneficiaries. ACOs and CBOs can determine the best strategy to screen for and manage health-related social needs, such as food insecurity, housing stability, access to accessible transportation, and/or social isolation.
- Health centers may want to participate as an ACO and take advantage of AIP. Find your local health center to see if they are interested: <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>

AIP ELIGIBILITY AND CBOs

AIP Eligibility Requirements (42 CFR § 425.630(b))	CBOs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Never participated in the Shared Savings Program (not renewing or re-entering) ✓ Low revenue ACO ✓ Inexperienced with performance-based risk Medicare ACO initiatives ✓ Applying to participate in any level of the BASIC Track's glide path 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Community Care Hubs in HHS National Learning Community ✓ Area Agencies on Aging ✓ Aging and Disability Resource Centers ✓ Centers for Independent Living ✓ Community Action Agencies

HOW ADVANCE INVESTMENT PAYMENTS ARE DETERMINED AND POTENTIAL ROLES FOR CBOs

 <p>Payment Amount Methodology (42 CFR § 425.630(f))</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-time upfront fixed payment of \$250,000 • Additional quarterly payments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Up to 2 years ○ Up to \$45 per beneficiary per quarter (amount based on beneficiary attributes including Area Deprivation Index (ADI), Medicare Part D low-income subsidy (LIS), and dual eligible status) ○ 10,000 beneficiary cap for quarterly payments
 <p>Roles for CBOs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential roles for CBOs include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supporting screening, comprehensive assessments, and social care coordination. ○ Supporting enrollment into the Medicare Savings Program, LIS, Medicaid, SNAP, LIHEAP, and other low-income benefits. ○ Arranging for services that address food insecurity, housing and transportation needs, and coordinating social care for beneficiaries with complex needs. ○ Aligning multiple financial resources (from social/human services, other public programs, and philanthropy) to meet whole-person care needs. ○ Providing trained community health workers to furnish services for the ACOs to meet whole-person care needs for persons with Medicare. ○ Delivering evidence-based interventions for falls prevention, chronic disease self-management, diabetes prevention, and care transitions following hospital and nursing home stays.

TIMELINE FOR APPLICATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Timeline for AIP in 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☑ As soon as interested, ACOs and CBOs can plan approaches to address health related social needs of assigned Medicare beneficiaries. ☑ Applications open on May 18, 2023 for the Medicare Shared Savings Program for the performance year beginning on January 1, 2024, via the ACO Management System (ACO-MS) ☑ Additional information on applying to the Shared Savings Program will be posted in early 2023 on the Application Types & Timeline webpage

If you have questions, please send them to SharedSavingsProgram@cms.hhs.gov.