

ACO Realizing Equity, Access, and Community Health (REACH) Model

Creating a Health System that Achieves Equitable Outcomes through High Quality, Affordable, Person-Centered Care



MODEL GOALS



Improve the focus on:

- Promoting health equity and addressing healthcare disparities for underserved populations.
- Continuing the momentum of provider-led organizations participating in risk-based models.
- Protecting beneficiaries and the model with more participant vetting, monitoring and greater transparency.

HEALTH EQUITY



Promotes health equity by:

- Requiring ACOs to develop Health Equity Plans that identify health disparities in their communities and describe how they intend to address them.
- Using innovative payments to better support care delivery and coordination for underserved beneficiaries.
- Collecting demographic and social needs data to monitor progress in reducing disparities.
- Expanding access to care through nurse practitioners.

GOVERNANCE



- Driving participation of provider-led organizations by requiring participating providers to hold at least 75% of governing board voting rights.
- Strengthening beneficiary voice by requiring the governing board include at least one beneficiary representative and at least one consumer advocate, both of whom must have voting rights.

BENEFITS & PROTECTIONS



- Beneficiaries included in the model keep all of their rights, coverage, and benefits, including the freedom to see any Medicare-enrolled provider they want.
- Providers take more responsibility for the care they give to people with Medicare. Providers are financially incentivized to make sure a person is receiving high quality, attentive, well-coordinated, and efficient health care.
- Beneficiaries included in the model with Medicare may have access to telehealth, home visits after leaving the hospital, cost sharing support to help with co-pays, and better coordination of services.

APPLICATION



- Application period opening in Spring of 2022 for participation beginning January 1, 2023.
- Requesting applicants with positive quality outcomes and a strong track record of:
 - Direct patient care; and
 - Serving historically underserved populations.

Current Global and Professional Direct Contracting (GPDC) participants must agree to meet all the ACO REACH requirements by January 1, 2023 in order to continue participating in the ACO REACH Model.



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