

What is an ACO?

An accountable care organization (ACO) is a group of doctors and health care providers who voluntarily work together with Medicare to give you high-quality medical care and service at the right time and in the right setting.

Your doctor has agreed to participate in a Medicare Shared Savings ACO and work closely with the other doctors and health care providers in the ACO. At Methodist Health System, this ACO is called the Methodist Patient-Centered ACO. These health care providers will work together to coordinate care for Medicare Fee-for-Service beneficiaries, like yourself, who have traditional Medicare.

If any efficiencies result from the improvement and coordination of your care, the ACO may share in these savings.



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Texas law prohibits hospitals from practicing medicine. The physicians on the Methodist Health System medical staff are independent practitioners who are not employees or agents of Methodist Health System or any of its affiliated hospitals.

What you need to know about the Methodist Patient-Centered ACO



Methodist Patient-Centered
Accountable Care

An ACO doesn't change your Medicare benefits.

An accountable care organization (ACO), including the Methodist Patient-Centered ACO, is not a Medicare Advantage Plan or an HMO plan.

If you have traditional Medicare, at any time you still have the right to choose any doctor or hospital that accepts Medicare.

Your doctor may continue to recommend that you see particular doctors for your particular health needs, and it's always your choice which doctors or hospitals you use.

The ACO will help your doctor coordinate your medical care.

You benefit because your doctors will be part of a team that focuses on the coordination and quality of your medical care.

Because the doctors on your team have access to your records, you may not have to fill out as many forms that ask for the same information.

Every doctor that you see will have a more complete picture of your health, because they'll know about other conditions you may have had, how these conditions were treated, and the prognosis or outcome of each. This allows them to take your medical history into consideration when treating you.

You control your personal information.

Unless you direct otherwise, Medicare will share with the Methodist Patient-Centered ACO certain information about your health care. This includes your primary medical conditions and visits to your doctors and stays in the hospital.

Having this information gives us the most up-to-date and complete information about your health, which helps those participating in the ACO give you high-quality care focused on your needs and conditions.

At any time, you can ask Medicare to stop sharing information with us.