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UNIVERSITY HEALTH JOINS SILVER STATE ACO

Coordinated high-quality care is a win-win for all

We are excited that University Health is now part of the Silver State ACO (Accountable Care Organization). An ACO is a network of doctors, hospitals and other providers that voluntarily agree to coordinate high-quality care for our Medicare patients. An ACO:

- Ensures that patients, especially the chronically ill, receive appropriate care
- Provides prevention measures
- Avoids unnecessary duplication of services, medical errors and hospitalizations, saving costs
- Creates a value-based care model
- Assists physicians in being truly patient-focused

The right care at the right time

ACOs work in a **value-based care model**, sharing savings when providers reduce costs while providing quality care. Ultimately, the patient is the winner because the goal is to keep them healthy.

How physicians can participate

Any provider can participate but will only be eligible for incentive payments for the patients attributed to them. That being said, if the PCPs and specialists are coordinating care for their shared patients it is a win for all.

In 2018 alone, ALL MSSP*
ACOs Savings:

\$1,562,124,625

Since Silver State ACO was formed,
it has saved Medicare nearly:

\$70 MILLION

* Medicare Shared Savings Program

Learn more about the benefits of this new service

Coordinated care is good for patients—especially with a cost-effective, quality-based outcome model like the ACO. Look for more information on University Health’s participation in the Silver State ACO in the future or visit SilverStateACO.com.



How an ACO benefits University Health physicians

Savings

With an ACO, health care providers are incentivized to keep patients healthy, avoid unnecessary procedures, and keep patients out of the hospital through preventative care.

Quality

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has established quality care measures for ACOs that are related to at-risk populations, those with diabetes and hypertension, and more. These standards are a factor in how much of the earned Shared Savings the ACO receives and result in better care of patients.

Partnerships

An important goal of an ACO is to work with other health care providers. Accountability, tools, resources, risk, and referrals are all shared. Or, if a physician needs assistance on a particular condition or injury, he/she may collaborate on treatment strategies with other doctors in that ACO.

Control

Providers will feel empowered to administer the care patients need, without having to order tests and procedures they consider excessive or even unnecessary based solely on insurance benefits.

Modernization

Being proactive in providing patient care involves sharing data between doctors, which means health care providers need the right technology in place. Smaller practices can’t afford and implement point-of-care technology. Having shared access to technology through an ACO is a big bonus.