

Family Practice of Waverly is participating in a

# Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organization

## What is an Accountable Care Organization (ACO)?

Your physician or provider is participating in Bryan Health Connect, a Medicare Shared Savings Program ACO. An ACO is a group of doctors, hospitals and/or other health-care providers that work together to improve the quality and experience of care you receive. ACOs receive a portion of any savings that result from reducing costs and meeting quality requirements.

An ACO isn't a Medicare Advantage plan, which is an "all in one" alternative to Original Medicare offered by private companies approved by Medicare. An ACO isn't an HMO plan, or an insurance plan of any kind.

ACOs do not limit your choice of health-care providers. Your Medicare benefits are not changing.



## Questions

If you have questions or concerns, please contact any member of your care team. Request a copy of our Beneficiary Information Notice that offers more information about ACOs and care coordination.

Call 1-800-MEDICARE and tell the representative you're calling to learn more about ACOs, or visit [Medicare.gov/acos.html](https://www.medicare.gov/acos.html).

## How will an ACO help my doctor coordinate my care?

Coordinated care can avoid wasted time and costs for repeated tests and unneeded appointments. It may make it easier to spot potential problems before they become more serious – like drug interactions that can happen if one doctor isn't aware of what another has prescribed.

Bryan Health Connect may use electronic health records, case managers and electronic prescriptions to help you stay healthy. Bryan Health Connect has special programs to encourage you to have a primary care visit or use your clinic's care management team. Participation in these programs are optional.

To help us coordinate your health care better, Medicare shares information about your care with your providers. If you don't want Medicare to share your health-care information, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

## Choosing Your Physician (voluntary alignment)

As a Medicare beneficiary, you can choose or change your primary physician or provider or "main doctor" at any time. Your primary physician or provider is the health-care provider that you believe is responsible for coordinating your overall care. If you choose a primary physician or provider, they may have more tools or services to help with your care.

You can change your primary physician or provider at any time, and select another one as your primary care provider. Your selection of a physician or provider will remain the same unless you decided to change your designation.

For assistance selecting, viewing and/or changing your primary physician or provider, visit [MyMedicare.gov](https://www.MyMedicare.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE.

## What Do I Need To Do?

We value your privacy. Bryan Health Connect has put important safeguards in place to make sure all your health-care information is safe. We respect your choice on how your health-care information is used for care coordination and quality improvement. If you want Medicare to share your health-care information with Bryan Health Connect or other ACOs in which your health-care providers participate, there's nothing more you need to do.

If you don't want Medicare to share your health care information, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Tell the representative that your health care provider is part of an ACO and you don't want Medicare to share your health care information. TTY users call 1-877-486-2048.

If you change your mind and want to let Medicare share your health information again, call 1-800-MEDICARE to let Medicare know. We aren't allowed to tell Medicare for you.

Even if you decline to share your health care information, Medicare will still use your information for some purposes, like assessing the financial and quality of care performance of the health-care providers participating in ACOs. Also, Medicare may share some of your health-care information with ACOs when measuring the quality of care given by health-care providers participating in those ACOs.

## Contact us!

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