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Welcome to the fifth edition of the McLaren High Performance Network Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Newsletter. You are receiving this communication as an ACO provider. Please click on the links below to review the keys to be successful in our ACO.

Over the course of the last six years our ACO providers have earned exceptional Quality scores designation from CMS while generating \$84 million in savings.

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## MCLAREN HIGH PERFORMANCE NETWORK - ENHANCED TRACK ACO PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

As required for compliance with 42 CFR § 425.10 of the Federal Register – Medicare Shared Savings Program - Application of Agreement to ACO participants, ACO providers/suppliers, and others, the current Participant Agreement for McLaren High Performance Network (MHPN) is available to be viewed by clicking the button below.

**MHPN Participation Agreement**

## ACO QUALITY MEASURES

At this time, unless there are further legislative changes, the Web Interface method of reporting ACO quality measures MHPN has been using has been sunsetted, requiring ACOs to report quality measures digitally. The quality measures for 2025 include:

- **Diabetes: Glycemic Status Assessment Greater Than 9% - Percentage of**

patients 18-75 years of age with diabetes who had a glycemic status assessment (hemoglobin A1c [HbA1c] or glucose management indicator [GMI]) > 9.0% during the measurement period.

- **Breast Cancer Screening** - Percentage of women 40 – 74 years of age who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer in the 27 months prior to the end of the measurement period (October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2025)
- **Controlling High Blood Pressure** - Patients 18-85 years of age who had a diagnosis of essential hypertension starting before and continuing into, or starting during the first six months of the measurement period, and whose most recent blood pressure was adequately controlled, target readings less than or equal to 139/89.
- **Preventive Care and Screening: Screening for Depression and Follow-up Plan** - Patient 12 years of age and older who were screened for depression using an age appropriate, standardized depression screening tool, and if positive, a follow up plan is documented.

## VALUE-BASED CARE QUICK GUIDE: HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR PRIMARY CARE ORGANIZATION'S LEVEL OF PROFITABILITY IN VALUE-BASED CARE

To earn financial rewards or avoid negative payment adjustments in value-based care, you must meet specific performance and quality measures tied to better long-term outcomes for your patients. Your primary care organization should prioritize four key clinical and administrative changes to maximize success and achieve your financial and quality of care goals. Click the button below to view the guide.

[VBC Quick Guide](#)

## ACO COMPLIANCE

### EHR CEHRT Information and Participating Providers

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requires ACOs to maintain accurate certification information for the Electronic Health Records in use in ACO Participant practices, and a list of the providers in the practice. If there are changes to your EHR (upgrades or a change to a different system), or provider changes, please report these to the ACO Program Manager and Compliance Officer, Dawn Smith, at [Dawn.Smith@mclaren.org](mailto:Dawn.Smith@mclaren.org).

## ACO Beneficiary Notification Letters and Signage

Per CMS Compliance Requirements, ACO Beneficiary Notification communications will continue to go out as new beneficiaries are attributed to the ACO. Participating providers are also required to post signage that the practice participates in an ACO at all locations where primary care services are performed. If your sign is damaged, or if you paint or remodel, please let us know and we will provide a new sign. If you are in a specialty practice and would like a sign for your office, please let us know. You may see our quality team in your practices with these signs, or for audit purposes.

### Beneficiary Notification Example

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