

Tar River Health Alliance

ACO Participation Waiver Documentation

Parties Involved: Tar River Health Alliance, Boice-Willis Clinic

Start Date: April 24, 2018 End Date: Ongoing

Description/Purpose of the Arrangement:

Under this waiver, Boice-Willis will lease a Mobile MRI Unit and contract with a qualified board-certified subspecialized radiologist to provide MRI services at lower costs with improved continuity of care and improved outcomes. Data collected by Tar River Health Alliance showed that over 600 Medicare Shared Savings Program beneficiaries in Tar River Health Alliance receive referrals for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) services each year, and the only source for MRI services within Nash and Wilson Counties are at facilities with higher costs and equal or lower quality as compared to modern portable MRI service alternatives. Moreover, data available on the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services website, (<https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ahc/hb834/search.asp>), "Transparency in Health Care Costs", reflects historical Medicare Part B reimbursement rates that are 41.71% lower than the Medicare reimbursement rates paid to UNC Nash Health Care for patients who received MRI services during fiscal year 2016 for the six (6) MRI procedures listed on the website.

Boice-Willis is paying the market rate for the lease of the Mobile MRI Unit and all services will be provided at the applicable Medicare reimbursement rate.

Items, Services and/or goods included:

There are no items, services and/or goods being offered for free or below market value. However, ACO provider/suppliers, including those billing under the TIN of Boice-Willis Clinic, may refer beneficiaries to this Mobile MRI unit. The ACO has a contract in place, at the market rate, to read results which helps to ensure timely reports and appropriate coordination response.

Financial/Economic Terms:

All services being provided will be billed at the standard rate and there will be no reimbursement for referrals made. Moreover, the ACO requires all referrals to be made based on the medical judgement of the provider and the preferences of the beneficiary.

Relation to Purposes of the Medicare Shared Savings Program

In order for this program to move forward, this Governing Body made and duly authorized a bona fide determination, consistent with each member's duty under 42 CFR 425.106(b)(3), that the arrangement is reasonably related to one of the stated purposes of the Shared Savings Program.

Promoting accountability for the quality, cost and overall care for a Medicare patient population as described in the Shared Savings Program,

The Mobile MRI Unit leased by Boice-Willis will be able to provide MRI services at a lower cost as compared to the local hospital, while maintaining the same or higher level of imaging as compared to all MRI units in the area.

Managing and Coordinating care for Medicare Fee-For-Service beneficiaries through an ACO, or

The ACO will manage the MRI services provided through the Mobile MRI unit, and use a written care coordination agreement with a qualified board-certified subspecialized radiologist to ensure results are shared with providers in a timely manner.

Encouraging investment in infrastructure and redesigned care processes for high quality and efficient service delivery for patients, including Medicare beneficiaries.

Boice-Willis is investing in the Mobile MRI Unit in order to ensure cost effective and timely delivery of MRI services.

Authorization by Governing Body

Method of Authorization (select one):

Date: April 16, 2018

Unanimous Written Consent

Governing Body Vote documented accordingly in the meeting minutes