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## 2015 Shared Savings Distributed



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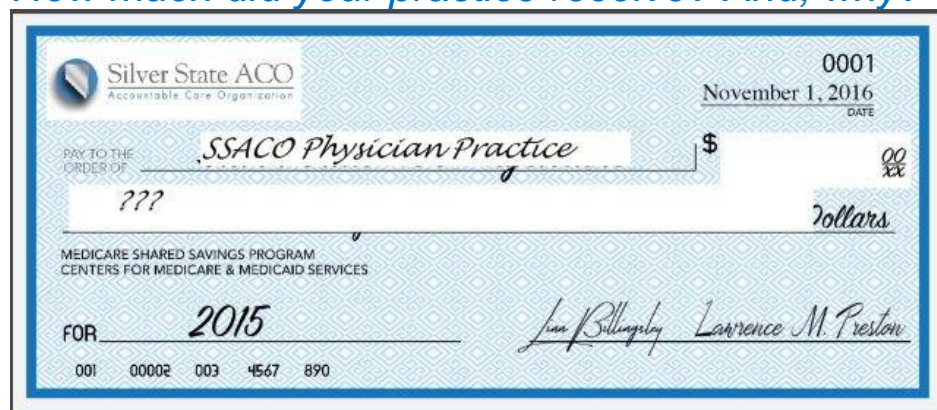
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## How much did your practice receive? And, why?



Silver State ACO is extremely proud to have earned Shared Savings from CMS for performance year 2015. The check, with members of the Board, above, represents the total distributed to 2015 participating groups. Checks have been delivered to each practice. Have you gotten yours? How was the amount you received calculated?

In the interest of full disclosure, each practice that received a check also received an explanation of how the Board committee calculated the breakdown. Distribution was initially calculated based on the number of patients attributed to that practice. Because the amount of shared savings is directly linked to quality measures scores, the distribution amount was adjusted to reflect how much a practice helped – or hurt – the ACO as a whole, based on its' quality scores. In addition, adjustments were made for how cooperative the practice has been, such as making it easy for Kindred Care Coordination and SSACO clinical specialists to access medical records in order to collect data for quality reporting.

## Hold the Dates:

2017

## Practice Meetings

January 25, 2017

April 5, 2017

June 21, 2017

October 25, 2017

## Chronic Care Management (CCM)

In January 2015 CMS implemented the Chronic Care Management program in an effort to give patients with multiple chronic conditions the availability of additional time and attention to help control those conditions.

Any patient with two or more chronic conditions (expected to last at least 12 months and place the patient at significant risk of death, acute exacerbation or functional decline) is eligible. The program requires that the patient be provided 20 minutes of non face-to-face clinical time each month. A comprehensive care plan must be established and implemented for the patient, and all interaction with the patient must be documented. The CPT code for billing CMS for this service is 99490. The required 20 minutes may include reviewing lab results, phone contact with the patient, or reviewing a chart. CMS understands the value of this and pays approximately \$41 per month for the service. Medicare co-pay is due.

At the beginning of this month, CMS made some adjustments to the CCM program which will take effect January 2017. One particular change is that a patient no longer needs to sign a consent form but can opt into the program by notifying the doctor verbally (which must then be noted in the medical record).

Sounds great, right? But which practice has the time to spare? And, how does CMS require that it be documented? There are independent companies that you can contract with, including Health Endeavors which is knowledgeable about SSACO practices and offers this service directly to you.

Please remember that this is a very brief overview and not meant to replace a full understanding of CMS requirements. We highly recommend that your practice begin implementing the CCM program- better care for the patient; increased revenue for the practice; expectation to reduce hospitalizations and thereby lower costs, increasing the possibility of earned savings for SSACO.

## Meaningful Use - Reminder

Although the SSACO team files GPRO (PQRS at the ACO level) for our practices, we cannot and do not file Meaningful Use for you. Please remember to attest to Meaningful Use for 2016. This program will be renamed – and modified – for 2017. Stay tuned for details on that.

## Welcome New SSACO Team Members

As you know, gathering and preparing quality measures is a huge job. Silver State ACO is here to advise and assist you year-round so that when the time comes to report and respond to CMS, you are ready. And we, as an ACO, are ready. Our team has expanded to make it a smoother and more efficient process, as well as one that you can learn from! Please welcome Kathy, Sara and Iran who have joined Rhonda and Kaitlin on the Clinical Operations, Quality Improvement and Education team.

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

*Quote: “Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.” Oprah Winfrey (1954 - ), an American media proprietor, talk show host, actress, producer, and philanthropist*

