

PANEL ON FINANCIAL MODELS FOR PHARMACIST-PROVIDED CARE: OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTH CARE - Accountable Care Organizations

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Accountable Care Organizations are dynamic organizations of providers working to improve the quality and value of health care services they deliver while reducing costs. Pharmacists can have an impact on the three ultimate goals of ACOs: 1) improving the health of the population; 2) enhancing the patient experience of care; and 3) reducing, or at least controlling, the per capita cost of care. How will ACOs integrate pharmacists to be key members of their teams? How can ACO teams and their participating pharmacists optimize their impact on patient safety, medication-related outcomes, and overall cost saving?

The Medicare Shared Saving Program proposed regulations have been released and CMS will be incorporating public comments to produce a final ACO regulation. Now that ACOs will be able to share in Medicare savings, what guidance can we give pharmacists for assuring that their value will be recognized and rewarded by Medicare ACOs? How should pharmacists be affiliated with Medicare ACOs to maximize the value they deliver?