

Direct Contracting: Global and Professional Options

Benefit Enhancements and Application Office Hours

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)



Office Hours Overview

Session Objectives: Review key information related to the Direct Contracting Model's benefit enhancements and application, and answer your questions on these topics.

1. Benefit Enhancements
2. Application for Global and Professional Options
3. Open Q&A
4. Model Timeline
5. Upcoming Webinars and Questions

Please **submit questions via the Q&A feature** to the right of the Adobe platform throughout the session. We will address questions at multiple points during the event.

Benefit Enhancements

Benefit Enhancement and Patient Engagement Incentives

CMS is seeking to emphasize high-value services and support the ability of DCEs to manage the care of beneficiaries through benefit enhancements and patient engagement incentives.

- ✓ DCEs may choose which, if any, of these benefit enhancements and patient engagement incentives to implement.

Building on the Next Generation ACO Model

Direct Contracting proposes to offer the same benefit enhancements and patient engagement incentives available in the Next Generation ACO model as well as three newly proposed benefit enhancements.

Currently in Next Generation ACO Model

1. Telehealth Expansion Benefit Enhancement
2. Post-Discharge Home Visits Benefit Enhancement
3. Care Management Home Visits Benefit Enhancement
4. 3-Day SNF Rule Waiver Benefit Enhancement
5. Chronic Disease Management Reward
6. Cost Sharing Support for Part B Services



Newly Proposed for Performance Year 1 of Direct Contracting

1. Home Health Services Certified by Nurse Practitioners
2. Homebound Requirement Waiver for Home Health
3. Concurrent Care for Beneficiaries that Elect the Medicare Hospice Benefit

Benefit Enhancements

Benefit Enhancements are conditional waivers of certain Medicare payment rules. CMS uses the authority under Section 1115A of the Social Security Act (Section 3021 of the Affordable Care Act) to conditionally waive certain Medicare payment requirements.

Goals of these benefit enhancements are to:



Emphasize high-value services



Support care management and closer care relationships



Allow DCE flexibility

Direct Contracting Benefit Enhancements



Direct Contracting Benefit Enhancements Q&A

Please **submit questions via the Q&A pod** to the right of your screen.
Specific questions about your organization can be submitted to DPC@cms.hhs.gov

Application for Global and Professional Options

Direct Contracting Application for Global and Professional Options



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Timeline	Implementation Period (IP) DCE Applicants	Performance Period (PY1) DCE Applicants
Application Period	November 25, 2019 – February 25, 2020 (Application tool opened December 20, 2019)	March 2020 – May 2020
DCE Selection	May 2020	September 2020
Deadline for applicants to sign and return Participant Agreement (PA)	June 2020 (IP PA) December 2020 (Performance Period PA)	December 2020
Initial Voluntary Alignment Outreach and start of IP or PY	June 2020	January 2021

This timeline may be subject to change. Please check the Directing Contracting webpage for webinar and office hour dates and times.

Upcoming Webinars and Office Hours



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Webinar

Date

**Payment – Part 1
(Risk sharing, Risk Mitigation Cash Flow)**

January 15, 2020
([register here](#))

**Payment – Part 2
(Risk Adjustment, Benchmarking, Quality)**

January 22, 2020
([register here](#))

Office Hour Session for Payment Part 1

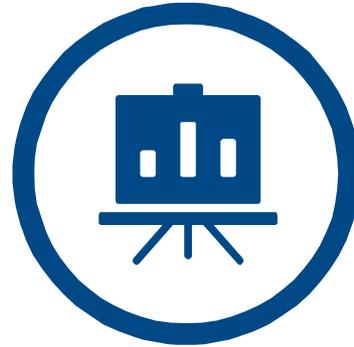
January 28, 2020
([register here](#))

Office Hour Session for Payment Part 2

February 11, 2020
([register here](#))

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Audience Poll



How likely are you to apply to participate in the Direct Contracting model?

- a) Very likely
- b) Likely
- c) Unlikely
- d) Very unlikely
- e) Unsure

Contact Information

Direct Contracting Webpage

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