

CMS Accountable Care Programs Comparison Table

	Medicare Direct Contracting Global & Professional Models	Shared Savings ACO
Program Overview	A new program released in November 2019 built upon the NGACO program, with appeal to more organization types and sizes ready for capitation and two-sided risk	Built upon the Pioneer ACO model, the Shared Savings Program began in 2012 with Tracks 1 and 2. Tracks 3 and 1+ were later added in 2016 and 2018. They have since been restructured into the Basic and Enhanced Tracks under the Pathways to Success program restructure
Minimum Beneficiary Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Model: 5,000 beneficiaries • New Entrant Model: 1,000 with glide path to 5,000 by PY4 • High Risk Model: 250 with glide path to 1,400 by PY5 	5,000 Beneficiaries
Capitation	Capitation is required, either professional or global. Mandatory for participant providers, but optional for preferred providers in the direct contracting entity (DCE)	No capitation option
Shared Savings or Loss	First-dollar savings or loss with risk corridors and optional stop-loss insurance. Includes discount withhold and quality withhold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional: 50% • Global: 100% 	First-dollar savings once minimum savings rate (1% MSR) is met or exceeded. First-dollar loss after Minimum Loss Rate (1% MLR) rate is met or exceeded. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Track: Savings glide path of 40% to 50% savings based on quality performance, not to exceed 10% of updated benchmark; Losses for risk/reward models at 30% with caps • Enhanced Track: 75% based on quality performance, not to exceed 20% of updated benchmark; loss rate of 40% to 75%, not to exceed 15% of updated benchmark
Quality Measures	14 quality measures proposed, 10 of which are CAHPS measures – Pay for Reporting (P4R) during PY1 and Pay for Performance (P4P) thereafter Includes additional bonus pool for high performers beginning in PY2	23 quality measures with Pay for Reporting to Pay for Performance (P4P) progression
Beneficiary Alignment	Prospective claims-based and voluntary alignment with new Prospective Plus alignment option	Choice of prospective assignment or preliminary prospective assignment with retrospective reconciliation. Voluntary alignment