

# Nebraska Medicare Shared Savings Program ACO Quality Summary 2015

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## Background:

Medicare has publicly released the 2015 results for all Medicare Shared Savings Program ACOs. Data is available here - <https://data.cms.gov/browse?category=ACO&utf8=%E2%9C%93&sortBy=newest>. The full quality results of Nebraska's 3 Medicare Shared Savings Program ACOs who reported this year (Alegent Health Partners, Midwest Health Coalition ACO and SERPA ACO) are shown on page 2. The other 2 ACOs (Think ACO, LLC based in Omaha and CHI Health Partners that spans Nebraska City, Lincoln, Grand Island and Kearney) are in their first year, so their first reporting period will be early next year with their quality results publicly available along with the other 3 in August 2017. I am aware of 3 other organizations in Nebraska that applied for January 1, 2017 start dates which would potentially raise the total to 8 Nebraska MSSP ACOs in 2017.

The 34 quality measures are grouped into 4 major categories/sources of data:

1. Patient Satisfaction (ACO 1-7, 34) – Data Source: Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) survey
2. Utilization (ACO 8-10, 35-38) – Data Source: Medicare claims data
3. Electronic Health Record Meaningful Use (ACO 11) – Data Source: EHR Incentive Program
4. Clinical Quality Measures (17 Measures) – Data Source: combination of Medicare claims data and physician medical records

## Summary:

1. Overall quality score:
  - a. Alegent/UniNet 94.3%
  - b. MIPPA 84.5%.
  - c. SERPA ACO 92.4%
2. Leading Nebraska ACO in each of the 34 quality measures:
  - a. Alegent Health Partners - 6
  - b. Midwest Health Coalition - 7
  - c. SERPA ACO - 21

## Context for Multi-Payer Patient-Centered Medical Stakeholder Group:

The past joint voluntary Nebraska PCMH agreements have used Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) quality measure specifications for its list of adult measures. It is highly likely that the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System quality measures for the Medicare and CHIP Reauthorization Act that will adjust future physician Medicare payments will also draw from these measures. These provide a common method of comparison for Nebraska PCMH initiatives. Because all 392 MSSP ACOs in the United States use these quality specifications, we should consider using these measures for future Nebraska initiatives to measure quality in adult populations. These are now 5 MSSP ACOs based in Nebraska and possibly 3 more starting January 1, 2017, so these measures will likely be in use by the majority of Nebraska clinics in 2017.

	Alegent Health Partners, LLC	Midwest Health Coalition ACO	SERPA-ACO	National Average
ACO Start Date	1/1/2013	1/1/2014	1/1/2013	
Number of Assigned Medicare Beneficiaries	28,172	11,047	15,132	18,547
Quality Score	94.29%	84.52%	92.35%	91.44%
ACO-1: Getting Timely Care	84.63	84.98	78.98	80.11
ACO-2: Provider Communication	92.86	93.62	93.09	92.41
ACO-3: Patient's Rating of Provider	92.75	92.84	92.64	91.69
ACO-4: Access to Specialists	83.72	85.73	87.82	83.50
ACO-5: Health Promotion and Education	57.82	53.94	55.57	58.98
ACO-6: Shared Decision Making	78.79	73.28	74.37	74.80
ACO-7: Health Status/Functional Status	73.49	72.50	74.62	71.92
ACO-34: Stewardship of Patient Resources	29.54	35.07	29.47	27.35
<i>ACO-8: Risk Standardized Readmissions</i>	<i>14.80</i>	<i>14.78</i>	<i>14.45</i>	<i>14.86</i>
<i>ACO-9: Asthma/COPD Admissions</i>	<i>1.55</i>	<i>1.44</i>	<i>1.29</i>	<i>1.11</i>
<i>ACO-10: Heart Failure Admissions</i>	<i>0.94</i>	<i>1.01</i>	<i>0.72</i>	<i>1.04</i>
<i>ACO-35: Skilled Nursing 30 Day Readmit</i>	<i>17.23</i>	<i>18.42</i>	<i>18.33</i>	<i>18.06</i>
<i>ACO-36: Diabetes Unplanned Admissions</i>	<i>60.33</i>	<i>60.97</i>	<i>50.09</i>	<i>54.57</i>
<i>ACO-37: Heart Failure Unplanned Admissions</i>	<i>86.03</i>	<i>82.45</i>	<i>72.43</i>	<i>76.96</i>
<i>ACO-38: Multiple Chronic Disease Readmissions</i>	<i>73.88</i>	<i>72.29</i>	<i>62.46</i>	<i>62.92</i>
ACO-11: Meaningful Use	86.90	42.86	98.18	80.50
ACO-39: Medications Documented	97.93	92.33	90.76	84.07
ACO-13: Fall Risk Screening	44.79	42.36	74.92	56.59
ACO-14: Influenza Vaccination	74.43	68.63	84.44	62.02
ACO-15: Pneumonia Vaccination	76.77	78.25	88.64	63.78
ACO-16: Body Mass Index Screening	59.44	71.45	61.30	71.17
ACO-17: Tobacco Screening/Counseling	95.07	89.11	93.77	90.25
ACO-18: Depression Screening	45.86	21.83	74.53	45.33
ACO-19: Colorectal Cancer Screening	54.37	62.21	71.51	60.04
ACO-20: Breast Cancer Screening	61.64	66.78	74.57	65.65
ACO-21: Blood Pressure Screening	37.07	82.38	49.11	70.04
ACO- 40: Depression Remission	6.67	0.00	8.00	6.13
Diabetes Composite	48.00	47.06	57.94	35.45
<i>ACO-27: Diabetes A1c Poor Control</i>	<i>12.67</i>	<i>15.97</i>	<i>10.14</i>	<i>20.42</i>
ACO-41: Diabetic Eye Exams	52.00	54.29	62.67	41.14
ACO-28: Blood Pressure Control	76.09	67.13	76.16	69.61
ACO-30: Ischemic Vascular Disease Aspirin Use	91.52	93.63	86.61	83.81
ACO-31: Heart Failure Beta Blocker Therapy	95.45	91.35	85.64	87.20
ACO-33: Coronary Artery Disease ACE/ARB Use	82.27	71.43	84.58	77.74

\*Note that for Italicized measures above, a lower number is better.