

HealthCare Partners Selected To Participate In The Medicare Next Generation Accountable Care Organization Model

EL SEGUNDO, Calif., Jan. 19, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- HealthCare Partners, a DaVita Medical Group, is pleased to announce it has been selected as one of 28 new Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) participating in Medicare's Next Generation ACO Model. Through the Model, HealthCare Partners will work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Innovation Center (CMS Innovation Center) to provide Medicare Fee-For-Service beneficiaries with quality care, while reducing growth in Medicare expenditures through enhanced care coordination. Commencing in January 2017, HealthCare Partners will implement the Model in the California market.

The Next Generation ACO Model is a CMS Innovation Center initiative introduced in 2016 that builds upon experience from the Pioneer ACO Model and the Medicare Shared Savings Program. With 45 total participating ACOs, the Model offers a new opportunity in accountable care to enable providers and beneficiaries greater opportunities to coordinate care and attain high quality standards of care. Unlike other models, this Model includes a prospectively (rather than retrospectively) set benchmark, allows beneficiaries to choose to be aligned to the ACO, and tests beneficiary incentives for seeking care at Next Generation providers.

"HealthCare Partners believes the coordinated care model can transform the delivery of quality healthcare, and participating in the Next Generation ACO Model enables us to continue to be a part of this national effort of value-based care," said Chan Chuang, MD, chief clinical officer, HealthCare Partners. "Having participated in the Pioneer Model and Shared Savings Program enables us to re-evaluate our approach, using our best demonstrated practices that have proven to be successful in the commercial ACO space, to meet the goals of this initiative to increase quality, reduce costs, and improve the health outcomes of our patients."

HealthCare Partners will offer access to its ACO Unit, a personalized care team made up of a dedicated staff of care managers and care coordinators who conduct health risk assessments, identify hospitalized ACO beneficiaries, coordinate transitions of care, and ensure beneficiary care and healthcare resources are accessible. In addition, HealthCare Partners extends medical management programs to ACO beneficiaries, such as disease management, specialized high risk programs, home care and palliative care programs.

For more information about the Next Generation ACO Model, go to: <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Next-Generation-ACO-Model/>

About HealthCare Partners, a DaVita Medical Group

HealthCare Partners is a division of DaVita Inc., a Fortune 500® company that, through its operating divisions, provides a variety of health care services to patient populations throughout the United States and abroad. HealthCare Partners manages and operates medical groups and affiliated physician networks in California, Nevada, New Mexico, Florida, Colorado and Washington in its pursuit to deliver excellent-quality health care in a dignified and compassionate manner. As of September 30, 2016, HealthCare Partners provided integrated care management for approximately 750,000 patients. For more information, please visit HealthCarePartners.com.

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