

Medicare Shared Savings Program

Publicly Available ACO Data and ACO Performance Data Sources Maintained by CMS

INTRODUCTION

CMS makes data on Medicare Shared Savings Program (Shared Savings Program) Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) publicly available through a number of resources. The table below summarizes these sources of publicly available data, the contents of these data files, the format(s) through which the data can be accessed and/or downloaded, and the frequency with which these sources are updated as well as the approximate date when the source was last updated. Members of the public should submit questions about the Shared Savings Program’s publicly available data by email to SharedSavingsProgram@cms.hhs.gov.

Table 1. List of publicly available ACO data and ACO performance data sources maintained by CMS

DATA SOURCE NAME (OR SHORT NAME)	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	FORMAT	UPDATE FREQUENCY/LAST UPDATED
Fast Facts – All Shared Savings Program ACOs	Historical program information (including program size, quality data, and shared savings); ACO information (including characteristics, composition, and participation information); and ACO assigned beneficiary population information.	Shared Savings Program website	Static report; PDF	Updated annually; last updated January 2024.

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ACO Map	Interactive map of the United States that shows (pinpoint) locations of Shared Savings Program ACOs and displays select ACO-specific details (ACO service area, public reporting website, and executive and public contact name/email/ phone).	Visit the Shared Savings Program ACO landing page on Data.CMS.Gov and scroll down to “Search for an ACO” in the Visualization section	Map viewable on screen with options for adjusting the view; data display can be customized; data can be exported into comma-separated values (CSV) format.	Updated annually; last updated January 2024.
Searchable List of Shared Savings Program ACOs	ACO-specific organizational information that includes but is not limited to name, start date, track, address, ACO service area, public reporting website, and executive and public reporting contacts’ name/email/ phone.	Shared Savings Program ACO Landing page on Data.CMS.Gov	Data display can be customized (e.g., filtered); data can be exported into CSV format.	Updated annually; last updated January 2024.
Searchable List of Shared Savings Program ACO Participants	Shows a listing of ACO participants by ACO name and organizational information.	Shared Savings Program ACO Participants Landing page on Data.CMS.Gov	Data display can be customized (e.g., filtered); data can be exported into CSV format.	Updated annually; last updated January 2024.
Searchable List of Shared Savings Program ACO SNF Affiliates	Shows a listing of ACO SNF affiliates by ACO name and organizational information.	Shared Savings Program ACO SNF Affiliates Landing page on Data.CMS.Gov	Data display can be customized (e.g., filtered); data can be exported into CSV format.	Updated annually; last updated January 2024.

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Performance Year Financial and Quality Results Public Use File (PUF)	For each ACO: includes financial and quality performance data (including overall quality score, quality measures performance rates, final sharing rate, MSR/MLR, benchmark, calculations of savings/losses); data on demographic characteristics of the ACO's assigned beneficiary population; ACO-level data on expenditure and utilization metrics, and data on the ACO's provider/supplier composition.	Shared Savings Program Performance Year Financial and Quality Results Landing page on Data.CMS.Gov	Data can be exported into CSV format.	Updated annually; last updated October 2024. Reconciliation data available for the following years: 2013-2023
Shared Savings Program ACO Quality Performance Results – Physician Compare	Performance rates on a subset of CMS Web Interface and CAHPS measures for the 2019 reporting period.	Doctors & clinicians on Medicare.gov's Care Compare website	Performance rates displayed in HTML (webpage format) by ACO; ACOs can be searched by name or selected from an index of ACO names.	Updated annually; last updated with 2019 data in June of 2021 (displays most recently completed reporting period only). Note, each year's performance data replaces the previous year's data. For previous years' quality performance data, refer to the above row's performance data.

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Shared Savings Program ACO Beneficiary-level Research Identifiable File (RIF)	Beneficiary-identifiable data for every beneficiary assigned to a Shared Savings Program ACO, includes ACO identifier, preliminary assignment, quarter of assignment, final assignment, unique beneficiary identifier, date of birth/death, gender, race, reason for Medicare eligibility, dual status, Part D enrollment status, and monthly eligibility flag.	Available through ResDAC for a fee to researchers who have obtained an appropriate Data Use Agreement (DUA)	Data can be requested and received through ResDAC in CSV format with supporting documentation (data dictionary).	Updated annually through PY 2017. Updated quarterly and annually starting with Quarter 1 of PY 2018. Last updated September 2023. Data available for the following periods: 2024 (initial and Quarters 1-2) 2018-2023 (initial and Quarters 1-4) 2014-2017 (annual) 2013 (PY1 Final)
Shared Savings Program Provider-level RIF	Provider-identifiable data for institutional and individual providers who participated in a Shared Savings Program ACO during the performance year, including ACO name and start date; provider identifiers (<i>National Provider Identifier (NPI)/name, taxpayer identification number (TIN)/name, CMS Certification Number (CCN)</i>); provider characteristics (facility type – institutions; practice type (specialty) – individuals, county primarily served).	Available through ResDAC for a fee to researchers who have obtained an appropriate DUA	Data can be requested and received through ResDAC in CSV format with supporting documentation (data dictionary).	Updated annually through PY 2019. Updated bi-annually starting with PY 2020; last updated September 2023. Data available for the following periods: Initial: PY 2020-2024 Final: PY 2013-2023

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<p>Shared Savings Program Benchmark PUF</p> <p>County-level Aggregate Expenditure and Risk Score Data on Assignable Beneficiaries PUF</p> <p>Number of Accountable Care Organization Assigned Beneficiaries by County PUF</p>	<p>Standard analytical files of the regional fee-for-service (FFS) expenditures used to calculate the historical benchmarks for ACOs and the annual updates to these benchmarks (as applicable based on the ACO's agreement period start date).</p>	<p>County-level Aggregate Expenditure and Risk Score Data on Assignable Beneficiaries PUF Landing page on Data.CMS.Gov</p> <p>Number of Accountable Care Organization Assigned Beneficiaries by County PUF Landing page on Data.CMS.Gov</p>	<p>Data can be exported into CSV format.</p>	<p>Updated annually and as additional updates are available; last updated September 2023.</p> <p>Data available for the following years: 2014-2023</p>
<p>Advance Investment Payment Spend Plans</p>	<p>Details the projected and actual use of advance investment payments by ACOs in each performance year. The file will be updated with the actual use of payments after the end of each performance year.</p>	<p>Advance Investment Payment Spend Plan PUF Landing page on Data.CMS.Gov</p>	<p>Data can be exported into CSV format.</p>	<p>Updated annually; last updated in January 2024</p>