



## What's next for the 541 ACOs that saved CMS \$2.6 billion in 2019?

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You probably saw that CMS recently released [2019](#) / [2019A](#) performance year results for the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP). Please see the [data dictionary](#) to see the difference between 2019 and 2019A links for the results.

The 541 MSSP participants collectively saved Medicare \$2.6 billion last year alone.

Also, according to CMS communication, 92% of eligible ACOs earned quality improvement reward points in Performance Year 2019. ACOs showed the greatest improvements in the patient safety and care coordination quality domains.

ACOs continued to show better or comparable quality performance on measures compared to other physician group practices. And that performance carries over into other P4P programs.

Then, on top of everything else, CMS announced a new program in Direct Contracting and changes to the existing programs. Navigating CMS can be overwhelming to healthcare providers, especially during times of extreme and uncontrollable circumstances.

As a key part of our services, Pinnacle monitors CMS for changes, analyzes the impacts, and provides insight for our clients.

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