

# Applying OCM Strategies to Boost Value-Based Contract Opportunities

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# Objectives

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- Review the CMS Oncology Care Model structure
- Understand the unique opportunities and challenges of a tertiary care community oncology practice when operating in the setting of an Oncology Care Model (government and private payers)
- Share differences and similarities between CMS and Private Payor OCMs
  - Quality Dashboards
  - Drug cost management
- Leverage ACO team member integration and collaboration

# Oncology Care Model Overview

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Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation payment model

# CMS Oncology Care Model Started July 1, 2016

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**Financially incentivizes  
high-quality,  
coordinated patient  
care**



Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

# Overview of the CMS OCM



## Six-month Episode

- Medicare fee-for service beneficiaries
- Services include Part A, Part B and some Part D expenditures
- All Cancer types included
- Initiated by Outpatient chemotherapy administration



## Practice Operations

- Adhere to 6 practice requirements
  - 24/7 access
  - ONC-certified EHR
  - Data driven PI
  - Patient navigation
  - Care plan documentation
  - National guidelines
- Report on quality of care measures
- Report staging and clinical data



## Financial Methodology

- Providers continue to receive payment per usual
- New payment for enhanced services
- Actual spend is compared to target
- Adjustments for novel therapies and quality metrics determine final performance-based payment
- Optional two-sided risk (for now)

# Saint Francis Cancer Center

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Greenville, South Carolina

# Community Based Oncology Care at Saint Francis

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- **Clinical Research** department offering over 100 clinical trials and enrolling more than 13% of all cancer patients (national average 1%)
  - OCM impact: New drug utilization rapid if not immediate
- **Quality** team responsible for all accreditations and tumor registry
  - OCM impact: Well-established team dedicated to quality benchmarking and data management
- **Cellular Therapy** programs including bone marrow transplant
  - OCM impact: High cost and aggressive care requirements

# CMS Oncology Care Model Performance-to-Date

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# Overview: Success

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- **To date 1.7 Million received in performance based payments and incentive dollars**
- Socialization of the “what and why” across frontline staff: physicians, nurses, schedulers, front desk
- Slow but steady improvement with physician engagement (most 😊)
- Integrated quality team goals
- Development of comprehensive dashboards with meaningful benchmark and action planning

# Overview: Challenges and Opportunities

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- Accounting for volatility and extreme fluctuations in care cost
- As always....the search for meaningful data
  - Basic operations
  - Advocating for resources
  - **And most importantly discussion with your frontline staff and providers**
- Drug cost, CMS and payor discussions
- Emergency Department Utilization
- Palliative Care and Hospice Utilization

# Financial Results:

## Target Amount and Actual Expenditures

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- Baseline data collected 2012-2015
- Baseline expenditure data for our institution significantly lower than national average and other regional institutions
- Target prices based on historical performance and adjusted for episode-specific factors and national trend
- Results from CMS
  - PP1 July 2016 – Dec 2016: **(\$660,808)**
  - PP2 January 2017 – July 2017: **(\$72,496)**
  - PP3 July 2017 – January 2018: **\$191,975**

**Yay!! But why?**

# OCM Methodology Changes Between Performance Periods



## PP2 Changes

- Updating determination of cancer-related surgery, BMT, clinical trial risk adjustment flags
- Baseline hospital referral region (HRR) relative cost values used for predicted prices versus performance period experience

## PP3 Changes

- Target adjustments for low- and high-risk bladder and prostate cancer
- Refinements to low- and high-risk breast cancer (using specific drug codes)
- Beneficiary attribution must be made to TIN with at least one oncology provider

## PP7 Changes

- Target adjustment for Breast, lung, and small intestine/colorectal cancers using metastatic status reported through OCM registry

# Episode ID 91055 PP1

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- Prior to Ibrance approval (2/3/15) for advanced ER+, HR- breast cancer only AIs were available
- **AI (Letrozole) paid by CMS** was \$42 (6 refills with a 30 day supply)
- **Ibrance Drug paid by CMS** was \$57,932
- CMS total **target price** for this patient was \$5,041
- **Total spend was \$59,910.**
- Subtracting Ibrance (\$57,932) the case cost \$1,978 **with a cost savings of \$3,054.**

# Fast Forward PP3...same patient

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- PP2 Target Price \$10,687
- PP3 Target Price \$76,978
- Ibrance spend \$99,028
- Accounting for drug cost alone (not any additional services)
  - PP2 (\$88,341)
  - PP3 (\$22,050)

*Thank you CMS for recognizing and course correcting! HOWEVER:*

(1) there are numerous drugs (new and expanding indications/combinations) that have the same effect of drastically impacting results.

(2) How can we create a nimble system that can recognize and account in a current Performance Period (vs. a year later)

# Premier OCM Cohort Results for PP1, PP2, PP3

Practice	Actual Expenditure Compared to Target Price prior to Adjustments	
	With Ibrance	Without Ibrance
A	\$ (687,621)	\$ 888,844
B	\$ (837,782)	\$ (107,603)
C	\$ (121,880)	\$ 419,223
D	\$ (337,561)	\$ 136,162
E	\$ (568,568)	\$ (204,474)
F	\$ (2,566,501)	\$ (354,881)
G	\$ (332,558)	\$ 265,352
H	\$ (1,007,410)	\$ (54,453)
I	\$ (1,210,881)	\$ 676,502
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ (7,670,763)</b>	<b>\$ 1,664,671</b>

# Drug Cost Overshadowing Quality Improvements?

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CMS utilizes basic quality indicators that can be found within claims data

- Emergency Department visits
- Hospital admissions (all cause)
- Days until death from first hospice claim date

Can improvements in these areas compensate/counter rising drug costs ?

- All ED payments: \$111,566
- Total Ibrance spend: \$320,123

# Private Payor Models and Narrow Networks

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# Comparison to CMS

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- Each payor is taking different pieces of the CMS model and modifying on an ongoing basis
  - Looking for input and discussion
- Appears to be a more focused approach on quality metrics that impact daily operations
- Reduction in qualifying diagnosis
  - Easier and more efficient than all-comers
  - Allows for a deeper time closer to the actual time of the event

# Plan Comparisons

Payor and Program	Data Source	Care Coordination Payments	Risk	Date Proposed	Downside	Performance Based Payment Composition	Pathway Utilization	Pathway Software	Cancer Populations	Drug Cost Accounting
<b>A</b>	Claims	Yes	Upside Only	NA if PBP maintained		Total Spend times Quality Score	No	NA	All	3 yr baseline lag comparison
<b>B</b>	Claims/Medical Record Review	Yes	Upside Only	YTBD		Expense of IP, ER, Drugs, LAB/Path, Radiology times quality	No	NA	Most but selective	AWP with exclusion of new drugs
<b>C</b>	Data Entry Portal	No	Upside Only	YTBD		Pathway Adherence	Yes	x	Most but selective	Tier 1 vs. Tier 2 pathway
<b>D</b>	Claims	Yes	Upside Only	YTBD		Total Spend time Quality Score	No	NA	Currently Breast and Lung but expanding	3 yr baseline lag
<b>E</b>	Claims/Medical Record Review	No	Upside Only	YTBD		Expense of ER utilization, cancer related drug costs and inpatient day cost times Quality Scores	Yes	x	Most but selective	Gross Savings on difference btwn cost per chemo treatment member month btwn non-control and control populations

# Quality Metrics

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- Patient and Care Giver Education
- Advanced Directive Planning
- Distress Screening
- Pain Intervention
- Access
- Pathway Adherence
- Days in Hospice
- All cause hospital admissions
- All cause emergency department visits

# Some Smart Thinking: Improving Value Based Systems

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- Triage Disposition
  - HIGH IMPACT
  - Puts resources in the right places
- ED utilization
  - Limited to oncology specific admissions
- Hospital Admissions
  - Non-chemotherapy admits vs. all cause admission
    - CMS argument that baseline data included higher all cause admissions therefore tertiary care centers like ours would not be affected by higher than average admission rates.
    - This does not account for any service line or market growth. Annual increase of 10% or greater since program inception 10 years ago.
- Alignment with other accreditations such as American Society of Clinical Oncology Quality Oncology Practice Initiative (QOPI®)
  - Decreases staff labor costs related to chart reviews and data collection

# Drug Cost: No one has figured it out

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- Pathways and pathway systems
  - VIA Oncology, payor specific portals, possible integration?
  - What is a reasonable goal?
  - Is the required input data enough to really make an accurate decision?
    - Simple enough for non-clinical staff yet accurate enough for appropriate categorization
- Comparing one practice to another
  - Chasing the drug cost trends: during same episode? During earlier episodes? How early is too early? Drug recovery programs?
- CMS modified
  - Can a private payor or narrow network relationship be nimble and develop meaningful trend factors and risk stratifications?

# ACO team members

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- Hospice and Palliative Care
- Hospital admission
- Care coordination teams throughout the system
- Cross-pollinating objectives
  - Diabetes management necessitated by steroid utilization
  - Discharge medication management
- Challenges
  - Duplication of services (post hospital discharge)