
METHODS AND STANDARDS OF ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES - OTHER MEDICAL CARE
(Continued)

A. Attribution Methodology

Beneficiaries will be attributed to ACOs in the VMSSP through the following process:

1. Retrospective claims attribution using a methodology in which claims for eligible beneficiaries are identified for the presence of qualifying Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes billed in the previous twelve months by primary care providers enrolled with Medicaid.
2. For eligible beneficiaries not attributed by retrospective claims attribution, assign the beneficiary to his/her primary care provider that he/she selected or was auto-assigned upon enrollment.

Attribution is done at the rendering provider and billing provider TIN level that is affiliated with an ACO participant. Any ACO participant that includes at least one ACO rendering provider with attributed lives to him/her must have an exclusive participant relationship with only one ACO in the VMSSP. Those ACO participants who do not attribute lives can participate in multiple ACOs in the VMSSP.

D. Patient Freedom of Choice

Beneficiaries will have freedom of choice with regard to their providers consistent with their benefit as described in 42 CFR 431.51.

E. Risk Score

Risk adjustment is done using the most recently released CMS community version of the Hierarchical Condition Classification software.

F. Total Cost of Care

Participants in the VMSSP are responsible for the Total Cost of Care (TCOC) of their attributed population of beneficiaries in each performance year. The TCOC is comprised of a defined set of core services. Core services included in the TCOC for year ~~two~~three include: inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, physician (primary care and specialty), nurse practitioner, physical and occupational therapy, mental health facility and clinic, ambulatory surgery center, federally qualified health center, rural health center, chiropractor, podiatrist, psychologist, optometrist, optician, independent laboratory, home health, hospice, prosthetic/orthotics, medical supplies, durable medical equipment, emergency transportation, dialysis facility. The TCOC is the sum of payments made for core services rendered in the given performance year. Expenditures for attributed beneficiaries are capped at the value of the 99th percentile of expenditures for the attributed lives within enrollment categories.

Core services are determined by the State annually. DVHA determines the core service applicable in each performance year prior to the start of the program year. Services not in the TCOC calculations are called