



Your Provider has formed an Accountable Care Organization and applied to participate in the Medicare Shared Savings Program

Summit Pacific Medical Center's vision is to become the national model for patient centered care. As part of this vision Summit has applied to become a Medicare Accountable Care Organization or "ACO". As a Medicare Fee-for-Service beneficiary, you will soon be getting an official letter from us explaining that Summit Pacific has formed an ACO. We understand that this is new information and want you to know we are here to answer any questions you may have.

What is an ACO?

The health care providers of Summit Pacific Medical Center and the three primary care clinics have joined forces with Medicare to improve the quality of your healthcare while also lowering costs. An ACO allows your providers to work with other clinicians in the community to ensure that you receive appropriate care, without repeating tests and answering the same questions over and over. If you have multiple health issues, you may be able to use our new care coordinator services. Our care coordinator will work with your current providers to make sure you have a personalized care plan that addresses all of your health needs.

Why did Summit Pacific decide to become an ACO?

Here at Summit Pacific we recognize that the cost of health care is rising and the same old way of doing business may not work in years to come. An ACO is a new approach to taking care of our Medicare Fee-for-Service patients that allows our providers to focus on quality and the relationship with each patient and their family.

Will I still be able to see my provider?

Yes! Medicare Fee-for-Service patients will be able to see their same provider but may notice there are "new" members to their health care team such as a care coordinator. This person will work with your provider to make sure that all of your health care needs are met.

What do I need to do?

You don't have to do anything! Your provider through the ACO will have more information to better coordinate your care and the care coordinator may answer any questions you have.

Questions?

If you have questions about the program, or would like to connect with our care coordinator, please call us at **(360)346-2268**. For general questions or additional information about Accountable Care Organizations, please visit www.medicare.gov/acos.html or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.