

HEALTH MINISTRIES CLINIC IS PARTICIPATING IN A MEDICARE SHARED SAVINGS PROGRAM ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION

WHAT'S AN ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION (ACO)?

- An ACO is a group of doctors, hospitals, and/or other health care providers that work together to improve the quality and experience of care you receive.
- Health Ministries Clinic is participating in Aledade Accountable Care 38, LLC, a Medicare Shared Savings Program ACO.
- An ACO is not a Medicare Advantage Plan, (like an HMO or PPO), or an insurance plan.
- ACOs don't change your Medicare benefits.

HOW WILL AN ACO HELP MY DOCTOR COORDINATE MY CARE?

- Your doctors will have a more complete picture of your health through talking with your other doctors.
- To help you get better, more coordinated care, Medicare will share certain health information with us about the care you get from your doctors and other health care providers unless you ask Medicare not to share it. Medicare may also share your health information with other ACOs in which your other doctors or health care providers participate.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

- If you want Medicare to share information about the health care you received with in Aledade Accountable Care 38, LLC or with other ACOs in which your other doctors or health care providers participate, there's nothing more you need to do.
- If you do not want Medicare to share your health care information, you need to call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) and tell the representative that your doctor is part of an ACO and you don't want Medicare to share your health care information. TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- If you change your mind in the future, you can call 1-800-MEDICARE and tell the representative what you have decided. We can't communicate with Medicare on your behalf.
- Even if you decline to share your health care information, Medicare will still use your information for some purposes, like assessing the financial quality of care performance of the providers participating in ACOs. Also, Medicare may share some of your health care information with ACOs when measuring quality of care given by health care providers participating in those ACOS.

QUESTIONS?

- If you have questions or concerns, call us at (316) 283-6103, or we can discuss them next time you're in our office. At that time, you may request a copy of our Beneficiary Information Notice that offers more information about ACOs and care coordination.
- You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit [Medicare.gov/acos.html](https://www.Medicare.gov/acos.html). for more information.