



# Total Cost of Care (TCOC) Workgroup

April 25, 2018

# Agenda

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- ▶ **Introductions**
- ▶ **Updates on initiatives with CMS (including QPP update)**
- ▶ **Update on Y1 MPA implementation**
  - ▶ CRISP: Demo of draft hospital-level (statewide) MPA reporting
  - ▶ Y1 attribution
- ▶ **Discussion of Y2 MPA issues**
  - ▶ Y2 Maximum Revenue at Risk & Maximum Performance Threshold
  - ▶ Incorporating Attainment
  - ▶ Linking doctors to hospitals

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## Updates on Initiatives with CMS

- ▶ TCOC Model
- ▶ Care Redesign Programs (HCIP, CCIP)



# Revisiting timing IF CMS approves (1) MD hospitals as Advanced APM Entities and (2) QP calculation

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- ▶ 3 times a year, CMS looks at whether or not a provider is on a CMS “list” of Advanced APM participants:



- ▶ For Maryland clinicians in CCIP and HCIP, the “list” is the Certified Care Partner List sent to CRISP/HSCRC to CMS
- ▶ If CMS determines Maryland hospitals are Advanced APM entities, a clinician on the Certified Care Partner List of a CRP hospital\* after the CMS Determination would have QP Threshold Score assessed
- ▶ For CY 2018, assuming QP assessment will be on clinicians on Certified Care Partner List submitted by hospitals in June 2018, for CMS’s 8/31 QP alignment window

## Final disclaimer

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- ▶ CMS is continuing to assess the QPP attribution rules
- ▶ No decision has been made by CMS
- ▶ Nothing is official until CMS announces it

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Y1 Implementation:  
CRISP MPA Monitoring Report



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# Y1 Implementation: Attribution



# MPA: Components of Attribution Algorithm

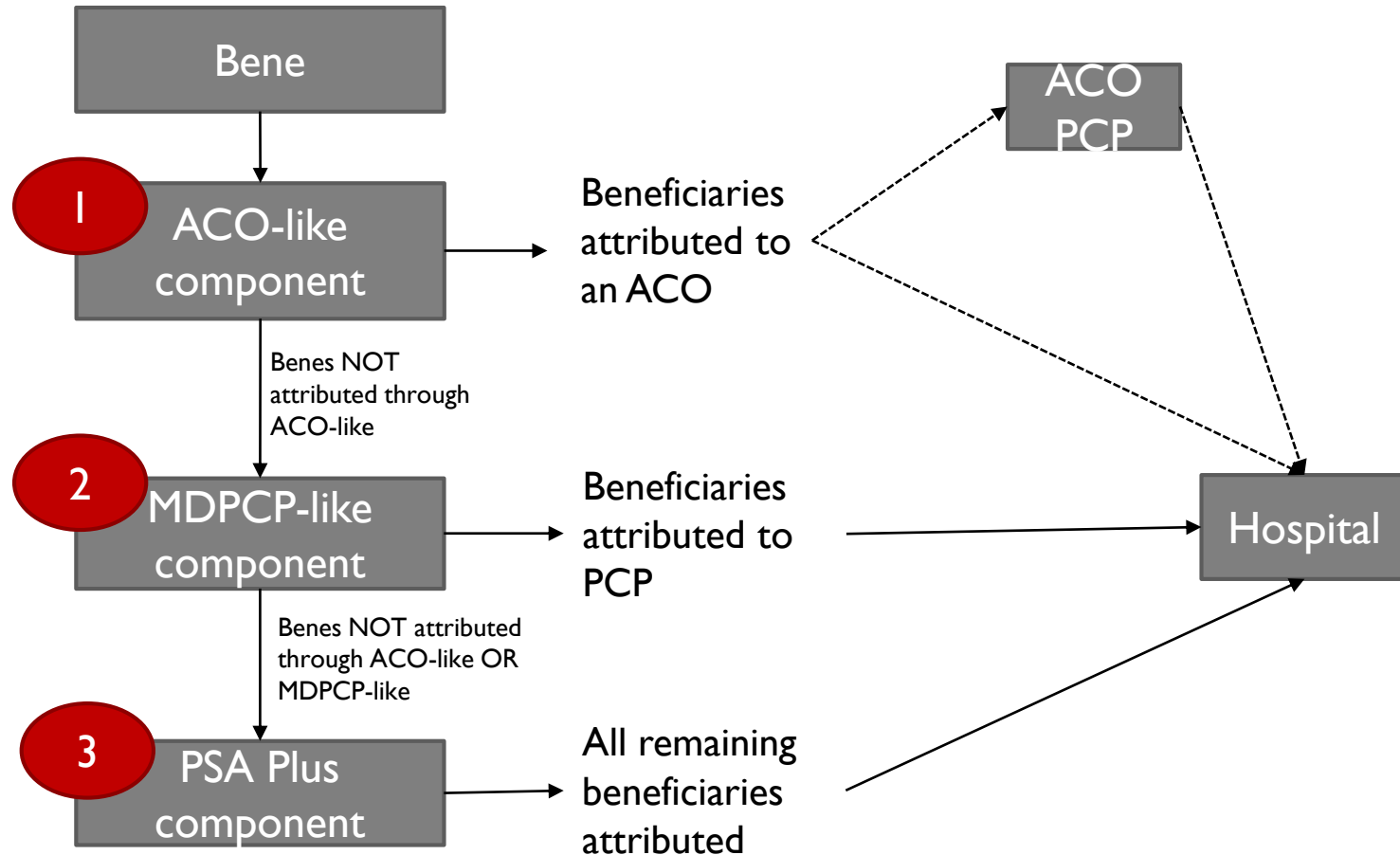
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Medicare beneficiary attribution based on hierarchy of:

- ▶ **ACO-like**
  - ▶ Attribution of beneficiaries to ACO doctors based on primary care use
  - ▶ Linking of ACO doctors to Maryland hospitals in that ACO
- ▶ **Maryland Primary Care Program (MD-PCP)-like**
  - ▶ Attribution of beneficiaries to PCPs based on primary care use
  - ▶ Linking of doctors to Maryland hospitals based on plurality of hospital utilization by those beneficiaries
- ▶ **PSA-Plus (PSAP): Geography (zip code where beneficiary resides)**
  - ▶ Hospitals' Primary Service Areas (PSAs) under GBR Agreement
  - ▶ Additional areas based on plurality of utilization and driving time



# Attribution of Medicare beneficiaries to hospitals via Y1 MPA Attribution Algorithm



PCP stands for primary care provider. A PCP for this purpose includes traditional PCPs but also physicians from other selected specialties if used by beneficiary rather than a traditional PCP.

# ACO-like

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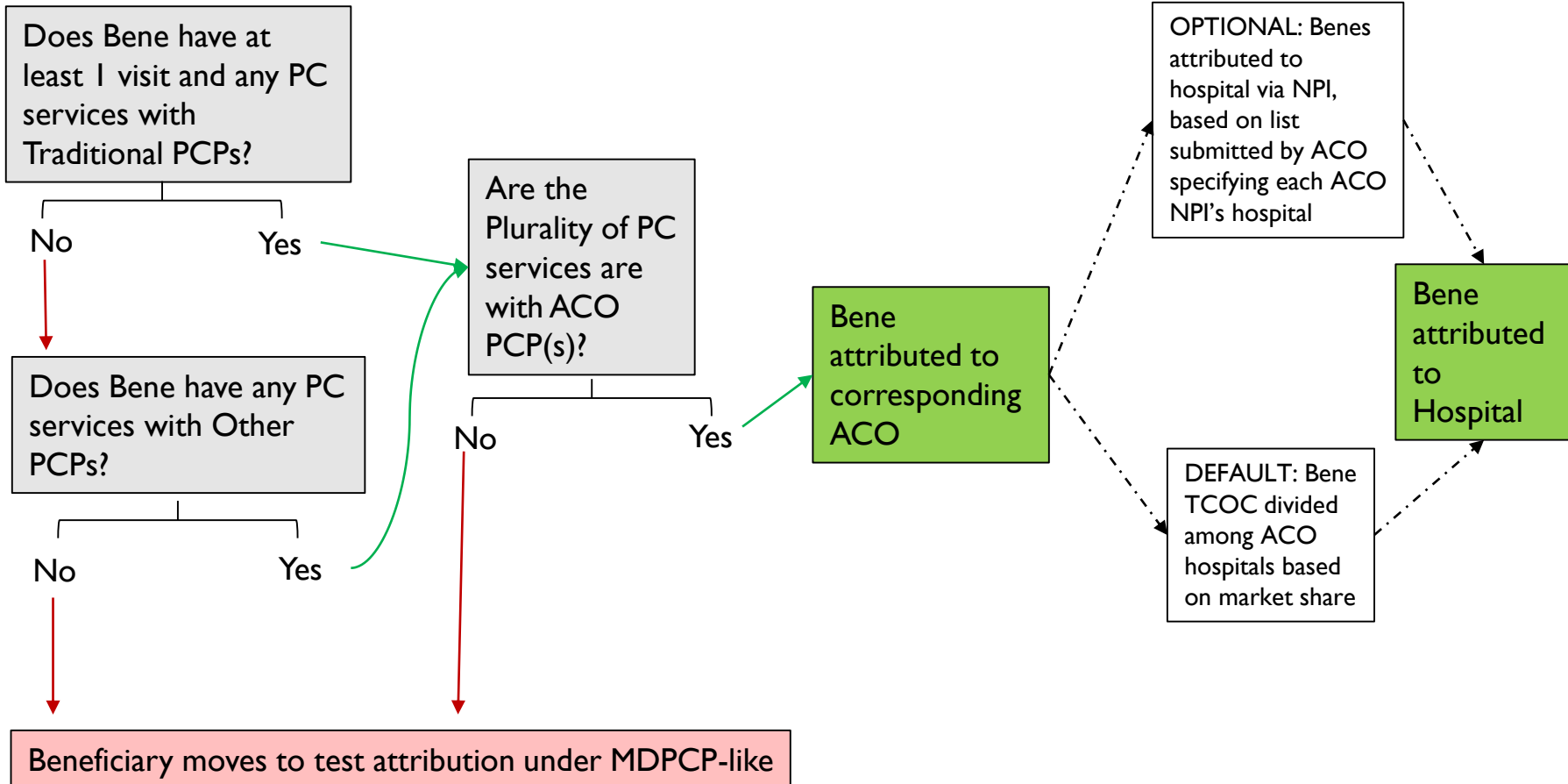
- ▶ **Beneficiaries are attributed to a specific ACO if the plurality of primary care services are with ACO providers**
  - ▶ Algorithm looks for Traditional PCPs first, then other types of providers
  - ▶ If a beneficiary sees a non-ACO PCP for their primary care needs, and all ACO doctors for their specialty needs, we would not expect that bene to be attributed to the ACO
- ▶ **As originally designed, ACO-like beneficiaries are attributed to ACO hospitals based on market share**
- ▶ **Some ACOs asked to elect which ACO PCPs were aligned with specific ACO hospitals**
  - ▶ In order to accomplish this, HSCRC attributed ACO benes to specific ACO PCPs
  - ▶ ACOs then elected to link specific ACO NPIs with specific ACO hospitals

# ACO-Like

Assessed for all MD  
Medicare FFS (A&B)  
beneficiaries

Bene to ACO

ACO to Hospital



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PC stands for primary care.

NPI is the National Provider Identifier and refers to an individual clinician.

# Bene to ACO Attribution Example

Numbers represent # of Beneficiary's PC Services

ACO affiliation	Doctor	Bene A	Bene B	Bene C
ACO1	Dr. Jones	5 PC Services	3 PC Services	0 PC Services
ACO1	Dr. Phil	5 PC Services	2 PC Services	0 PC Services
ACO2	Dr. Smith	0 PC Services	4 PC Services	4 PC Services
Non-ACO	Dr. Chen	0 PC Services	1 PC Services	3 PC Services
Non-ACO	Dr. Fred	0 PC Services	0 PC Services	2 PC Services

Would be attributed to ACO1; plurality of 10 PC Services were from ACO1 providers

Would be attributed to ACO1; plurality of 5 PC Services (3+2) were from ACO1 providers

Would not be attributed to either ACO; plurality of 5 PC Services were from non-ACO providers

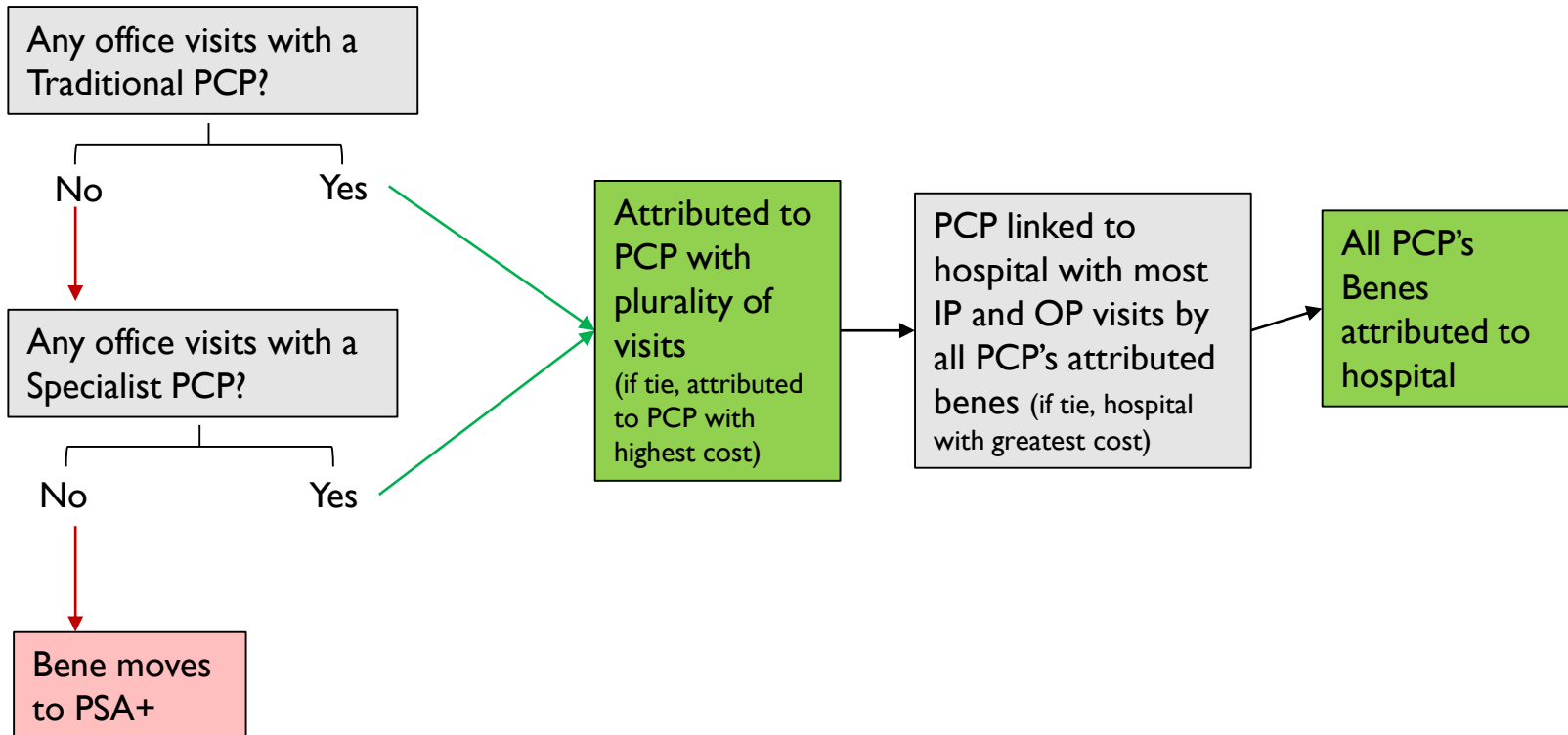


# MDPCP-Like

Among beneficiaries not attributed under ACO-like

Bene to PCP

PCP to hospital



# PCP to Hospital Attribution Example

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Assuming beneficiaries have already been attributed to PCPs under MDPCP-Like.

ACO affiliation	Doctor	# of benes	Hospital A	Hospital B	Attribution to:
Non-ACO	Dr. Chen	100 benes	10 visits	0 visits	All 100 benes attributed to Hospital A
Non-ACO	Dr. Fred	100 benes	10 visits	20 visits	All 100 benes attributed to Hospital B



# ACO PCPs Attributed in MDPCP-Like Attribution Example

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## ACO-like component (bene to ACO)

ACO affiliation	Doctor	Bene C
ACO2	Dr. Smith	4 PC Services
Non-ACO	Dr. Chen	3 PC Services
Non-ACO	Dr. Fred	2 PC Services

Would not be attributed to either ACO; plurality of 5 PC Services were from a non-ACO provider



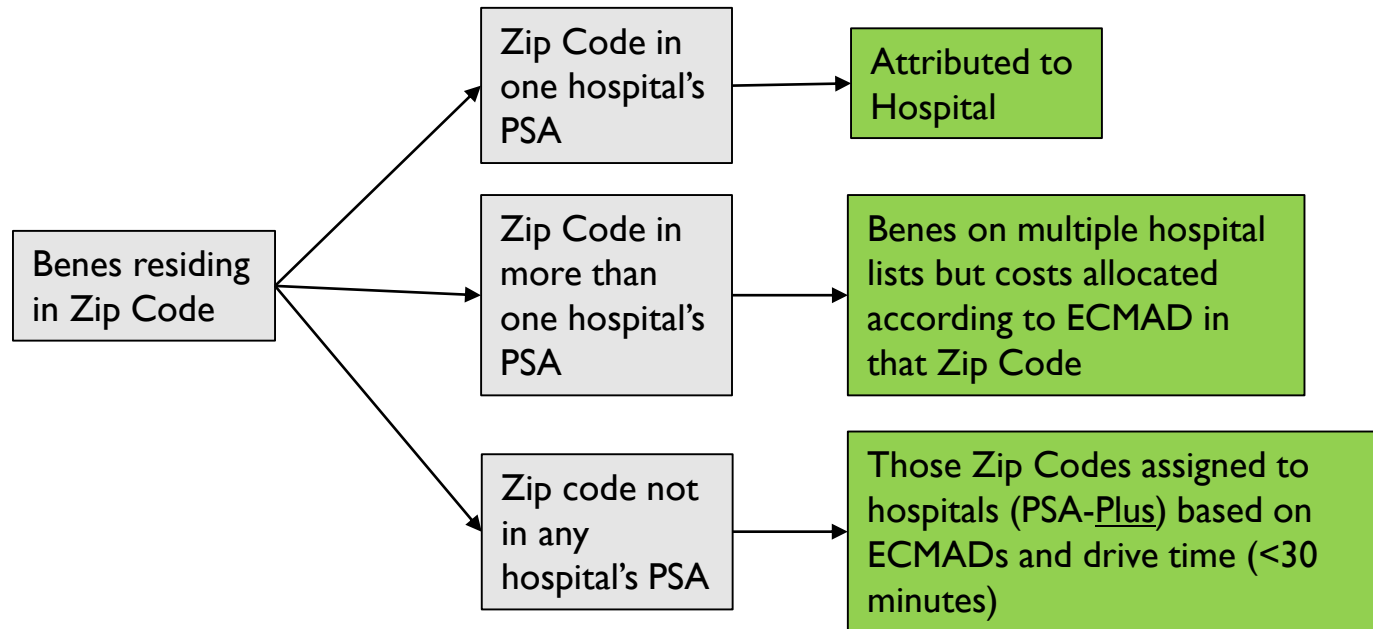
## MDPCP-like component (bene to PCP)

ACO affiliation	Doctor	Bene C
ACO2	Dr. Smith	4 PC Visits
Non-ACO	Dr. Chen	3 PC Visits
Non-ACO	Dr. Fred	2 PC Visits

Would be attributed to Dr. Smith, who happens to be in ACO2

# Geographic (PSA+)

Among beneficiaries not attributed under ACO-like or MDPCP-like



ECMAD stands for equivalent case-mix adjusted discharge. It is the number of (a) inpatient discharges and (b) outpatient visits scaled to reflect utilization similar to inpatient discharges.





# Year 1 attribution implementation: Attribution lists and info

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- ▶ Beneficiary attribution has been run for base period CY17 and performance period CY18 within Chronic Condition Warehouse
- ▶ Lists provided to hospitals of Practitioner NPIs for both ACO-Like and MDPCP-Like
  - ▶ Beneficiary counts for CYs 2015-2018
  - ▶ Total Cost of Care amounts for CYs 2015-2017
- ▶ Attribution programs and ACO-Like NPI lists have been shared with CRISP/hMetrix for performance monitoring and beneficiary identifiable data

# Additional attribution information

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## ▶ ACO-like component

- ▶ About 8000 NPIs were submitted by ACOs
- ▶ About 3600 NPIs had attributed benes in any year of the algorithm
  - ▶ Many excluded NPIs have specialties not included in the algorithm, such as podiatry, anesthesiology or surgery.
- ▶ About 1850 NPIs had at least 11 attributed benes in 2018 (average number of benes per provider: 124)
  - ▶ A little less than half of ACO-like NPIs with at least 11 benes also appeared in the MDPCP-like list.
    - About 75% of these NPIs were linked with the same hospital or system in both ACO-like and MDPCP-like

## ▶ MDPCP-like component

- ▶ About 2900 NPIs were attributed at least 11 benes in 2018 (average number of benes per provider: 126)

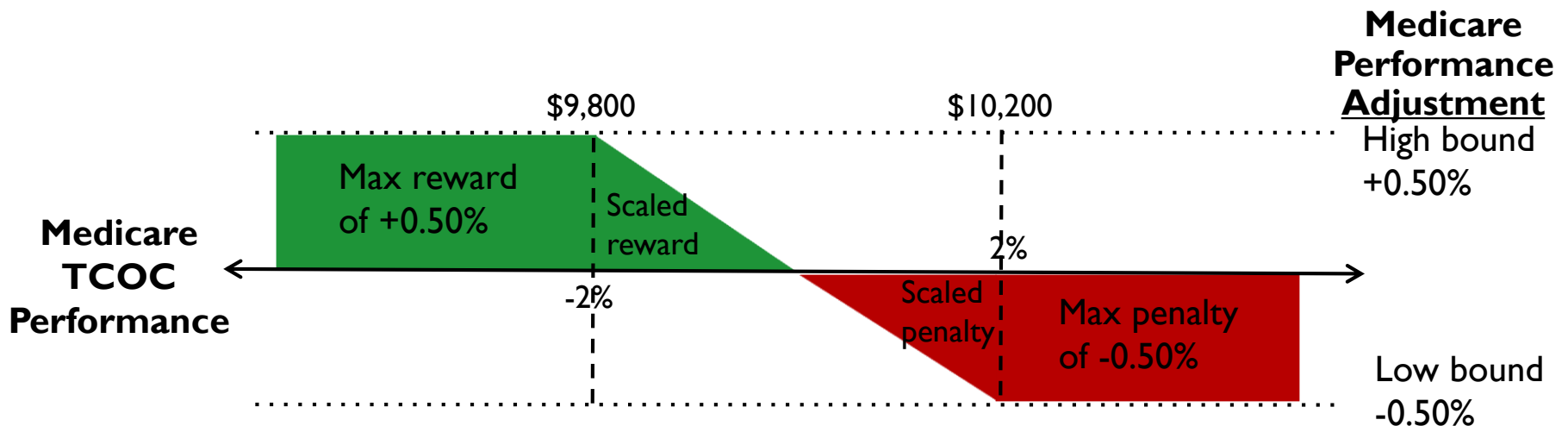
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Y2 MPA Issues: Maximum (Medicare)  
Revenue at Risk, Maximum  
Performance Threshold



# Year 1 MPA is “improvement only” with 0.5% hospital Medicare Max Revenue at Risk

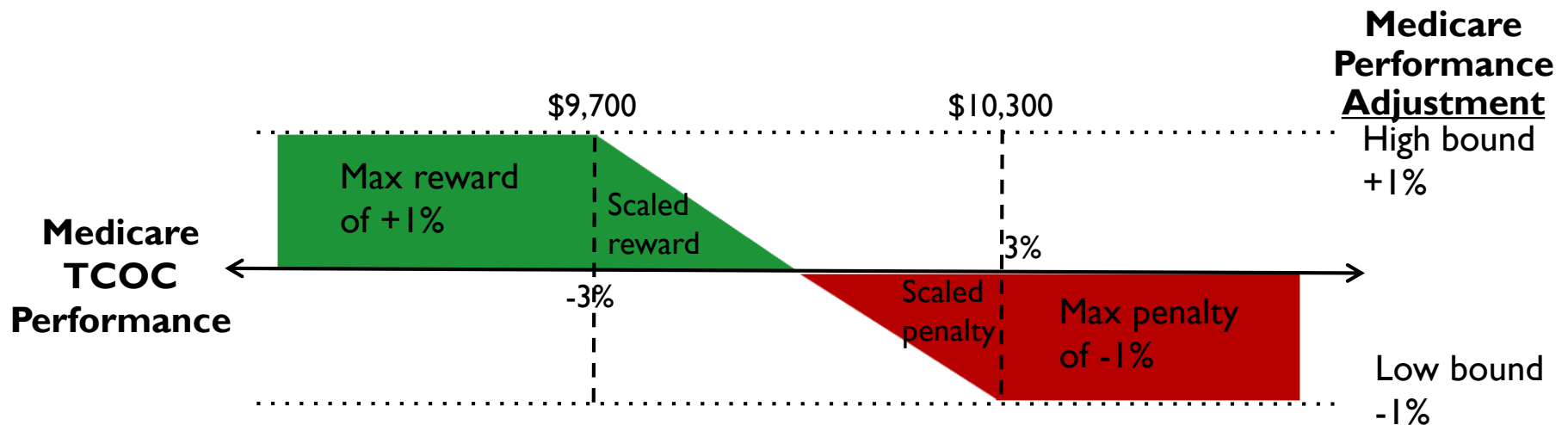
- ▶ Maximum Performance Threshold = 2%
- ▶ National Medicare FFS growth in CY 2018 (totally made-up example) = 1.83%
- ▶ TCOC Benchmark =  $\$9,852 * (1 + 1.83\% - 0.33\%) = \$10,000$
- ▶ If CY 2018 per capita TCOC is:
  - ▶ \$10,200+ (2%+ above Benchmark), then full -0.5% MPA
  - ▶ \$9,800 or less (2%+ below Benchmark), then full +0.5% MPA
  - ▶ Scaled MPA ranging from -0.5% to +0.5% between \$9,800 and \$10,200



# Year 2 MPA: Must increase Medicare revenue at risk to 1%

## ▶ Maximum Performance Threshold to 3%

- ▶ CMS wants ratio of Maximum Revenue at Risk / Maximum Performance Threshold to be at least 30%
- ▶ Y1 ratio is 25% (0.5%/2%)
- ▶ Y2 ratio is 33% (1%/3%)



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## Y2 MPA Issues: Options for incorporating Attainment



# How to potentially reflect Attainment in this formula for Year 2?

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- ▶ **Simplest approach is to adjust hospitals' TCOC Benchmark based on Attainment**
  - ▶ Current TCOC Benchmark is previous year TCOC per capita plus national growth minus 0.33%
- ▶ **Which hospitals should qualify for the Attainment Adjustment?**
- ▶ **What is the appropriate size of the Attainment Adjustment?**
- ▶ **What is the appropriate risk adjustment (and how much does it matter)?**

# Attainment adjustment:

## Potential policy rationales and trade-offs

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- ▶ **Lower the bar for improvement MPA for hospitals already at low TCOC per capita**
  - ▶ Arguably harder for these hospitals to improve TCOC
  - ▶ However, State's financial tests are improvement only, with no accounting for attainment
  - ▶ Hospitals with lowest TCOC could have benchmark equal to national growth
  
- ▶ **Raise the bar for improvement MPA for hospitals with high TCOC per capita**
  - ▶ Arguably easier for these hospitals to improve TCOC
  - ▶ However, State's financial tests are improvement only, with no accounting for attainment



# Attainment adjustment:

## Option for implementation – upside

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- ▶ For hospitals in the lowest risk-adjusted decile of TCOC per capita: Benchmark = national growth
- ▶ For hospitals between lowest risk-adjusted quartile and decile: Benchmark is scaled:
  - ▶ 25<sup>th</sup> percentile = national growth minus 0.33% (standard)
  - ▶ 10<sup>th</sup> percentile = national growth
  - ▶ ~17.5<sup>th</sup> percentile = national growth minus 0.165%

# Attainment adjustment:

## Option for implementation – downside

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- ▶ For hospitals in the highest risk-adjusted decile of TCOC per capita: Benchmark = national growth – 0.66%
- ▶ For hospitals between lowest risk-adjusted quartile and decile: Benchmark is scaled:
  - ▶ 75<sup>th</sup> percentile = national growth minus 0.33% (standard)
  - ▶ 90<sup>th</sup> percentile = national growth minus 0.66%
  - ▶ ~82.5<sup>th</sup> percentile = national growth minus 0.495%

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Y2 MPA Issue:  
Linking Doctors to Hospitals



# Practice sites and TINs

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- ▶ Currently the MDPCP-like portion of the algorithm is based on individual NPIs
  - ▶ Multiple providers practicing in the same office may be linked to different hospitals, leading to potential duplication of resources
- ▶ Work Group members have expressed interest in linking providers to hospitals using practice site or TIN information
- ▶ Update on receiving TIN information from CMS



# Ways to link doctors to hospitals

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- ▶ **New possibilities such as:**
  - ▶ Employment/ownership
    - ▶ Concerns about data source and definition issues
  - ▶ Care Redesign Alignment: HCIP, CCIP
  - ▶ Clinically Integrated Networks
  - ▶ Others?
- ▶ **Reassess ACO-like and MDPCP-like**
  - ▶ Adjust specialties to include when PCP not found?

Next meeting:  
8:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 23



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