



# Total Cost of Care Workgroup

July 26, 2017

# Agenda

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- ▶ Updates on initiatives with CMS
- ▶ Review of MPA options
- ▶ Updated HSCRC numbers on attribution approaches for assigning Medicare TCOC

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## Updates on Initiatives with CMS

- ▶ Phase 2 (aka Enhanced Model)
- ▶ Care Redesign Programs (HCIP, CCIP, ...)
- ▶ MPA contract language



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# Review of MPA Options



# Medicare Performance Adjustment (MPA)

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## ▶ **What is it?**

- ▶ A scaled adjustment for each hospital based on its performance relative to a Medicare Total Cost of Care (TCOC) benchmark

## ▶ **Objectives**

- ▶ Allow Maryland to step progressively toward developing the systems and mechanisms to control TCOC, by increasing hospital-specific responsibility for Medicare TCOC (Part A & B) over time (Progression Plan Key Element 1b)
- ▶ Provide a vehicle that links non-hospital costs to the All-Payer Model, allowing participating clinicians to be eligible for bonuses under MACRA

# MPA and Potential MACRA Opportunity

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- ▶ Under federal MACRA law, clinicians who are linked to an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) Entity and meet other requirements may be Qualifying APM Participants (QPs), qualifying them for:
  - ▶ 5% bonus on QPs' Medicare payments for Performance Years through 2022, with payments made two years later (Payment Years through 2024)
  - ▶ Annual updates of Medicare Physician Fee Schedule of 0.75% rather than 0.25% for Payment Years 2026+
- ▶ Maryland is seeking CMS determination that:
  - ▶ Maryland hospitals are Advanced APM Entities; and
  - ▶ Clinicians participating in Care Redesign Programs (HCIP, CCIP) are eligible to be QPs based on % of Medicare beneficiaries or revenue from residents of Maryland or of out-of-state PSAs
- ▶ Other pathways to QP status include participation in a risk-bearing ACO

## MPA and MACRA: Advanced APM Entities

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- ▶ **Advanced APM Entities must satisfy all 3 of the following:**
  - ▶ Require participants to use certified EHR technology (CEHRT)
  - ▶ Have payments related to Medicare Part B professional services that are adjusted for certain quality measures
  - ▶ Bear more than a nominal amount of financial risk
- ▶ **Notwithstanding Medicare financial responsibility already borne by Maryland hospitals, CMS says this last test is not yet met**
  - ▶ MPA could satisfy the more-than-nominal test
  - ▶ If CMS accepts 0.5% maximum MPA Medicare risk for PYI, CMS would be recognizing risk already borne by hospitals, since federal MACRA regulations define “more than nominal” as potential maximum loss of:
    - ▶ 8% of entity’s Medicare revenues, or
    - ▶ 3% of expenditures for which entity is responsible (e.g., TCOC)

# Federal Medicare Payments (CY 2016) by Hospital, and 0.5% of Those Payments

Hospital	CY 16 Medicare claims	
A	B	C = B * 0.5%
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,399,243,240</b>	<b>\$21,996,216</b>
Anne Arundel	163,651,329	818,257
Atlantic General	30,132,666	150,663
BWMC	137,164,897	685,824
Bon Secours	22,793,980	113,970
Calvert	45,304,339	226,522
Carroll County	85,655,790	428,279
Charles Regional	46,839,127	234,196
Chestertown	23,104,009	115,520
Doctors Community	71,932,763	359,664
Easton	105,796,229	528,981
Franklin Square	152,733,233	763,666
Frederick Memorial	107,572,532	537,863
Ft. Washington	12,404,606	62,023
GBMC	109,329,016	546,645
Garrett County	12,485,063	62,425
Good Samaritan	111,439,737	557,199
Harbor	49,811,070	249,055
Harford	32,986,577	164,933
Holy Cross	84,757,140	423,786
Holy Cross Germantown	17,709,263	88,546
Hopkins Bayview	166,936,445	834,682
Howard County	74,364,089	371,820
Johns Hopkins	385,219,507	1,926,098

Hospital	CY 16 Medicare claims	
A	B	D = B * 0.5%
Laurel Regional	\$28,395,414	\$141,977
Levindale	37,853,194	189,266
McCready	5,281,208	26,406
Mercy	123,251,053	616,255
Meritus	93,863,687	469,318
Montgomery General	58,955,109	294,776
Northwest	87,214,773	436,074
Peninsula Regional	129,202,314	646,012
Prince George	60,059,396	300,297
Rehab & Ortho	26,772,477	133,862
Shady Grove	92,559,096	462,795
Sinai	231,161,132	1,155,806
Southern Maryland	77,940,994	389,705
St. Agnes	122,910,533	614,553
St. Mary	53,984,389	269,922
Suburban	89,000,075	445,000
UM St. Joseph	135,505,261	677,526
UMMC Midtown	61,852,594	309,263
Union Of Cecil	47,233,811	236,169
Union Memorial	141,726,131	708,631
University Of Maryland	365,949,340	1,829,747
Upper Chesapeake Health	107,984,715	539,924
Washington Adventist	69,512,752	347,564
Western Maryland	100,950,387	504,752

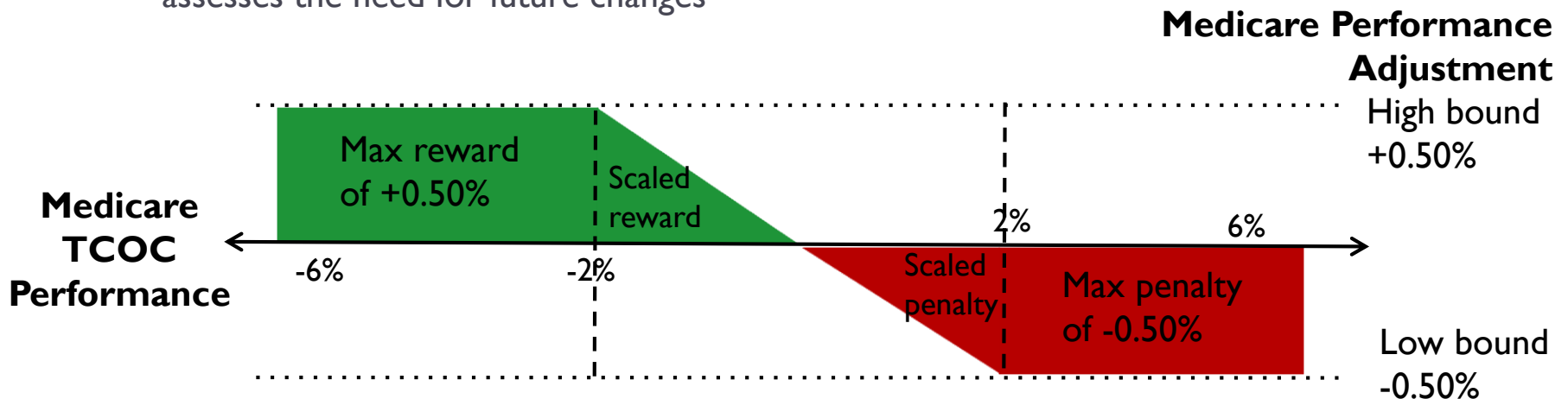
Source: HSCRC analysis of data from CMMI





# MPA: Current Design Concept

- ▶ Based on a hospital's performance on the Medicare TCOC measure, the hospital will receive a scaled bonus or penalty
  - ▶ Function similarly to adjustments under the HSCRC's quality programs
  - ▶ Be a part of the revenue at-risk for quality programs (redistribution among programs)
  - ▶ NOTE: Not an insurance model
- ▶ Scaling approach includes a narrow band to share statewide performance and minimize volatility risk
- ▶ MPA will be applied to Medicare hospital spending, starting at 0.5% Medicare revenue at-risk (which translates to approx. 0.2% of hospital all-payer spending)
  - ▶ First payment adjustment in July 2019
  - ▶ Increase to 1.0% Medicare revenue at-risk, perhaps more moving forward, as HSCRC assesses the need for future changes



# High-level Issues to be Addressed in Year 1 MPA Policy

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- ▶ **Algorithm for attributing Medicare beneficiaries (those with Part A and Part B) to hospitals, to create a TCOC per capita**
- ▶ **Assess performance**
  - ▶ Base year TCOC per capita (e.g., CY 2017 for YI)
    - ▶ Apply TCOC Trend Factor (e.g., national Medicare FFS growth minus X%) to create a TCOC Benchmark
  - ▶ Performance year TCOC per capita (CY 2018 for YI)
  - ▶ Compare performance to TCOC Benchmark (improvement only for YI)
- ▶ **Calculate MPA (i.e., percentage adjustment on hospital's federal Medicare payments – applying in RY 2020 for YI)**
  - ▶ Maximum Revenue at Risk (0.5% for YI): Upper limit on MPA
  - ▶ Maximum Performance Threshold (2% for YI, shown on prior slide): Percentage above/below TCOC Benchmark where Maximum Revenue at Risk is reached, with scaling in between

# Tentative MPA Timeline

Date	Topic/Action
Ongoing	TCOC Work Group meetings, transitioning to technical revisions of potential MPA policy with stakeholders
October 2017	Staff drafts RY 2020 MPA Policy
November 2017	Draft RY 2020 MPA Policy presented to Commission
December 2017	Commission votes on Final RY 2020 MPA Policy
Jan 1, 2018	Performance Period for RY 2020 MPA begins

Rate Year 2018			Rate Year 2019				Rate Year 2020				Rate Year 2021		
Calendar Year 2018			Calendar Year 2019				Calendar Year 2020				CY2021		
Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun

<b>Hospital Calculations</b>	MPA: CY 2018 is RY2020 Performance Year	MPA: CY 2019 is RY2021 Performance Year	MPA: CY 2020 is RY2022 Performance Year	
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<b>Hospital Adjustment</b>		MPA RY2020 Payment Year	MPA RY2021 Payment Year
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# TCOC Work Group Meeting Dates

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- ▶ **July 26, 2017, 8 AM – 10 AM**
- ▶ August 30, 2017, 8 – 10 AM
- ▶ September 27, 2017, 8 – 10 AM
- ▶ October 25, 2017, 8 – 10 AM
- ▶ November 29, 2017, 8 – 10 AM

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# Review of MPA Measure Options



# Medicare TCOC Attribution Algorithm: Year 1 Considerations

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- ▶ Medicare Total Cost of Care capture
- ▶ Conceptually sensible for hospitals
- ▶ Measure stability over time
- ▶ Sharing service areas and/or beneficiaries?
- ▶ Appropriate capture of hospital spending and total spending across the state

# MPA: Potential Components of Attribution Algorithm

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Medicare beneficiary attribution could be based on one or more:

▶ **ACO-like**

- ▶ Attribution of beneficiaries to ACO doctors based on primary care use
- ▶ Linking of ACO doctors to Maryland hospitals in that ACO

▶ **Primary Care Model (PCM)-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

▶ **MHA-like**

- ▶ Attribution of beneficiaries to hospitals based on hierarchy of hospital use based on (1) same hospital/system, (2) majority of payments, and then (3) plurality of both payments and visits

▶ **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

# MPA: Potential Methods for Assigning Hospital-Specific Medicare TCOC

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Beneficiary attribution based on combination of methods in a hierarchy:

- ▶ ACO-Like / PCM-Like / PSAP
- ▶ PCM-Like / PSAP
- ▶ ACO-like / MHA-Like / PSAP
- ▶ PCM-Like / MHA-Like / PSAP

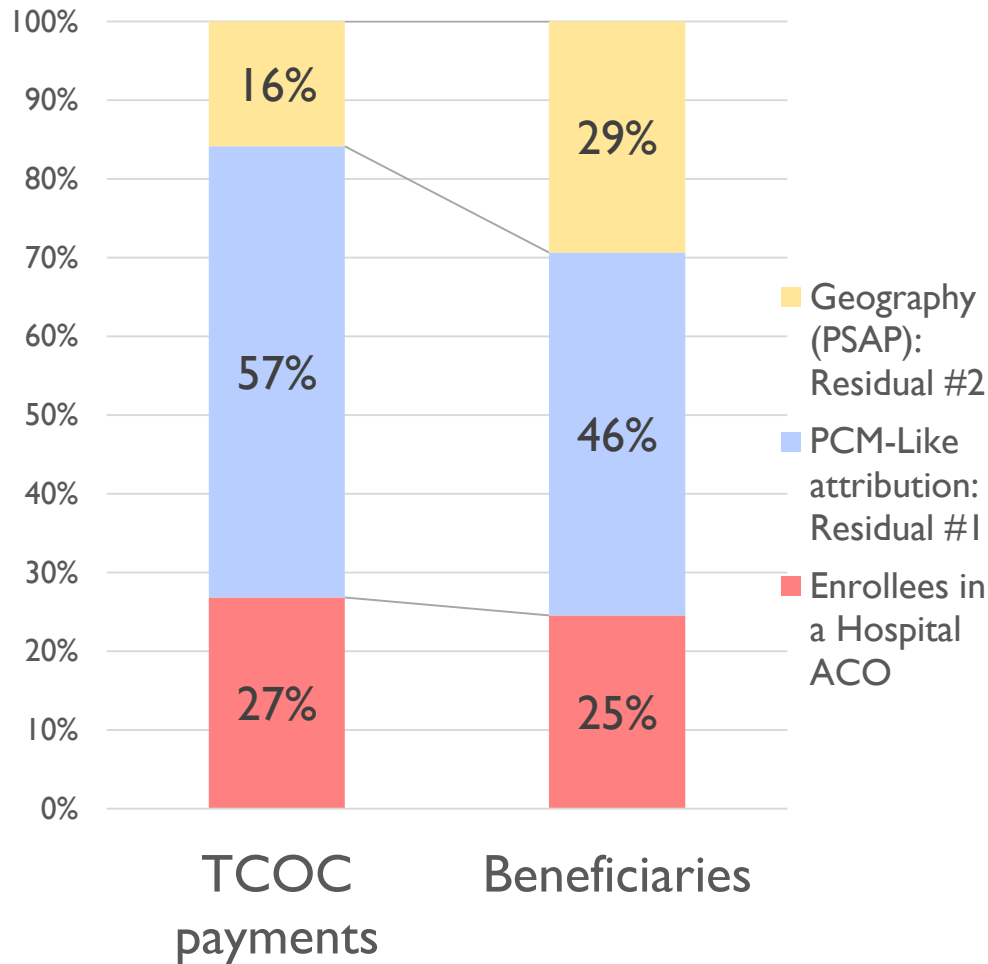


# Attribution Algorithm: Key Differences from Last Month

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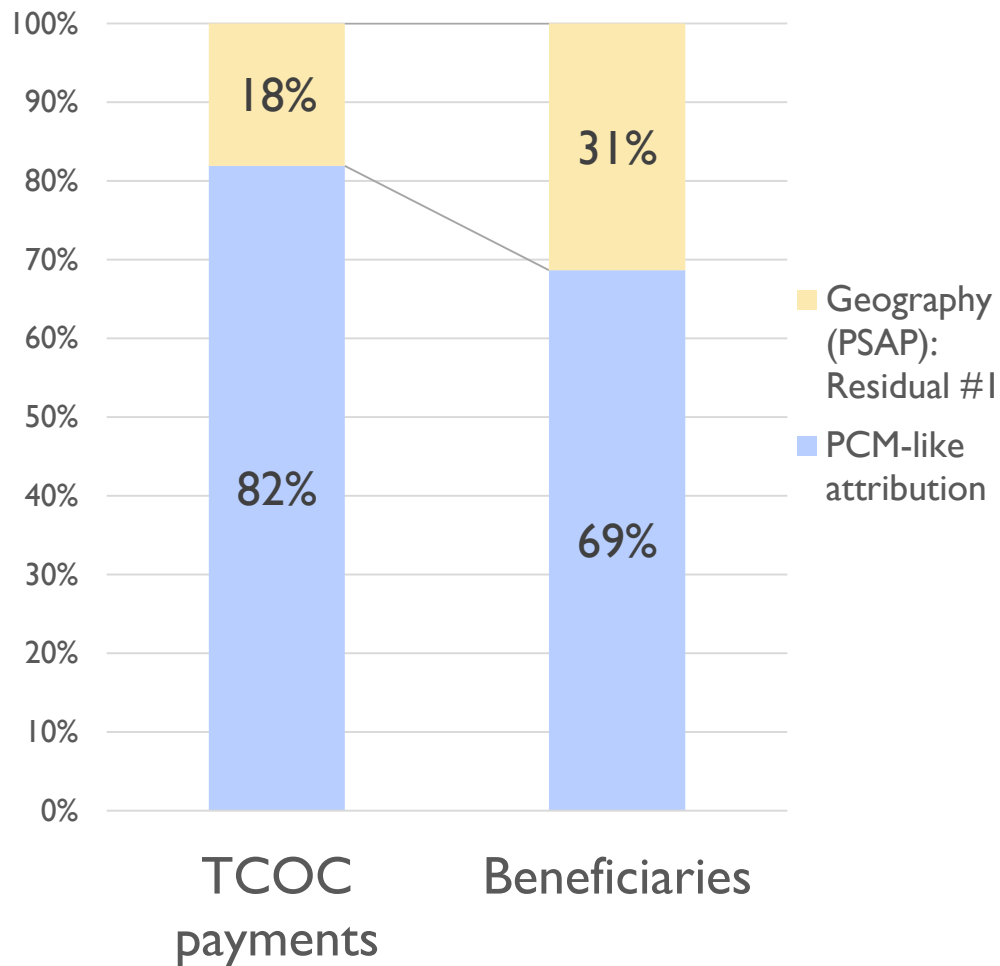
- ▶ **Includes beneficiaries only if they have Medicare Part A and B**
  - ▶ Prior analyses included beneficiaries with Medicare Part A or B
- ▶ **Exclusions based on episodes around “categoricals” (that is, typical HSCRC exclusions for burns, transplants, etc.)**
  - ▶ Prior analyses instead excluded beneficiaries with Medicare TCOC exceeding \$500,000
  - ▶ New approach keeps all beneficiaries in as Model participants
  - ▶ Removes ~\$200M (~2.4% of total) from analysis
- ▶ **Updated PSA-Plus (PSAP) methodology from Mathematica**
  - ▶ Still begins with GBR PSAs. For remaining unassigned zip codes:
    - ▶ Plurality of hospital use determines assignment unless 30+ min from zip
    - ▶ If 30+ minutes from hospital with plurality, nearest hospital used
  - ▶ Prior analyses did not account for driving time in assigning previously unassigned zip codes

# Option of hierarchy with prospective attribution: Hospital-based ACO / PCM-Like / Geography



- ▶ Attribution occurs prospectively, based on utilization in prior 2 years, but using their current-year TCOC
- 1. Beneficiaries attributed first based on link to clinicians in hospital-based ACO
- 2. Beneficiaries not attributed through ACO are attributed based on PCM utilization
- 3. Finally, beneficiaries still not attributed would be attributed with a Geographic approach
- ▶ Performance would be assessed on TCOC spending per capita
- ▶ For hospitals not in an ACO, attribution would be PCM Use + Geography, among beneficiaries not in a hospital-based ACO

# Dropping ACO-Like: Primary Care Model-like / Geography



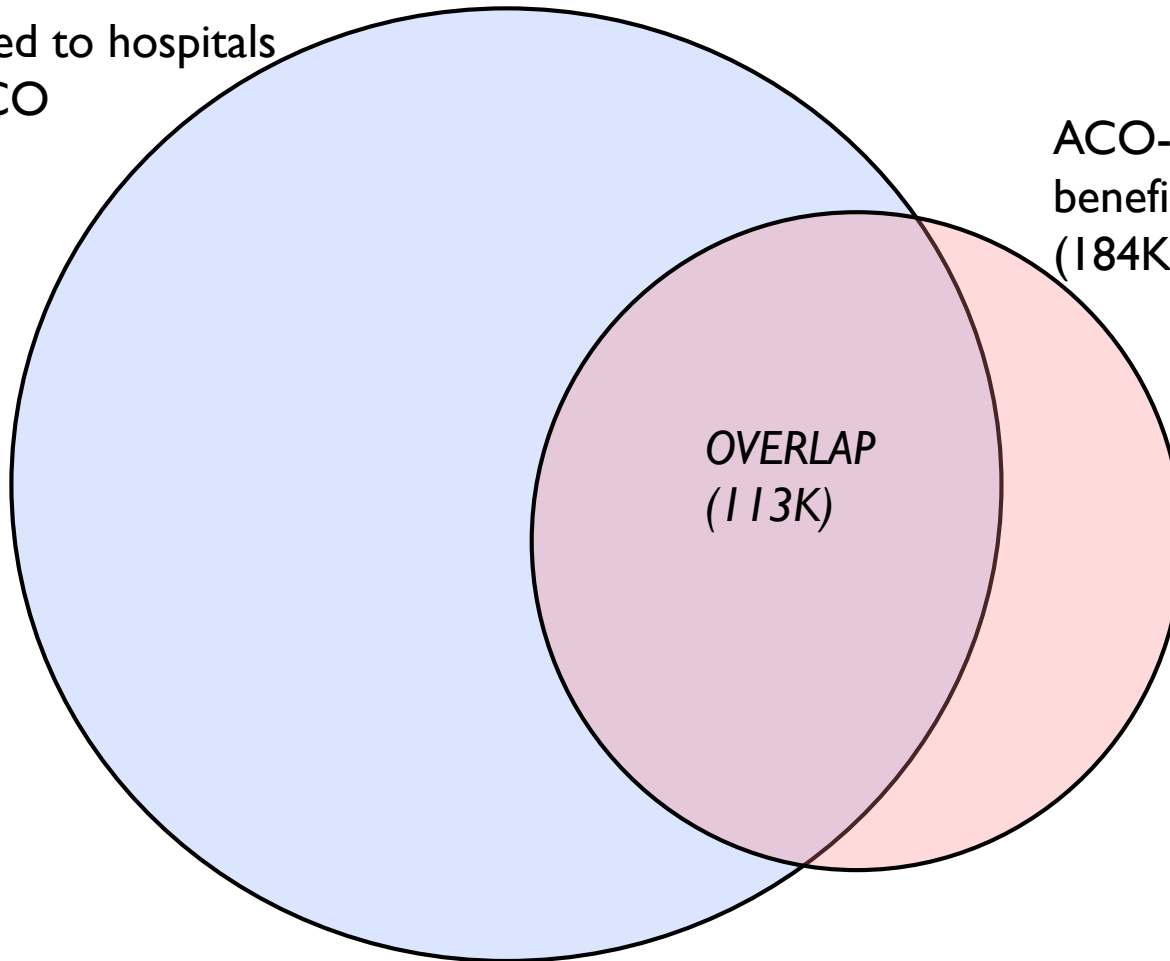
- ▶ Since ACO-like and PCM-like rely on similar attribution between doctors and beneficiaries, is the ACO-like attribution necessary?

# For ACO hospitals, 61% of beneficiaries in ACO-like would also be in PCM-like

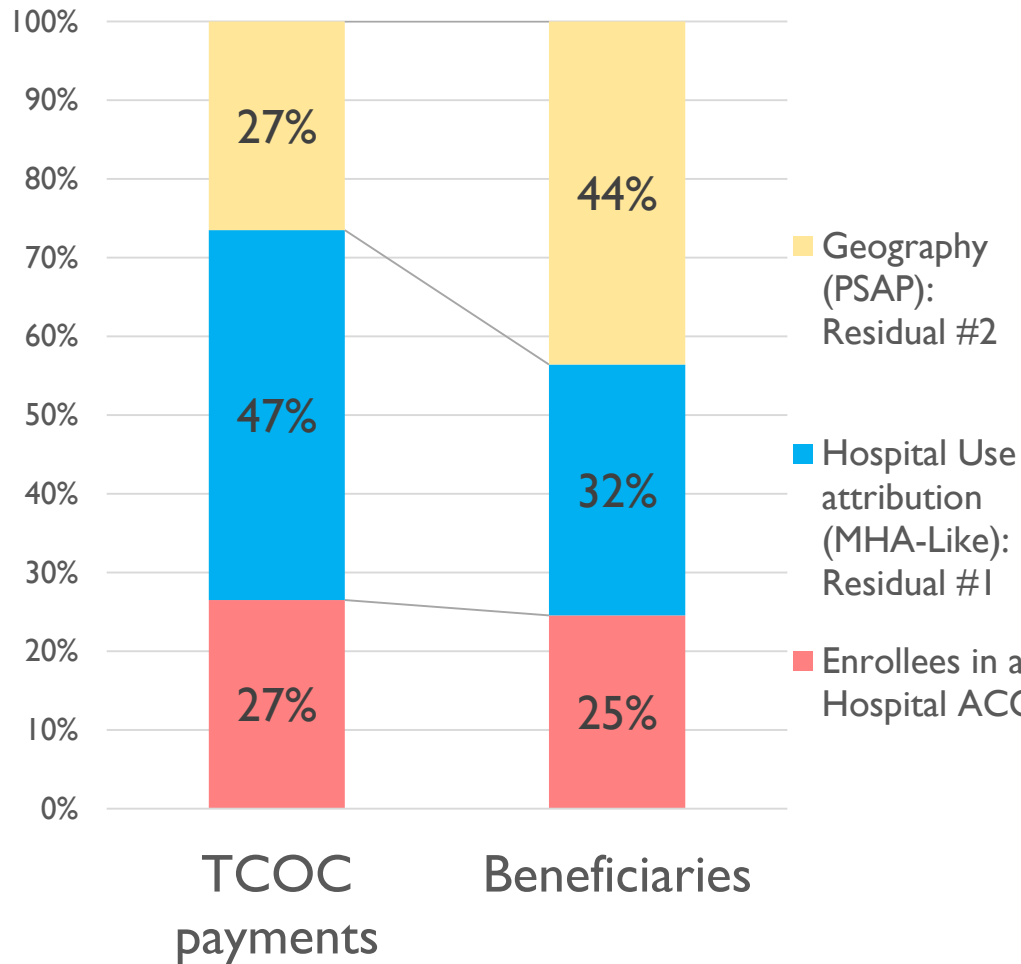
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PCM-like beneficiaries  
attributed to hospitals  
in an ACO  
(424K)

ACO-like  
beneficiaries  
(184K)

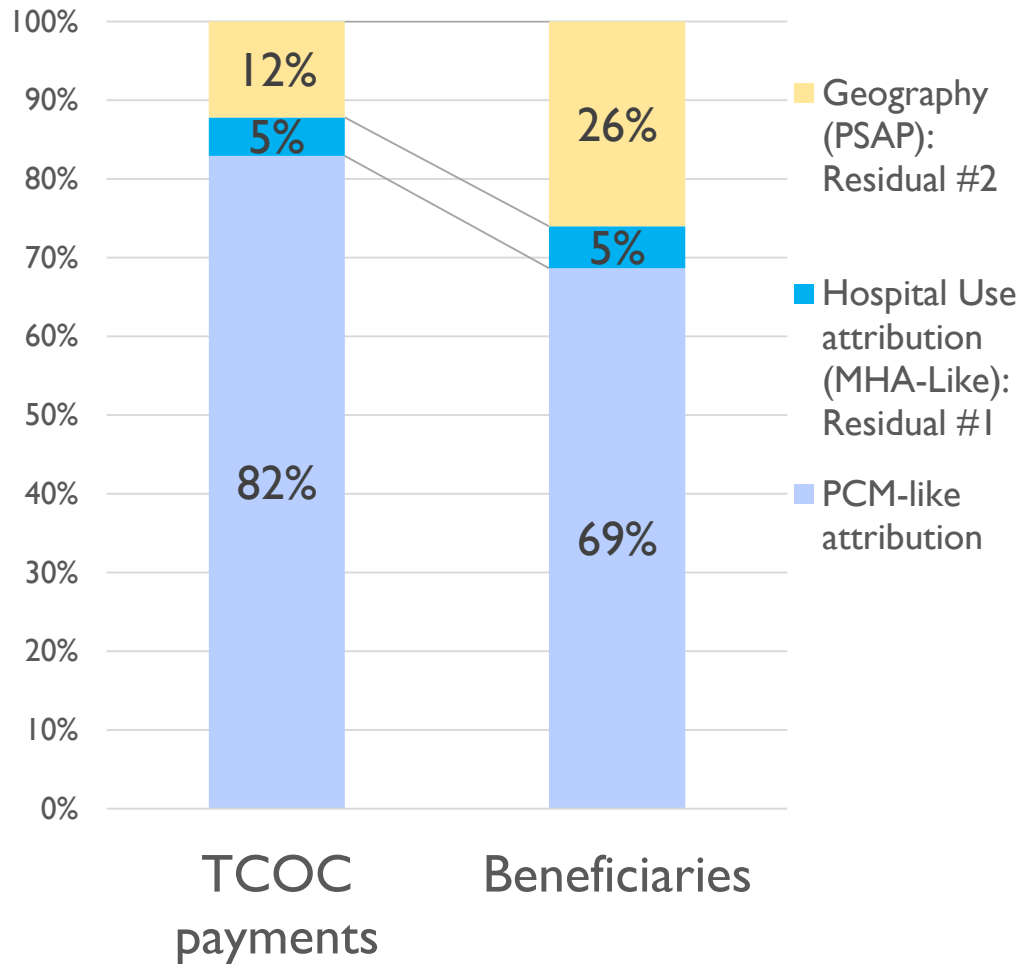


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# Another attribution option: Primary Care Model-like + Hospital Use + Geography



- ▶ Attribution based on draft Maryland Primary Care Model (PCM), based on beneficiary use of clinicians (without PCM limitation to practices with 150+ benes), then link those clinicians to hospitals based on plurality of hospital utilization by those beneficiaries
- ▶ Attribution logic very similar to that for ACOs, but adds providers not in an ACO

# Year-over-Year Retention of Individual Beneficiaries by Each System/Hospital

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<b>Attribution algorithm</b>	<b>Attributed to same system/ hospital 2016 and 2015</b>
ACO Like / PCM Like / PSAP	86.5%
PCM Like / PSAP	89.3%
ACO Like / MHA Like / PSAP	85.7%
PCM Like / MHA Like / PSAP	90.0%

# Medicare TCOC Measure Methodology: Year 2 Considerations

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- ▶ **Assessing for possible refinements**
  - ▶ Beneficiary and cost consistency over time (evaluate 2-year prospective nature of methodology)
  - ▶ Additional ways to sensibly link doctors to hospitals (e.g., Care Redesign, Clinically Integrated Networks, etc.)
  - ▶ Refinements on geography and impact of geography changes over time
- ▶ **Increased Maximum Revenue at Risk under MPA (+/- 1%)**
  - ▶ Appropriate Maximum Performance Threshold still 2%?
- ▶ **Steps toward Attainment?**
  - ▶ Adjusting for demographics/risk?
- ▶ **Effects on other programs/unintended consequences**



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Updated HSCRC numbers on  
attribution approaches for assigning  
Medicare TCOC



# Modeling of 2016 Performance Year with 2-Year Prospective Attribution

Scenario Order (1 / 2 / 3)	1) Avg Part AB Benes	1) AB TCOC less Excl	2) Avg Part AB Benes	2) AB TCOC less Excl	3) Avg Part AB Benes	3) AB TCOC less Excl	AB Total Cost of Care less Excl
ACO-Like / MHA-Like / PSAP	185 K	\$2.2 B	240 K	\$3.9 B	328 K	\$2.2 B	\$8.3 B
ACO-Like / PCM-Like / PSAP	185 K	\$2.2 B	347 K	\$4.7 B	221 K	\$1.3 B	\$8.3 B
PCM-Like / MHA-Like / PSAP	517 K	\$6.8 B	40 K	\$0.4 B	196 K	\$1.0 B	\$8.3 B
PCM-Like / PSAP	517 K	\$6.8 B	236 K	\$1.5 B			\$8.3 B

Key	Description
ACO-Like	Hospital-based ACOs are attributed beneficiaries based on ACO logic by PCP utilization first then other selected specialties. NPI list provided by CMMI for each ACO. For ACOs with more than one hospital, dollars distributed by Medicare market share.
PCM-Like	Patient Designated Providers (PDP) are attributed beneficiaries based on proposed Maryland Primary Care Model (PCM) logic by PCP utilization first then other selected specialties. PCM restriction of practice size over 150 beneficiaries removed. PDP is attributed to a hospital based on the plurality of utilization by hospital of their attributed beneficiaries.
MHA-Like	Beneficiaries are attributed to hospitals based on 1) all of their hospital utilization is with the same hospital or system, 2) a majority of their hospital utilization is with one hospital or system, or 3) a plurality of their hospital utilization
PSAP (PSA-Plus)	Mathematica geographic attribution by hierarchy of 1) beneficiary zip code on GBR PSA, then 2) plurality of hospital utilization if not more than 30 minutes away, then 3) nearest hospital
Categorical Exclusions	HSCRC exclusions as the triggering event of a TCOC episode with 3-days before and 90-days after. Mostly Transplants and Burns by Diagnoses, Procedure Codes and DRGs.



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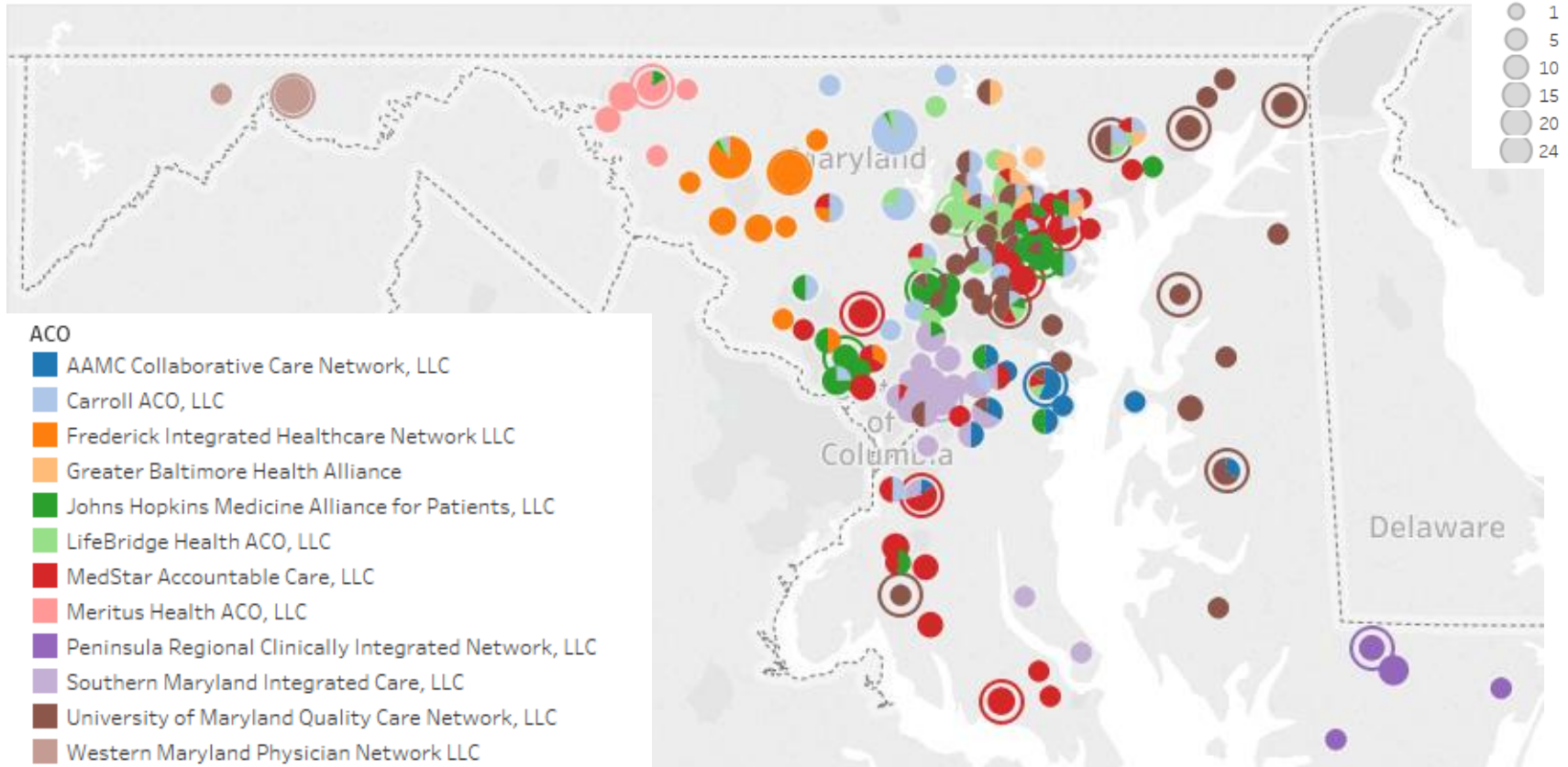


# Appendix



# ACO Practice Location Distribution

## ACO practices and MD Hospitals

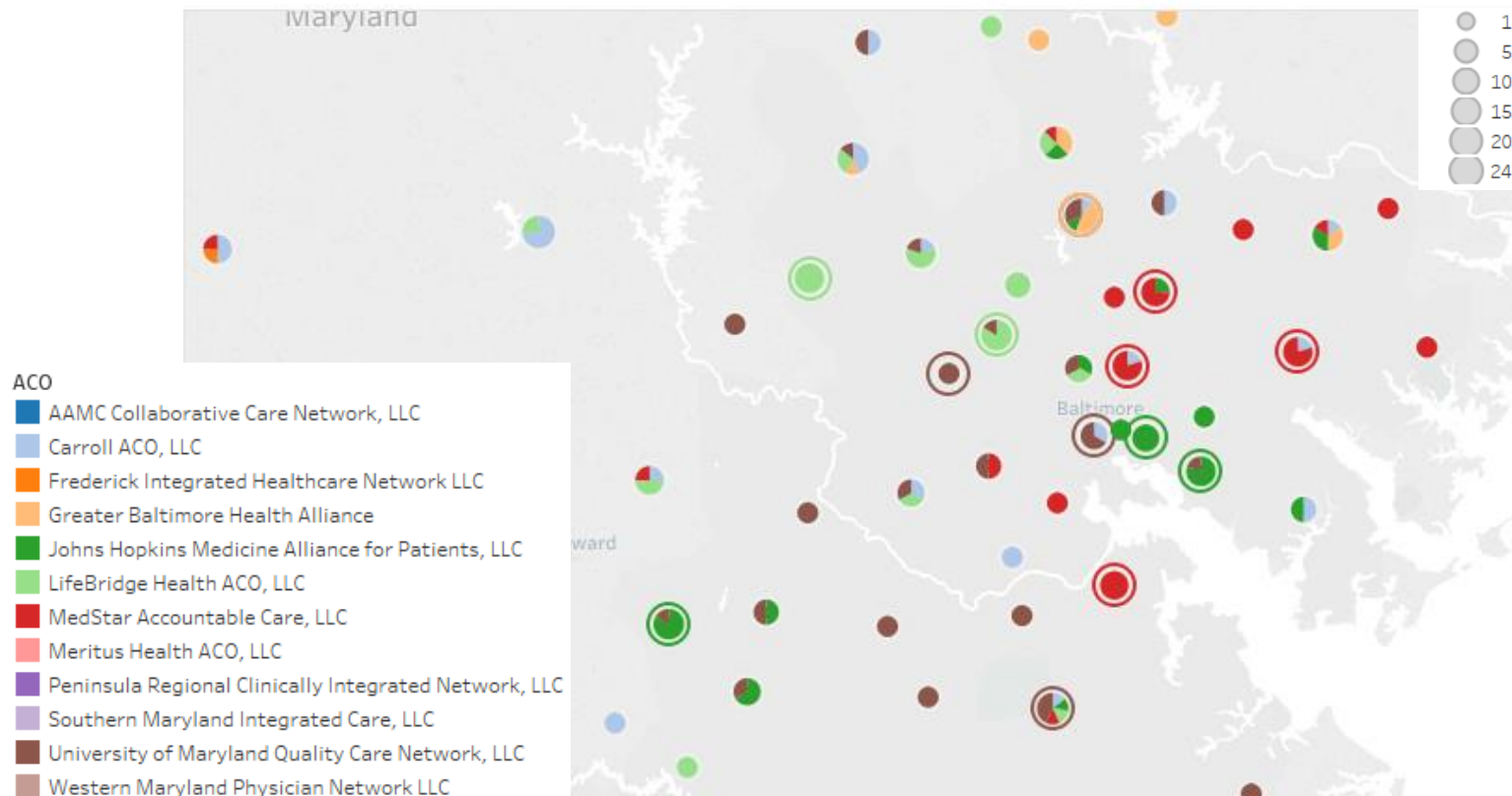


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# ACO Practice Location Distribution- Baltimore

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