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**Henry Ford ACO Demonstrates Positive Financial Performance**

DETROIT – Henry Ford Health System’s (HFHS) accountable care organization (ACO) achieved the seventh highest gross savings and seventh highest shared savings among all Next Generation ACOs recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The Henry Ford Accountable Care Organization (HFACO) saved $5 million in its first year by coordinating care more efficiently and reducing duplicate services. The HFACO provides care for more than 20,000 Traditional Medicare patients in southeast Michigan.

Under the Next Generation ACO Model, the Henry Ford ACO will receive nearly $4 million from Medicare to reinvest back into its ACO to help support new programs that provide more outpatient resources for its aligned beneficiaries. These programs have proven to reduce the overall cost of care of HFACO patients.

“This Next Generation Model has enabled Henry Ford to move forward at a faster pace to implement programs and best practices that have an immediate and positive impact on our patients,” says Bruce Muma, M.D., HFACO chief medical officer and interim executive.

“As a result, we’ve reduced emergency department visits, hospitalizations, the use of skilled nursing facilities and fostered a stronger bond between patients and their primary care physician.”

Additionally, under Henry Ford’s Next Generation ACO, launched in January 2016, patients have:

* Greater opportunities for virtual consultations with their doctors through the use of Epic MyChart from their home.
* More home visits by their physicians or other qualified caregivers in the 30 days after discharge from the hospital.
* The ability to be admitted directly to a skilled nursing facility without the previous mandatory three-day hospital stay.
* Access to a wider range of physicians, specialists, medical facilities, and clinics throughout Southeast Michigan.

All members of the Henry Ford Medical Group, Henry Ford employed physicians, hundreds of private practice physicians and specialists along with all HFHS facilities comprise the HFACO during this initial three-year participation agreement.

The HFACO has at its core a patient-centered philosophy and practice whereby physicians partner with their patients to create a care plan that meets the patient’s needs and goals. Through the use of the Epic medical record, physicians can more easily communicate in real-time. Likewise, facilities within the ACO more readily share imaging, lab, and other diagnostic results to reduce duplication of services and bring about more immediate care. Ideally, this results in higher quality of care, more positive health outcomes for patients, and reduced costs.

**About Henry Ford Health System**
Henry Ford Health System is a six-hospital system headquartered in Detroit, Michigan. It is one of the nation's leading comprehensive, integrated health systems, recognized for clinical excellence and innovation. Henry Ford Health System provides both health insurance and health care delivery, including acute, specialty, primary and preventive care services backed by excellence in research and education. Henry Ford Health System is led by President & CEO Wright Lassiter III. Visit [**HenryFord.com**](https://www.henryford.com/) to learn more.

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