

## Medicare Shared Savings Program Advance Investment Payments (AIP): Roles for Community Based Organizations

Community based organizations (CBOs) can partner with ACOs receiving advance investment payments to use these funds to address the holistic needs of beneficiaries.

- The Shared Savings Program offers a payment option, known as Advance Investment Payments (AIP), which supplies eligible ACOs with an upfront payment of \$250,000 and up to 2 years of quarterly payments (up to \$45 per beneficiary per quarter based on beneficiary risk score, capped at 10,000 beneficiaries).
- AIP provides an opportunity for entities in rural and underserved areas to join together to form ACOs. AIP supplies eligible ACOs with up-front funds to build the infrastructure needed to succeed in the Shared Savings Program and promote equity by holistically addressing beneficiary needs, including social needs.
- CBOs that service Medicare beneficiaries (including Area Agencies on Aging, Centers for Independent Living, and Community Action Agencies) can work with ACOs receiving advance investment payments to determine the best strategy to screen for and manage health-related social needs, such as food security, housing stability, access to transportation, and/or social care.
- Health centers may want to participate as an ACO and take advantage of AIP. Find your local health center to see if they are interested: <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>
- More information on AIP is available in the [AIP Guidance](#).

### AIP ELIGIBILITY AND CBOS

AIP Eligibility Requirements	CBOs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Meet all Shared Savings Program requirements</li> <li>✓ Never participated in the Shared Savings Program (not renewing or re-entering)</li> <li>✓ Low revenue ACO and inexperienced with performance-based risk Medicare ACO initiatives (<a href="#">42 CFR § 425.630(b)</a>) (<a href="#">AIP Guidance</a>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <a href="#">Community Care Hubs in HHS National Learning Community</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Area Agencies on Aging</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Aging and Disability Resource Centers</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Centers for Independent Living</a></li> <li>✓ <a href="#">Community Action Agencies</a></li> </ul>

### POTENTIAL ROLES FOR CBOS

 <p><b>Potential Roles for CBOs Include:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting screening, comprehensive assessments, and social care coordination.</li> <li>• Supporting enrollment into the <a href="#">Medicare Savings Program</a>, LIS, Medicaid, SNAP, LIHEAP, and other low-income benefits.</li> <li>• Arranging for services that address food insecurity, housing and transportation needs, and coordinating social care for beneficiaries with complex needs.</li> <li>• Aligning multiple financial resources (from social/human services, other public programs, and philanthropy) to meet whole-person care needs.</li> <li>• Providing trained community health workers to furnish services for the ACOs to meet whole-person care needs for persons with Medicare.</li> <li>• Delivering evidence-based interventions for fall prevention, chronic disease self-management, diabetes prevention, and care transitions following hospital and nursing home stays.</li> </ul>
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### TIMELINE FOR APPLICATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

Timeline for AIP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Prior to applying, ACOs and CBOs can plan approaches to address health related social needs of assigned Medicare beneficiaries to assist in completing the required AIP spend plan (<a href="#">AIP Spend Plan Tip Sheet</a>).</li> <li>✓ Throughout the performance year, ACOs receiving advance investment payments can partner with CBOs to use their funds to provide accountable care to underserved beneficiaries, including addressing social determinants of health.</li> <li>✓ Applications for the Medicare Shared Savings Program are completed via the <a href="#">ACO Management System (ACO-MS)</a>.</li> <li>✓ Dates for applying to the Shared Savings Program are posted on the <a href="#">Application Types &amp; Timeline webpage</a>.</li> </ul>

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