The System Redesign Series

Implementing Accountable Care Organizations

The Way Forward

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An ACO is a local health care organization and a related set of providers (at a minimum, primary care physicians, specialists, and hospitals) that can be held accountable for the cost and quality of care delivered to a defined population. The goal of the ACO is to deliver coordinated and efficient care. ACOs that achieve quality and cost targets will receive some sort of financial bonus, and under some approaches, those that fail will be subject to a financial penalty.

In order to meet the requirements of this type of incentive system, *an ACO needs to be able to*:

- Care for patients across the continuum of care, in different institutional settings.
- Plan, prospectively, for its budgets and resource needs.
- Support comprehensive, valid and reliable measurement of its performance.

**Learning Objectives: Participants will:**

1. Examine the pros and cons of different models and types of ACOs
2. Identify the key success factors for ACOs
3. Examine the barriers and challenges and how they can be best addressed

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