



Accountable Care Organization

In Partnership with



## INDEPENDENCE HEALTH ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION

The Independence Health Accountable Care Organization has chosen to participate in the Medicare Shared Savings Program, a new initiative sponsored by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as an Accountable Care Organization (ACO).

Independence Health Accountable Care Organization will work with Medicare to provide Medicare Fee-for-Service beneficiaries with high quality care, while reducing growth in Medicare expenditures through enhanced care coordination. Northwest Ohio ACO is a partnership between the physicians and medical staff of the following providers:

- The Toledo Clinic, Inc.
- Wood Health Company LLC
- Wood County Women's Care of Bowling Green, LLC

Independence Health Accountable Care Organization is not a health plan or managed care plan. Unlike a managed care plan, Medicare beneficiaries will not be locked into a restricted panel of providers. Beneficiaries seeing doctors participating in Independence Health Accountable Care Organization will maintain the ability to see any doctor or healthcare providers, as well as receive the full benefits associated with Original Medicare.

***The attached letter is required to be sent to all ACO beneficiaries to provide information regarding benefits of receiving care within an ACO.***

# Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organizations

*Working together to give you the best care.*

**Northwest Ohio ACO, dba, Independence Health Accountable Care Organization is part of an Accountable Care Organization (ACO). We've teamed up with other doctors, hospitals, and health care providers to make sure you get the best care.**

*We provide coordinated care for you to get well & stay well*

- ▶ You get patient-centered care focused on YOUR needs.
- ▶ Your health care providers can see the same test results, treatments, and prescriptions.
- ▶ More coordination helps prevent medical errors and drug interactions.
- ▶ You may save time, money, and frustration by avoiding repeated tests and appointments.
- ▶ Better communication can help protect against Medicare fraud and waste.

*You may have access to expanded benefits*

- ▶ We may offer telehealth services, which let your primary care doctor care for you without an in person visit.
- ▶ If you need rehabilitation services or other skilled nursing facility care, you may be able to get this care without a hospital stay.
- ▶ Ask your health care provider if you qualify for these benefits.

*Get the most from your care with our communication & support*

- ▶ **Ask about signing up for our secure online portal.** You'll get 24-hour access to your personal health information, including lab results and communication from your health care provider.
- ▶ When you choose a health care provider that participates in an ACO, they'll help you get the right care at the right time. You can visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov) and log into (or create) your secure Medicare account to choose a primary care doctor.
- ▶ Medicare protects the privacy of your health information. If you don't want Medicare to share information with your health care providers for care coordination, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Medicare may still share general information to measure provider quality. For more information on how Medicare may use and give out your information, visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov) and search for "privacy."

*Want more information?*

**Ask our front desk, or call us at 567-420-1904.** You can also visit [Medicare.gov](https://www.Medicare.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048.  
To report a Medicare-related concern or complaint, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

To learn more about Accountable Care Organizations, scan the QR code here:



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