

Protect Care in Our Communities NOW

CMS must fix flawed cost trend



Over 100 million Americans struggle to access primary care, and an error threatens to make this worse. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) flawed Accountable Care Prospective Trend (ACPT) fails to accurately estimate the impact of inflation and will strip accountable care organizations of crucial revenue — **risking closures and limiting patient services in local communities.**



100M+

Americans already struggle to access primary care — this number could skyrocket



120K+

clinicians nationwide at risk of losing pay for care already provided



~\$275M

in lost revenue across rural, suburban and urban communities

The Flaw in the Numbers: CMS Estimates vs. Reality

CMS' Wrong Inflation Estimate = Financial Risk

Medicare claims data released in March 2025 shows CMS underestimated inflation projections by up to 80% when setting the 2025 ACPT — a stark disconnect from the actual economic pressures on clinicians today. Primary care practices in accountable care organizations (ACOs) risk losing nearly \$275 million in shared savings — for high-quality care they have already provided!



ACT NOW:

Tell CMS to fix the ACPT and protect care in your community!

CMS must act immediately to fix the ACPT estimate to reflect the true impact of inflation before Medicare Shared Savings are finalized.

Keep local communities healthy with accessible, value-based care.

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For ACOs either starting or renewing in 2024, projected earnings for PY2024 were calculated using historical claims data from the Chronic Conditions Warehouse (CCW) Virtual Research Data Center (VRDC). For each ACO, the benchmark was calculated twice: once with the current APCT factor, and again without the ACPT factor. Projected earnings for each ACO were calculated based on their PY2024 MSSP chosen risk track via the 2024 CMS Accountable Care Organizations dataset, assuming that every ACO met their applicable quality performance standards and Minimum Savings/Loss Rate (MSR/MLR) thresholds. Projected losses due to APCT were calculated as the difference in ACO earnings *with* APCT versus *without* APCT.