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Centra Announces Accountable Care Organization

Centra was approved to operate under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Accountable Care Organization and Shared Savings Program, effective January 5th. An Accountable Care Organization (ACO) is a group of doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers, who come together voluntarily to provide coordinated high-quality care to their Medicare patients.

Centra Alliance, was formed to create processes and clinical initiatives that are designed to control costs, improve quality of care of the community and enhance the patient experience for Medicare patients. Centra Alliance is a physician-led, model of care that offers resources, providers, along with clinical and financially aligned partnerships.

With the formation of the Alliance, patients can experience coordinated services. They will also develop better insights in to health topics and diagnosis' and close any gaps in care that may exist. They will also be following and monitoring very closely, specific quality metrics.

Centra Alliance will be looking to;

- Improve the health of patients and populations
- Increase the quality of health care services provided by the Alliance's member physicians
- Improve the patient experience for patients
- Reduce health care costs
- Eliminate unnecessary clinical variation

The ACO will also allow for a more complete level of care. While in traditional medicine, providers and hospital systems focus on a fee for service type payment. Under this new model of care, they will begin to focus on a provider's performance in specific and measurable ways. For example, the Alliance may set a clinical protocol for the treatment of cholesterol. They will then measure a physician's ability to treat cholesterol and monitor the results of their patients.

For more information, please visit CentraAlliance.com.

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