

# Oncology Care Model

## Successful Value-Based Approach To Cancer Care

The Oncology Care Model (OCM) is a voluntary episode-based payment model developed by the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) designed to improve coordination, appropriateness of treatment, and access to care for Medicare beneficiaries undergoing chemotherapy.

### OVERVIEW AND SCOPE

- Five-year model developed in close collaboration with stakeholders aimed at testing innovative payment strategies, promoting patient-centered care and facilitating the transition to value-based care.
- Episode-based, in which participating providers manage all aspects of a cancer patient's care for a 6-month period, including the cost of drugs.
- Performance-based payments awarded for reducing the total cost of care while meeting performance metrics.
- Patient-focused with an emphasis on shared decision-making, including access to navigators and social workers, advanced care planning, survivorship advice, financial counseling, and a formalized care team.
- Offering extended hours and 24/7 access to clinicians reduced hospital admissions and expensive emergency room visits.

### VALUE PATHWAYS

- Physician-developed, evidence-based treatment guidelines created in collaboration between The Network and the National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN)
- Designed to reduce variability and hospitalizations
- Selected first on efficacy, then toxicity and cost
- Continually evaluated to incorporate new FDA-approved cancer therapies and indications
- Proven to lower overall costs with equal or better outcomes<sup>1</sup>

### THE US ONCOLOGY NETWORK'S SUCCESS IN THE OCM



**15**  
PRACTICES



**65,000+**  
UNIQUE  
PATIENTS



**900+**  
PHYSICIANS



**\$46 MILLION**  
IN MEDICARE  
SAVINGS

The Administration's mandatory International Pricing Index (IPI) Model would disrupt the OCM, jeopardizing the success and savings achieved from voluntary value-based payment models.