



Institute for
ACCOUNTABLE CARE



Putting research to work at the front line of accountable care

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The Institute for Accountable Care is a new 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to build the evidence base on the impact of accountable care delivery strategies and to facilitate the implementation of innovative practices that improve care across health systems. We are committed to actionable, practice-based research to help organizations advance population health.

Our Work

The Institute is developing an ambitious research agenda to study the effectiveness of clinical and operational strategies to improve population health, and to identify the organizational and environmental factors driving successful programs. We are building a network of health system partners to conduct practice-based research and to test and spread innovative practices.

Several unique features of the Institute facilitate this work:

- A close relationship with more than 300 diverse physician group and health system members of the National Association of ACOs (NAACOS).
- Access to the NAACOS data warehouse that contains comprehensive claims data for more than 25 million Medicare beneficiaries annually.
- The Institute's close link to NAACOS-member health systems allows the Institute to rapidly deploy surveys, case studies, and learning collaboratives. Data collected from these activities are integrated into the data warehouse to inform future research and learning activities.

The Institute's current work includes a major initiative to design, implement, evaluate, and spread interventions to improve care for high-need, high-cost individuals across a diverse group of ACOs. The Institute is convening a multi-disciplinary group of leading health services researchers to develop a multi-year accountable care research initiative, and it has also launched studies to measure ACO savings and evaluate the impact of organizational strategies on accountable care performance.

Our other priority issues include the following:

- Measuring the impact of new care delivery models, including virtual care and advanced home-based medical care.
- Helping health systems align strategies across Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial payer accountable care models.
- Supporting the development of rapid cycle evaluation methods to assess effectiveness and return on investment for care management initiatives.
- Identifying social determinants of health that drive quality and cost.
- Understanding the techniques that leading health systems have developed to engage patients in their own care.
- Assessing how health systems are translating financial incentives for better care to front-line providers.
- Identifying the methods health systems have used to effectively scale and spread new initiatives including leadership, communication, staffing, and information technology strategies.

Partner With Us

The Institute is seeking to partner with forward-thinking health care organizations, philanthropic institutions, and academic centers committed to improving the quality and value of the U.S. healthcare system. The Institute brings extensive data assets, close relationships with a diverse group of health care providers, and a commitment to independent research that advances the delivery of effective, high-quality accountable care.



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