

**Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Payment Model For Acute Care Hospitals Furnishing Lower Extremity Joint Replacement Services** 

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Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CCJR)

- Proposed bundled payment model
- There are 430,000 TJRs in DRG 469 and 470 per year costing Medicare \$7 billion per year
- TJRs are 5% of all acute hospital discharges
- Proposed rule released July 9, 2015; comment period open until September 8.
- Implementation proposed to begin January, 2016

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CCJR – Summary of Key Provisions

- With few exceptions, participation would be mandatory. Unlike all existing bundled payment models
- 5-year program that would apply to all acute care hospitals furnishing the services in 75 selected MSAs

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CCJR – Summary of Key Provisions

- Involves two DRG groups:
  - 469 major joint replacement or reattachment of lower extremity with major complications or comorbidities (MCC)
  - 470 major joint replacement or reattachment of lower extremity without MCC
- Episode initiated with admission to hospitals for lower extremity joint replacement (LEJR) procedure assigned to DRG 469 or 470

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**CCJR – Summary of Key Provisions**

- Episode ends 90 days after discharge from the acute care hospital and includes the acute hospital claim costs
- Episode includes LEJR procedure, inpatient stay and all related care covered under Medicare Parts A and B within 90 days after discharge including hospital care, post-acute care and physician services.
- Beneficiaries would be automatically included in the model



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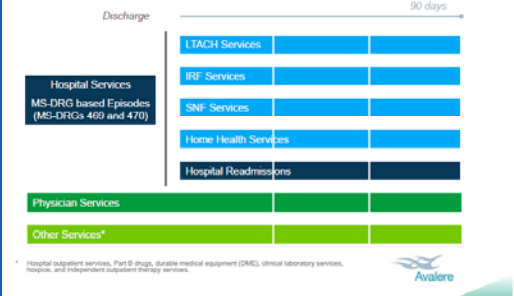
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**What is the CCJR Bundle?**

CCJR IS A MS-DRG TRIGGERED BUNDLED PAYMENT PROGRAM AND COVERS HOSPITAL + POST-HOSPITAL DISCHARGE SPENDING FOR 90 DAYS



\* Hospital outpatient services, Part B drugs, durable medical equipment (DME), clinical laboratory services, hospice, and inpatient equipment therapy services.



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**CCJR – Summary of Key Provisions**

- Participant hospitals in selected markets would be episode initiators and bear financial risk (risk-bearing entity is called "collaborator")
- Risk bearers cannot be non-Medicare providers (companies such as Remedy Partners, naviHealth and Signature Medical)
- Retrospective annual reconciliation against a target price. Upside opportunity for years 1-5; downside risk only for performance years 2-5.
- Both upside gain and downside risk are limited
- Target prices will reflect a blend of regional and individual hospital data; Medicare takes 2% discount off the target prices as their savings



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**CCJR – Summary of Key Provisions**

- Payment eligibility dependent of performance on three hospital-based quality measures
  1. Complication measure
  2. Readmission measure
  3. Patient experience survey measure
- Waivers related to SNFs and physicians will be available
- Gainsharing agreements with PAC providers are allowed, within limits

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**Quality Measures**

The CCJR program will implement quality performance standards that must be met for the hospitals to receive reconciliation payments.

Quality Measure	Weight In Composite Quality Score
Hospital-level 30 day, all-cause readmission following elective primary THA and/or TKA	20%
Hospital-level complication rate (RSCR) following elective primary THA and/or TKA	40%
HCAHPS survey	30%
Voluntary THA/TKA data submission on patient-reported outcome measure	10%

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**CCJR – Summary of Key Provisions**

- Beneficiary protections
  - Retain the right to obtain care from any qualified Medicare provider
  - Cannot opt out
  - Hospitals must provide written information
- Beneficiary exclusions
  - Medicare Advantage members
  - ESRD
  - Medicare is secondary payer

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### Why Is This Important?

- Mandatory Program**  
This is the first mandatory CMMI demonstration, requiring participation from all hospitals located in 75 MSAs
- Hospitals Bear Financial Risk**  
Hospitals must bear risk for hospital care and 90 days post-discharge for MS-DRGs 469 and 470
- CMS Aggressively Pursuing Shift to Value-Based Payments**  
Hospitals not in one of the selected MSAs should still continue preparing to take on more financial risk

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### How Does it Work? How will Participants and Providers Be Paid?

**SET TARGET PRICE**  
Price is set based on 3 years of historical data on episode payments for MS-DRG 469 and 470. CMS then applies a discount, which is generally 2 percent.

**UPFRONT FFS PAYMENTS**  
Medicare will pay all Part A and Part B providers who serve patients identified as participating in the initiative using the current FFS payment systems.

**PAYMENT RECONCILIATION**  
After the patient's episode ends, actual expenditures will be compared to the target price.  
• If expenditures exceed the target price, the hospital will pay difference to Medicare.  
• If expenditures are less than target price, and quality threshold is met, Medicare will pay difference to hospital.

 Note: BPCI Model 2 and Model 3 Joint Replacement episodes entered into Phase 2 on or before July 1, 2015 take precedence over CCJR episodes

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### Where is this Going to Happen? CMS Proposes to Implement in 75 Markets



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Keys to Success

- Define the Opportunity**
  - Meet with hospitals to understand their approach under C2JR
  - Analyze utilization data to understand trends and areas for improvement
- Understand Market Dynamics**
  - Identify other providers that can impact outcomes (90 day episode)
  - Develop partnership opportunities
- Develop Solutions**
  - High performance product lines
  - Clinical integration and transition of care programs
  - Outcomes measurement & management

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What You Need to Understand

- Current market dynamics and your position in the marketplace
- Current potential opportunity this presents based on hospital size and volume in joint replacements
- Your key metrics (Medicare LOS, readmit %, 5-star score, average SNF episode cost, etc.)
- Hospital/Physician point of view
- Competition
- Partnership potential

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What Can You Leverage?

- Any bundled payment experience in Model 3 and Model 2
- Clinical pathways
- Any ACO experience
- Care redesign approaches and the use of accelerating systems to process patients through more rapidly
- Attending M.D.s connected with the hospital collaborator
- Outcomes reports
- IT experience and capabilities (e.g., 90-day tracker)

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Next Steps/Needs

- Begin Communication with hospitals
- Assess readiness for care redesign strategies
- Develop operational plan/model that incorporates the use of care coordination and communication strategies with the hospital
- Consider risk-bearing capabilities
- How will you demonstrate value?

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Next Steps/Needs

## Questions?

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