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NW Momentum Health Partners reduces Next Generation Accountable Care Organization Model spend by 8.2%

OLYMPIA, WA. ---NW Momentum Health Partners Accountable Care Organization (NWMHP ACO) had the second-best gross savings/loss percentage performance out of 44 Next Generation ACOs participating in the Model in 2017. NWMHP ACO reduced Next Generation ACO spending by 8.2% without declines in quality of beneficiary care and achieved \$3.3M in shared savings.

The Next Generation ACO Model was launched in 2016 by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. It sets predictable financial targets, enables providers and beneficiaries greater opportunities to coordinate care, and aims to attain the highest quality standards of care.

The goal of the Model is to test whether strong financial incentives for ACOs, coupled with tools to support better patient engagement and care management, can improve health outcomes and lower expenditures for Original Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) beneficiaries.

“As a first year Next Generation ACO participant in 2017, we are extremely pleased with our performance.” said Melanie Matthews, CEO of Physicians of Southwest Washington, the company that administers the ACO. “The Model served as a catalyst to convene physicians, providers and the post-acute community, creating an opportunity to be a regional leader in healthcare innovation. Our performance is a result of the collective effort of our provider network to deliver value and provide quality care to Medicare beneficiaries.”

The Next Generation ACO Model is an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM). Eligible clinicians that sufficiently participate in Advanced APMs may qualify for exemption from payment adjustments under the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), as well as APM incentive payments available beginning in 2019.

About NW Momentum Health Partners ACO, LLC

NW Momentum Health Partners (NWMHP) is a subsidiary LLC established by Physicians of SW Washington (PSW) LLC and RCCH Healthcare Partners. NWMHP is administered by PSW, an independent physician association representing a network of more than 900 providers in Thurston County, WA. With a commitment to quality improvement, clinical integration and meaningful measures of value, PSW's mission is to support the physician-patient relationship in the independent practice of medicine through fair contracting, responsible resource utilization, and prudently adopted innovations in healthcare delivery.