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Medicare's New ACO Track 1+ Model

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services recently announced the details of the Track 1+ Model, its newest Medicare Accountable Care Organization (“ACO”) model. The Track 1+ Model is an interesting addition to the Medicare Shared Savings Program because it involves *more risk* than the Track 1 model, but less risk than Tracks 2 and 3.

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CMS Reconsiders Pre-Dispute Arbitration Ban at Long-term Care Facilities after Injunction

After a rocky start, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services is reconsidering its October 4, 2016 final rule that sets forth requirements for long-term care (“LTC”) facilities that offer arbitration agreements to residents. Under the rule, LTC facilities are barred as parties to pre-dispute arbitration agreements.

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Recent Texas Telemedicine Legislation

On May 27, 2017, Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed into law Texas Senate Bill 1107, which provided long anticipated updates to state laws concerning telehealth and telemedicine. Nationally, Texas is the last state to update key telehealth and telemedicine provisions in accordance with national trends. The changes are anticipated to allow greater development and innovation in an industry many viewed as significantly limited by regulation within Texas.

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