

Methodology: Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organizations, ACO Participants, and Skilled Nursing Facility Affiliates

The primary data source used to compile these datasets is the [ACO Management System](#) (ACO-MS), a CMS system of record. The definition field in the data dictionary provides further information on the data fields. Data not available in ACO-MS are compiled using other data sources as specified below:

- ACO Service Area uses data from the Integrated Data Repository (IDR) and is derived from the beneficiary county of residence at the time of preliminary assignment for the performance year. The listed service areas for an ACO are based on a 1% restriction; i.e. states that contain at least 1% of the ACO's total assigned beneficiaries.
- The list of ACOs that were part of the Advance Payment ACO Model and the ACO Investment Model (AIM) are publicly available in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation's (CMMI) [Advance Payment ACO Model](#) and [ACO Investment Model](#) websites, respectively.

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