

## **VOLUNTARY ALIGNMENT**

### **What is MyMedicare.gov?**

MyMedicare.gov is an optional, free and secure online service for accessing personalized information about your Medicare benefits and services. For assistance selecting your primary clinician on MyMedicare.gov, call **1-800-MEDICARE** or visit the **MyMedicare.gov** Help page. See the attached form for more detailed information.

### **What is MSSP?**

The Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) is the primary Medicare ACO program and Medicare's **largest value-based payment program**. MaineHealth practices participate in MSSP through the MaineHealth Accountable Care Organization (ACO). MSSP is a way for practices and providers to come together as an ACO to give coordinated, high quality care to their Medicare beneficiaries.

### **Who is the MaineHealth Accountable Care Organization (ACO)?**

The MaineHealth ACO leads participation in MSSP and other value-based care programs. MaineHealth practices all participate in the ACO to work together to improve patient care and lower patient costs. Accountable Care Organizations are groups of doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers, who come together voluntarily to give coordinated high quality care to their Medicare patients.

### **What is voluntary alignment?**

Voluntary Alignment is a way for you to go online and let Medicare know who your provider is. By choosing a primary clinician, your doctor may have access to more tools or services for your care.

### **What if I have already selected my primary care provider?**

You can change your primary clinicians at any time and choose another health care provider as a primary clinician. The provider you choose won't change unless you decide to make a change. Please check your selection annually.

## **DATA SHARING**

### **How will my data be used and who will receive my data?**

Medicare shares information about your care with your health care provider and the MaineHealth ACO. Sharing your data helps make sure all the providers involved in your care have access to your health information which ensures you are getting the right care at the right time and not duplicating services. Your data will always be protected by your provider and the ACO.

### **What if I don't want to share my data?**

To opt out of sharing your data call 1-800-MEDICARE. See the attached form for more detailed information.