

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?	ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS (ACOs)	BETTER CARE PROGRAM (BCP)
Care Coordination	Care coordination is lacking in traditional fee-for-service because there is no code to pay for such services. ACOs that put a priority on care coordination must do so without payment.	A code isn't necessary in the BCP model because care coordination is at the heart of the global, capitated payment qualified BCPs receive for as part of their participation.
ACO Attribution	Providers participating in ACOs are subject to the attribution rule which prevents them from actively targeting and enrolling the sickest patients.	There are no attribution rules for BCPs.
Patient Engagement & Benefit Design	There is nothing that limits where a patient can seek care outside the ACO and few, if any, incentives that encourage beneficiaries to actively engage in their care with the ACO.	BCPs have the ability to lower cost-sharing on services that provide the most value for an enrollee's conditions. With this flexibility, plus an actively engaged care team, beneficiaries have the incentive to seek high-value care from their BCP providers.
Individual Care Plan	ACOs <u>are not required</u> to create an individual care plan for every beneficiary.	Every beneficiary enrolled in a BCP receives an individual care plan tailored to their unique needs and conditions.
Targeted Enrollment	The ACO model's "attribution rule" doesn't differentiate between beneficiaries who may have more complex care needs and those who may only need an annual checkup. This prevents specialization and focus on the chronically ill since an ACO may not seek out patients to enroll and must take all who are assigned.	BCPs are specifically designed to target chronically ill beneficiaries with the aim of preventing, delaying, and minimizing the progression of disease and disability.
Payment	ACOs continue to operate under a FFS system and may be eligible for shared savings after a three year period.	BCP payment is no longer tied to the volume driven FFS payment system. Instead, BCPs are paid a set amount for each enrolled beneficiary.