

# Downside Risk Enablement for ACOs

Confidently accelerate your shift to downside risk

## Overview

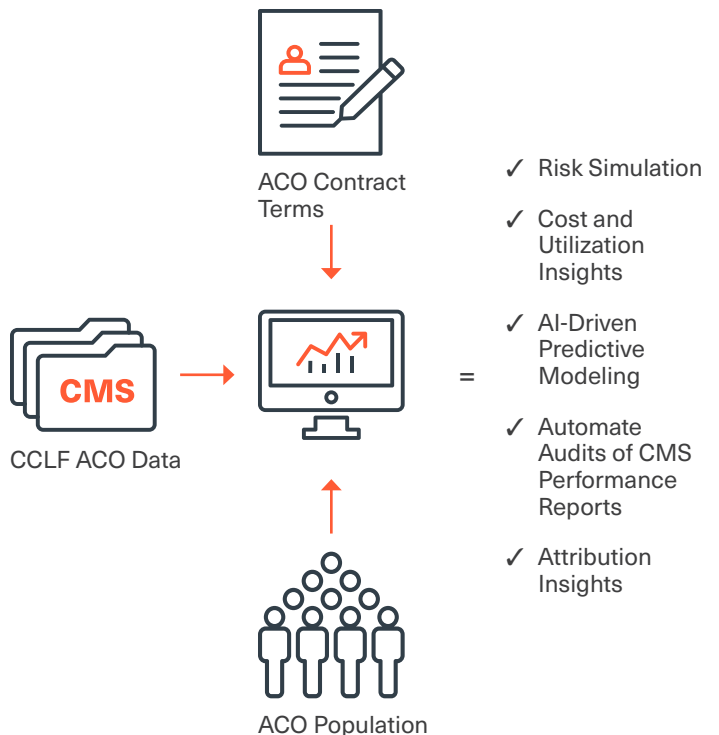
Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) across the country are responsible for significant improvements in quality of care and member satisfaction outcomes. But, have the strides around cost been enough? The U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) believes ACOs can make a larger impact on cost by transitioning to downside risk, and is accelerating the shift by overhauling the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) and transitioning to a new program: Pathways to Success (Pathways).

Pathways incentivizes and encourages providers to make care delivery changes that can drastically improve quality and lower costs. However, the program also introduces substantial uncertainties for current Medicare ACOs. Those that decide to transition to the new program do so without knowing the risk level requirements CMS will impose upon them or the timing of such requirements. New entrants also face similar uncertainties with only one year of upside risk experimentation before downside risk must be adopted.

For commercial and Medicaid ACOs – the writing is on the wall. Trends in the industry are frequently predicated by CMS actions and even those ACOs who are not serving the Medicare population should prepare now to make the shift.

## Be risk ready in weeks. Meet MSR. Maximize shared savings.

Edifecs' ACO solution is a cloud-based subscription model with turn-key implementation, accelerating your time-to-market and ensuring efficient use of all resources. By streamlining your implementation and expediting go-live we give you answers in your hands in as little as six weeks.



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## Solution

Edifecs enables ACOs to manage upside and downside risk with a comprehensive, cost-effective solution that enables sustained clinical and financial outcome improvement – giving ACOs the confidence necessary to make the shift.

Edifecs offers a single platform to support the following ACO programs:

- Medicare ACOs transitioning to Pathways to Success (Basic and Enhanced Tracks)
- Commercial ACOs operating in upside or downside risk
- State-based Medicaid ACOs operating in upside or downside risk

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## Value and Benefits

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### Program Setup and Maintenance

- Member attribution using CMS methodologies – resulting in optimized prospective insight into attributed populations
- Out-of-the-box templates for Pathways that are preconfigured with all CMS terms, yet flexible enough to accommodate specific lines of businesses – resulting in reduced cost and accelerated time-to-market

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### Performance Insight

- Near real-time view into ACO performance, avoiding standstills caused by CMS lag-time
- Settlement calculations that provide financial performance insight prior to the end of a term as well as audit reconciliation of CMS reports
- Ability to make adjustments during the reporting period
- Line of sight to achievement of financial terms, budget overages, and cash flow management

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### Risk Simulation

- Simulation tools that predict ACO performance in any risk scenarios
- Ability to better manage risk arrangements and optimize financial loss and gain

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### Cost and Utilization Visibility

- Dashboards that show benchmarks and cost measures, allowing drill-downs into provider and member analysis
- Actionable insights to discover provider engagement opportunities and program adjustment recommendations
- Visibility into member loss and leakage

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### Innovative Risk and Disease Management Programs

- Predictive models leveraging AI that identify high-risk members based on opioid abuse, ED visits, hospital admissions, new chronic conditions, and more

## Why Edifecs

Edifecs has been on the forefront of healthcare data innovation for over 20 years. We serve more than 215 million lives through our 350+ customers, including two thirds of all state Medicaid plans as well as CMS. We understand healthcare organization's technology, operations, and needs better than anyone else and we put that expertise to work for you.

Edifecs invites you to join us as we work to enable more ACOs to take on downside risk that improves clinical outcomes and reduces costs while optimizing revenue. Contact us at [info@edifecs.com](mailto:info@edifecs.com)



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