



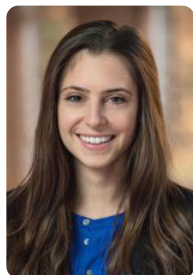
## Understanding the Enhancing Oncology Model (EOM): Implications for Future Management

### PANEL



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### BACKGROUND

On July 1, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) introduced the EOM, the pilot program that is the successor to the Oncology Care Model (OCM). The EOM is a 5-year voluntary model intended to transform care for cancer patients, reduce spending, and improve the quality of care.<sup>1</sup>

Our panel gathered to share their perspectives on the EOM and some of the opportunities and challenges of the new model.

### Key Highlights

- 1 Practices participating in the EOM likely believe they have the infrastructure and resources to be successful, based on their experience with the OCM
- 2 According to CMS, 44 practices have chosen to participate in the EOM compared with 122 practices for the OCM.<sup>2</sup> The panel felt that the downside risk may have been challenging for practices and kept participation lower vs the OCM
- 3 New aspects of the EOM, including the social determinants of health screening, were favorably viewed as potentially improving the quality of care and reducing healthcare disparities
- 4 Concerns were raised about the reduction in MEOS payments and how practices would be able to manage the additional workload required by the EOM and stay financially viable

Abbreviation: MEOS, Monthly Enhanced Oncology Services.

“I think the **EOM is well intended and has the opportunity to improve care that patients with cancer receive**, but I think it will be interesting to see how institutions and programs enact the requirements of the EOM.”

—Dr. Victoria Nachar

## QUICK FACTS ABOUT THE EOM



### Timing<sup>1</sup>



### OCM vs EOM Participation<sup>2</sup>



### MEOS Payments Reduction<sup>3</sup>



“I am hopeful—I do think moving more and more to **risk-aligned benefits** across providers and plans is the **place we need to be**. From my seat, I’m looking to see how we can help providers **understand the cost differential of different products** and **different services** so that they can **make good choices**.”

—Dr. Jay Weaver

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Abbreviation: PMPM, per member per month.

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