

Intellectual disability–focused ACO saves \$3M in 2019

Alliance for Integrated Care of New York, an accountable care organization focused on adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities, announced last week that it achieved nearly \$3 million in savings in 2019.

The organization was founded in 2014 and has nine members, many of which are associated with Affiliates of Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State.

Alliance for Integrated Care also recorded savings of \$3 million in 2018 as well as \$2.4 million in 2017.

With a quality score of 92.2%, the organization is entitled to shared savings of \$1.4 million for 2019.

Covid-19 has caused disturbances to members' health centers, with operations only recently resuming to a new normal, the organization said.

"We are hoping the impact of Covid-19 does not result in an interruption of our continuous shared savings," said Duane Schiekle, executive director of the organization. "Telemedicine has advanced into a principal means of providing ongoing primary care and mental health services, and availability 24/7 has become the new normal. AICNY hopes that its primary approach to improve quality, which will in turn reduce overall expenses, will continue."

Alliance for Integrated Care has members in the city, Long Island, Hudson Valley, upstate and western New York. Its major shareholder is Metro Community Health Centers, which has locations in the Bronx, Downtown Brooklyn, Staten Island and Manhattan.