

## **VillageCare reaches VBP deal**

VillageCareMAX, the insurance arm of the nonprofit long-term-care provider, said it has agreed to a value-based contract with Atlas IPA, which is made up of providers from Bronx-based Essen Health Care.

Atlas will be responsible for meeting certain cost targets, which VillageCare hopes to aid by sharing data on its members while also improving member satisfaction. VillageCare has about 11,000 members.

Essen has more than 250 providers and offers primary care, urgent care, house calls and care management in the five boroughs, Long Island and Westchester County.

Essen is part of the Balance Accountable Care Organization, which saved Medicare \$38.3 million last year, compared to expected spending, the highest of any ACO statewide.

VillageCareMAX's products include managed long-term care, Fully Integrated Duals Advantage and Medicare special-needs plans.