

“What does the Medicare Letter mean?”

“Am I required to do anything?” No – you are not required to do anything with this information. It is simply information.

We apologize for any confusion generated by this Medicare information letter we are sending to our Medicare patients. Here are some clarifying bullets to try to clear up any questions.

- 1) Hastings Internal Medicine Associates, P.C. was required to send out a notification about our participation in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (Accountable Care Organizations).
- 2) Hastings Internal Medicine Associates, P.C is in an ACO? Does that change anything about my benefits or how I work with my Hastings Internal Medicine Associates, P.C. physician?
 - a. NO – An Accountable Care Organization (ACO) is simply a group of healthcare providers who work together to develop best practices for quality and efficiencies.
- 3) “Why in the world would I have to ‘choose my physician’? I want to stay with the doctor I have.”
 - a. Choosing your physician – is ONLY about letting Medicare know who your PRIMARY care physician is. If you have been with one of our Hastings Internal Medicine Associates, P.C. physicians for more than two years OR have had a annual wellness exam done in the year of 2024, there is nothing you have to do.

If you continue to have questions on this issue, you can call us at 402-463-2454 and choose option #1.