Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement Model Notification Letter

Liberty Hospital is participating in a New Care Improvement Initiative from Medicare

Liberty Hospital is participating in a Medicare initiative called the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) model. The CJR model aims to promote quality and financial accountability for care surrounding lower-extremity joint replacement (LEJR) procedures, commonly referred to as hip and knee replacements and/or other major leg procedures. Liberty Hospital’s participation in the CJR model should not restrict your access to care for your medical condition or your freedom to choose your health care providers and services. All existing Medicare beneficiary protections continue to be available to you. These include the ability to report concerns of substandard care to Quality Improvement Organizations and 1-800-MEDICARE.

The CJR model aims to help give you better care.

The CJR model aims to support better and more efficient care for beneficiaries undergoing LEJR procedures. A CJR episode of care is typically defined as an admission of an eligible Medicare beneficiary to a hospital participating in the CJR model that eventually results in a discharge paid under Medicare Severity-Diagnosis Related Groups (MS-DRG) 469 (major joint replacement or reattachment of lower extremity with major complications or comorbidities) or 470 (major joint replacement or reattachment of lower extremity without major complications or comorbidities). The CJR episode of care continues for 90 days following discharge. This model tests bundled payment and quality measurement for an episode of care associated with LEJR procedures to encourage hospitals, physicians, and post-acute care providers to work together to improve the quality and coordination of care from the initial hospitalization through recovery. Through this bundled payment model, [Hospital] will receive additional payments if quality and spending performance are strong or, if not, potentially have to repay Medicare for a portion of the spending for care surrounding a lower extremity joint replacement procedure.

Medicare is using the CJR model to encourage Liberty Hospital to work more closely with your doctors and other health care providers that help patients recover after discharge from the hospital, including nursing homes (skilled nursing facilities), home health agencies, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and long-term care hospitals. The goal of the model is to encourage these providers and suppliers to provide you with better, more coordinated care during and following your hospital stay. The model is expected to lower the cost of care to Medicare but your costs for covered care will not increase due to these changes.

Liberty Hospital is working closely with the doctors and other health care providers and suppliers who will care for you during and following your hospital stay and extending through the recovery period. By
working together, your health care providers and suppliers are planning more efficient, high quality care as you undergo treatment. Medicare will monitor your care to ensure you and others are receiving high quality care.

*Liberty Hospital entered into financial arrangements with collaborating health care providers and suppliers who are engaged in care redesign with the hospital and who may furnish health care services to you during your episode of care. Under these agreements, Liberty Hospital may share payments received from Medicare as a result of reduced episode spending and hospital internal cost savings with collaborating providers and suppliers. Liberty Hospital may also share financial accountability for increased episode spending with collaborating providers and suppliers.*

The following list includes health care providers and suppliers that have established a collaborator agreement with Liberty Hospital in order to share in financial rewards and/or losses in the CJR model:

- Santosh George, M.D. effective 1/1/2017
- Jeffrey MacMillan, M.D. effective 1/1/2017
- Joshua Niemann, M.D. effective 1/1/2017
- Ryan R. Snyder, M.D. effective 1/1/2017
- Dr. Leslie Thomas, M.D. effective 1/1/2017
- Dr. David Paul, D.O. effective 1/1/2017
- David W. Dugan, D.O. effective 4/1/2017
- Michael Justice, D.O. effective 4/1/2017
- Alan Cornett, D.O. effective 4/1/2017

The list of criteria utilized for a physician collaborative agreement, can be viewed on page 3 of this notification letter. Additionally, the following website, libertyhospital.org, includes this list of health care providers and suppliers that have established a collaborator agreement with Liberty Hospital.

**It’s your choice which hospital, doctor, or other providers you use.**

You have the right to choose which hospital, doctor, or other post-hospital stay health care provider you use.

- To find a different doctor, visit Medicare’s Physician Compare website, [http://www.medicare.gov/physiciancompare](http://www.medicare.gov/physiciancompare), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- To find a different hospital, visit [http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov](http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- To find a different skilled nursing facility, visit Medicare’s Nursing Home Compare website, [http://www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare](http://www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- To find a different home health agency, visit Medicare’s Home Health Agency Compare website, [http://www.medicare.gov/homehealthcompare](http://www.medicare.gov/homehealthcompare), or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- If you believe that your care is adversely affected or have concerns about substandard care, you may call 1-800-MEDICARE or contact your state’s Quality Improvement Organization by going to: [http://www.qioprogram.org/contact-zones](http://www.qioprogram.org/contact-zones).

For an explanation of how patients can access their health care records and beneficiary claims data, please visit [https://www.healthit.gov/patients-families/blue-button/about-blue-button](https://www.healthit.gov/patients-families/blue-button/about-blue-button).

**Get more information:** If you have questions or want more information about the Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) model, call Liberty Hospital Care Management at 816-792-7027 or 816-792-7003 or call 1-800-MEDICARE. You can also find additional information at [https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/cjr](https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/cjr).
Hospital Criteria for Selecting Comprehensive Care for Joint Replacement (CJR) Collaborating Physicians (Operating Surgeons)

1. Physician must be a member in good standing with the Liberty Hospital Medical staff and be credentialed to perform Total Joint procedures.

2. Physician’s prior performance indicates that physician would serve as the operating surgeon on at least one qualifying CJR case at the Hospital during the Performance Year.

3. Physician will attend, (or review if available by webinar, other recording or written materials), any CJR educational and/or compliance meetings hosted by hospital.

4. Physician will participate in developing and implementing care redesign changes in the coordination and delivery of care in order to improve quality and patient outcomes when compared to established internal and best practices benchmarks. Care redesign changes and the coordination and delivery of care will focus on continuity of care, clinically appropriate transition to home, discharge guidelines, development of a quality provider network, and monitoring, analyzing and minimizing readmissions.

5. The physician will demonstrate compliance with care redesign and changes in coordination and delivery of care as indicated in four (4) above.

6. Physician is willing to participate in a Gain share Payment that will be comprised of a) Hospital established quality criteria that directly and proportionately relate to the physician’s qualifying patients Episodes of Care, for the partial or total Performance Year in which the Collaboration Agreement is in place and b) qualified documented internal cost savings in Hospital’s cost of care as calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and Government Auditing Standards.

7. Physician agrees that they, and their employees, contractors or designees will comply with the applicable terms and conditions of the Collaboration Agreement.

8. Physician agrees that any Gainsharing amount to be received will not exceed 50% of the total Medicare approved amounts under the Physician Fee Schedule for services they furnished to Hospital’s CJR patients for an Episode of Care during a performance year.