

# WHAT IS AN ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION (ACO)?

Plum Creek Medical Group is part of an ACO, which is a network of healthcare providers that share financial and medical responsibility for providing coordinated care to patients. ACOs bring together primary care capabilities, specialists, hospitals, home health care solutions and other health care necessities to give you the highest quality health care at affordable prices. Moreover, we offer preventative care to keep you as healthy as possible to avoid higher health care costs in your future.

## WHY DID PLUM CREEK MEDICAL GROUP CHOOSE TO JOIN SERPA ACO?

Our ACO, specifically named SERPA ACO, consists of 11 independently owned health care clinics throughout Nebraska. This affiliation gives us the opportunity to take the focus off traditional fee-based system and put it back on the patient. We're accountable for the care we provide and work toward providing the greatest value to our patients.



## WHO IS GUIDING MY HEALTH CARE AT PLUM CREEK MEDICAL GROUP?

As an independent, physician-owned health care provider, we're led by primary care physicians dedicated to improving the way our community is cared for.

### WHAT DOES THE ACO MEAN FOR PATIENTS?

- Patients, Not Fees, Are First
   We are not driven by a fee-based business
   model; rather, we chose to put patients first
   and offer more options for treating you. We
   provide evidence-based care to ensure greater
   outcomes, and we can collaborate with other
   independent physicians across the state to
   further enhance your care.
- Greater Emphasis on Prevention
   We also create processes that help patients take a more active role in their health. Education, prevention and care are at the core of what we do.
- Reduced Costs

Plum Creek Medical Group also works directly with insurance companies to help keep your costs down without sacrificing quality of care. Our goal is to help keep you healthy so you can stay out of a hospital to reduce overall health care costs.

#### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION (HMO) AND AN ACO?

HMOs require patients to choose health care providers within their network. While ACOs have an assortment of partners spanning the continuum of care, patients can choose where they want to receive care, including health care providers that are not affiliated with an ACO.

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