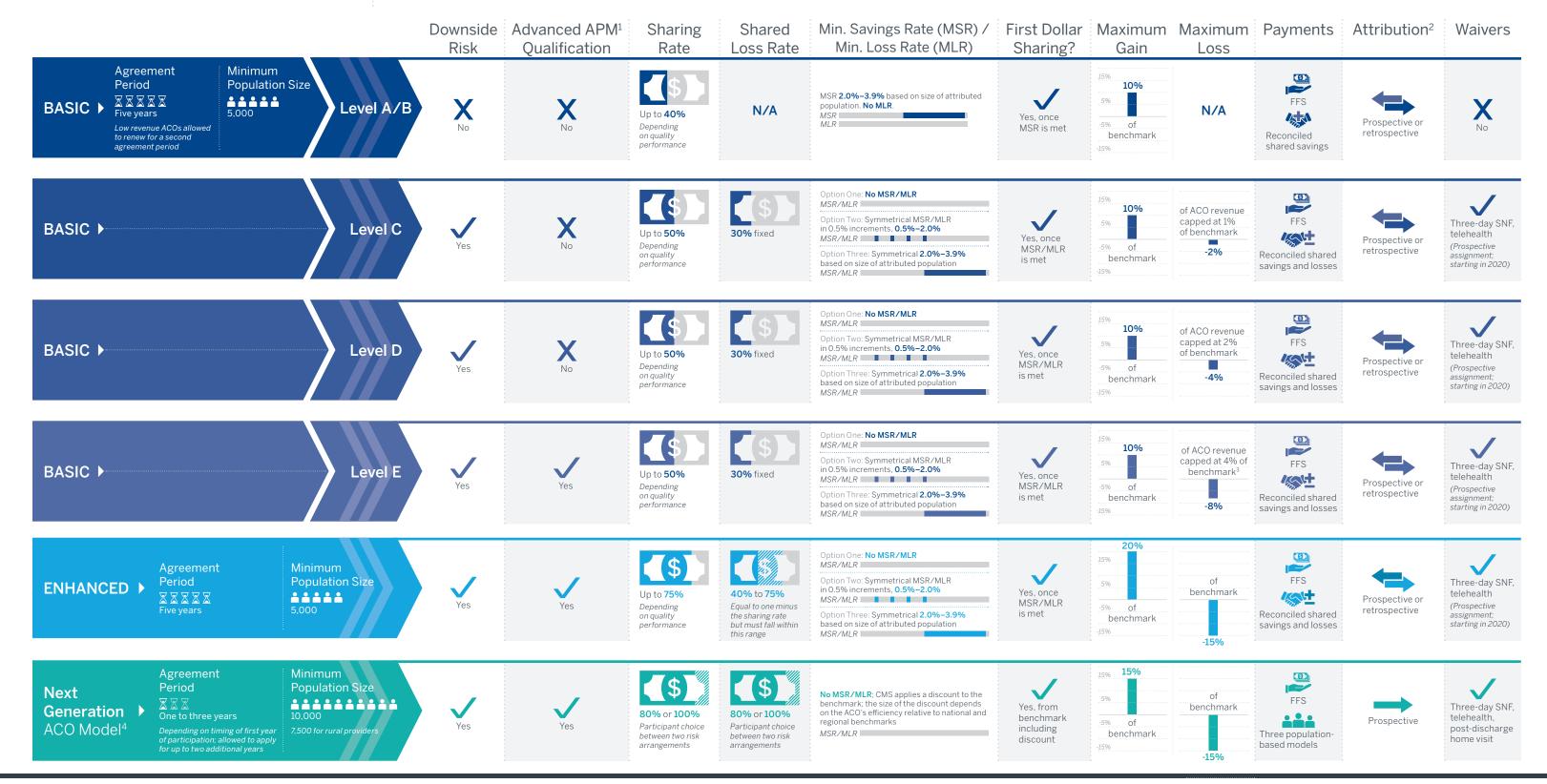
How the Medicare ACO Models Stack Up

In 2018, CMS released a final rule overhauling the Medicare Shared Savings Program. The new approach—called "Pathways to Success"—seeks to accelerate the transition of ACOs into downside risk models and takes effect on July 1, 2019. Whether applying for the first time or evaluating continued participation, leaders need to understand the key details of the new design. Read on to learn how the different Medicare ACO models stack up.





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Note: Current as of May 2019.

- 1 Alternative payment model
- 2 ACOs may switch their selection of beneficiary assignment methodology on an annual basis.
- 3 Maximum losses 2019–2020. Annual losses not to exceed the percentage of revenue specified in the revenue-based nominal amount under the Quality Payment Program, capped at a percentage of updated benchmark that is one percentage point higher than the expenditure-based nominal amount standard