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Brown & Toland Physicians Generates Savings, Improves Quality for Pioneer Accountable Care Patients for Third Consecutive Year

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SAN FRANCISCO - Financial and quality results released in August by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) showed that Brown & Toland Physicians - for the third consecutive year - helped create savings, and improve the care, for Medicare patients in the Pioneer Accountable Care Organization (ACO) program.

“We are very pleased that we are continuing to have a positive impact on the health and quality of life of the patients who participate in the Medicare Pioneer accountable care program, and that our efforts helped reduce costs for Medicare,” said Richard Fish, Brown & Toland chief executive officer. “We will continue to work to bring improvements to our programs to help advance the care we deliver to our patients.”

The 20 healthcare organizations participating in the Pioneer program in 2014 generated an overall savings of more than \$120 million for Medicare. Brown & Toland Physicians achieved a 1.3% savings off of its forecasted medical costs for its aligned beneficiaries, which equated to \$2.4 million. Additionally, Brown & Toland was one of the 15 Medicare Pioneer ACOs that generated savings for the Medicare program.

The mean quality score among Pioneer ACOs increased by two percent, from 85.2 percent in 2013 to 87.2 percent in 2014, and all Pioneer healthcare organizations showed improvements in 28 of the 33 quality measures, with average improvements of 3.6 percent across all quality measures. Quality measures include screening for future fall risk, screening for tobacco use, smoking cessation programs, and controlling high blood pressure. Click [here](#) for complete quality results.

Currently, 171 Brown & Toland physicians, located in San Francisco and San Mateo counties, and the East Bay, are providing care for approximately 18,800 Medicare beneficiaries in Brown & Toland’s Pioneer ACO. In addition to the physicians, Brown & Toland’s Care Management team of registered nurses, social workers and other healthcare professionals provide additional services and care for these patients. The Care Management team works closely with physicians to

deliver care to the Medicare patients. This team approach, which Brown & Toland uses for other accountable care programs in which it participates, has proven successful in helping to improve care metrics and reduce costs.

About Brown & Toland Physicians

Founded in 1992, Brown & Toland Physicians is a leading network of independent doctors focused on delivering personalized, high quality, and affordable healthcare to the San Francisco Bay Area. Brown & Toland's more than 2,400 physicians, who care for more than 335,000 HMO and PPO patients, are dedicated to improving care through a number of patient-centered programs and use electronic tools to coordinate and deliver care. The group is leading the way forward in healthcare with its patient-centered medical home, My Health Medical Group, and by participating in multiple accountable care projects, such as the Pioneer Accountable Care Organization (ACO) model, and other ACOs for both HMO and PPO patients. To learn more, visit brownandtoland.com.

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