# Your Doctor is Participating in the OCM

## What is the Oncology Care Model (OCM)?

Oncology practices taking part in this program are working with Medicare to improve cancer care for patients receiving chemotherapy. They have committed to providing enhanced services to Medicare beneficiaries, such as *care coordination and navigation*, to *using national treatment guidelines for care*, and may recommend testing at certain sites or labs also participating in the OCM.



### Your Medicare Rights Have Not Been Changed

You still have the same Medicare rights and protections, including the right to choose which health care provider you see. However, because your doctor has chosen to participate in the Oncology Care Model, all of your doctor's Medicare beneficiaries who meet the eligibility criteria of this program will receive care under the program, including access to patient-focused services.

#### What are Patient-Focused Services?

As part of the Oncology Care Model, your doctor will give you access to patient-focused services aimed at meeting your individual needs while you are receiving chemotherapy or hormonal therapy. You will not be responsible for paying for any portion of these patient-focused services as these are covered by Medicare. These services include:



Contact with a health care provider who has access to your medical records 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



A **detailed care plan** that meets your needs, created collaboratively with your health care provider.



Access care coordination and supportive services, delivered through an assigned care manager.

Care
Coordination
& Support
Services



Education for managing symptoms, medication and advanced directives



Coordination of services, including transportation, office visits and lab work



Identification and treatment of side effects as well as pain assessments

#### Talk to Your Health Care Provider to Learn More About the OCM

If you do not wish to receive care under the Oncology Care Model, you must choose a health care provider who does not participate in this initiative to receive care. Regardless of which health care provider you see, Medicare will continue to cover all of your medically necessary services.

