

The MSAs selected for inclusion are shown in TABLE 2.

**TABLE 2: MSAS SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CARDIAC EPMS.**

<b>CBSA_OMB</b>	<b>MSA Name</b>	<b>CJR selected MSA?</b>
10180	Abilene, TX	
10420	Akron, OH	yes
10780	Alexandria, LA	
10900	Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ	
11260	Anchorage, AK	
12100	Atlantic City-Hammonton, NJ	
12220	Auburn-Opelika, AL	
12420	Austin-Round Rock, TX	yes
13380	Bellingham, WA	
13460	Bend-Redmond, OR	
14020	Bloomington, IN	
14260	Boise City, ID	
14460	Boston-Cambridge-Newton, MA-NH	
15940	Canton-Massillon, OH	
15980	Cape Coral-Fort Myers, FL	
16020	Cape Girardeau, MO-IL	yes
16300	Cedar Rapids, IA	
16700	Charleston-North Charleston, SC	
16860	Chattanooga, TN-GA	
16980	Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, IL-IN-WI	
17020	Chico, CA	
17660	Coeur d'Alene, ID	
17860	Columbia, MO	yes
17900	Columbia, SC	
17980	Columbus, GA-AL	
18880	Crestview-Fort Walton Beach-Destin, FL	
19100	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX	
19300	Daphne-Fairhope-Foley, AL	
19740	Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, CO	yes
19780	Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA	
20100	Dover, DE	
20500	Durham-Chapel Hill, NC	yes
21060	Elizabethtown-Fort Knox, KY	
21500	Erie, PA	
21660	Eugene, OR	
22520	Florence-Muscle Shoals, AL	
22660	Fort Collins, CO	

23060	Fort Wayne, IN	
23580	Gainesville, GA	yes
24300	Grand Junction, CO	
24860	Greenville-Anderson-Mauldin, SC	
25940	Hilton Head Island-Bluffton-Beaufort, SC	
26580	Huntington-Ashland, WV-KY-OH	
26820	Idaho Falls, ID	
26900	Indianapolis-Carmel-Anderson, IN	yes
26980	Iowa City, IA	
27620	Jefferson City, MO	
27860	Jonesboro, AR	
27900	Joplin, MO	
28020	Kalamazoo-Portage, MI	
28140	Kansas City, MO-KS	yes
28420	Kennewick-Richland, WA	
29100	La Crosse-Onalaska, WI-MN	
29420	Lake Havasu City-Kingman, AZ	
29460	Lakeland-Winter Haven, FL	
29620	Lansing-East Lansing, MI	
30460	Lexington-Fayette, KY	
30620	Lima, OH	
30780	Little Rock-North Little Rock-Conway, AR	
31540	Madison, WI	yes
31700	Manchester-Nashua, NH	
32780	Medford, OR	
32820	Memphis, TN-MS-AR	yes
33340	Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, WI	yes
33540	Missoula, MT	
34820	Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach, SC-NC	
34980	Nashville-Davidson--Murfreesboro--Franklin, TN	yes
35100	New Bern, NC	
35660	Niles-Benton Harbor, MI	
36420	Oklahoma City, OK	yes
36540	Omaha-Council Bluffs, NE-IA	
39140	Prescott, AZ	
39380	Pueblo, CO	
39580	Raleigh, NC	
39660	Rapid City, SD	
39740	Reading, PA	yes
39900	Reno, NV	
40060	Richmond, VA	
40220	Roanoke, VA	

41100	St. George, UT	
41140	St. Joseph, MO-KS	
41420	Salem, OR	
41500	Salinas, CA	
42340	Savannah, GA	
43300	Sherman-Denison, TX	
44060	Spokane-Spokane Valley, WA	
44100	Springfield, IL	
46060	Tucson, AZ	
46140	Tulsa, OK	
46220	Tuscaloosa, AL	yes
46540	Utica-Rome, NY	
47940	Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA	
48300	Wenatchee, WA	
48620	Wichita, KS	yes
48900	Wilmington, NC	
49180	Winston-Salem, NC	
49660	Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, OH-PA	
49740	Yuma, AZ	

### C. Episode Definition for the EPMs

#### 1. Background

Episode payment models incentivize improvement in the coordination and quality of care experienced by a Medicare beneficiary, as well as episode efficiency, by bundling payment for services furnished to the beneficiary for specific clinical conditions over a defined period of time. A key model design feature is the definition of the episodes included in the model. The definition of episodes has two significant dimensions -- (1) a clinical dimension that describes which clinical conditions and associated services are included in the episode; and (2) a time dimension that describes the beginning, middle, and end of the episode.

#### 2. Overview of Three Episode Payment Models

We proposed three new EPMs—AMI, CABG, and SHFFT—that each begin with a hospitalization and extend 90 days after hospital discharge. The proposed AMI model includes