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## INSIGHT OF THE WEEK

A recent article in JAMA by Shashikumar et al. spotlights on how Hospitals mandated to join TEAM were typically larger, served more marginalized patients, and were often safety-net hospitals—raising concerns they may face disproportionate penalties, as seen with CJR. TEAM participants generally had higher spending than nonparticipants, indicating room to reduce costs, especially in bundles where post-acute care (PAC) makes up a larger share, such as LEJR and SHFFT

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## JAMA Health Forum™

### Research Letter

### Characteristics of Hospitals Participating in the Transforming Episode Accountability Model

Sukruth A. Shashikumar, MD<sup>1,2</sup>; Jie Zheng, PhD<sup>3</sup>; Thomas C. Tsai, MD<sup>3,4</sup>; [et al](#)

## FROM THE OVBC-ACPM STAGE

This week, we are pleased to highlight a session on Direct Employer contracting given by Andre Blom who serves as the CEO of Illinois Bone & Joint Institute (IBJI), one of the largest multispecialty orthopedic practices in the United States, based in the greater Chicago area. IBJI comprises approximately 165 physicians across 11 orthopedic subspecialties, as well as Rheumatology and Pain Management. In addition to his executive role, Andre serves on the Value-Based Committee of the OrthoForum and oversees OrthoSync, IBJI's convener organization that participates in CMS's BPCI-A Model and manages commercial bundles.

# Direct to Employer Contracting



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