Beginning Jan. 1, healthcare providers participating in model year 3 of the Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced program will take precedence over Medicare ACOs in the enhanced track, which has the most downside risk. Prior to this, participants in the bundle could only apply the program to beneficiaries if they were in the basic track, or ACOs in tracks previously called Tracks 1, 1+ and 2.

"This decision is evidence of CMS' commitment to addressing the overlap in alternative payment models," said Gina Bruno, vice president for clinical strategy at naviHealth, a convener for hospitals that participate in BPCI, in an email.

Read the full story in Modern Healthcare, here.