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SICN has developed an Electronic Health Record Program Agreement that it intends to enter into with medical groups participating in the SICN Pioneer ACO that are primarily comprised of primary care physicians or specialists providing a significant amount of primary care services.

The agreement requires the medical groups and their physicians to achieve “meaningful use” of EHR technology and meet SICN quality and cost-efficiency metrics. Under this agreement, SICN donates certain items and services (including electronic health record services and support) to the medical groups, and makes other payments, to support the creation, maintenance, transmission, and receipt of electronic health records among the medical groups, other providers participating in the SICN Pioneer ACO, the physicians associated with such Pioneer Participants, and other providers/suppliers that have a role in coordinating and managing care for SICN Pioneer ACO patients.

SICN has developed an Electronic Health Record Program Agreement that it intends to enter into with medical groups that either participate in the SICN Pioneer ACO (that are not primarily comprised of primary care physicians) or have a role in coordinating and managing care for SICN Pioneer ACO patients (“Outside Providers/Suppliers”). The agreement requires the medical groups and their physicians to achieve “meaningful use” of EHR technology and meet quality and cost-efficiency metrics. Under this agreement, SICN donates certain items and services (including electronic health record services and support) to the medical groups, and makes other payments, to support the creation, maintenance, transmission, and receipt of electronic health records among the medical groups, other providers participating in the SICN Pioneer ACO, the physicians associated with such Pioneer Participants, and other Outside Providers/Suppliers.

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Steward Norwood Hospital, Inc. (the “Hospital”), Family Medical Associates, P.C. (the “Medical Group”), and Timothy P. Lowney, Jr., D.O. (the “Physician”) have entered into a Physician Recruitment Agreement, dated September 9, 2013, pursuant to which the Hospital provides the Physician, through the recruiting Medical Group, with recruitment assistance to facilitate the Physician’s recruitment into the SICN Pioneer ACO as a Pioneer Provider/Supplier. The agreement is designed to ensure continuity of care and facilitate adherence to SICN Pioneer ACO cost and quality initiatives for the Medicare population of the Medical Group’s retiring physician, and increase access by SICN Pioneer ACO patients in the Hospital’s service area to physicians specifically educated in the ACO’s processes and systems.

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Steward Good Samaritan Medical Center, Inc. (the “Hospital”), Innovative Surgical Care, P.C. (the “Medical Group”), and Valentin Atanassov, M.D. (the “Physician”) have entered into a Physician Recruitment Agreement, dated January 13, 2014, pursuant to which the Hospital provides the Physician, through the recruiting Medical Group, with recruitment assistance to facilitate the Physician’s recruitment into the SICN Pioneer ACO as a Pioneer Provider/Supplier. The agreement is designed to ensure that SICN Pioneer ACO patients in the Hospital’s service area requiring general surgical services have timely access to more cost-effective treatment by a physician specifically educated in the ACO’s processes and systems.

Steward Holy Family Hospital, Inc. (the “Hospital”), SALEM, NEW HAMPSHIRE PHYSICIANS NETWORK, P.C. (the “Medical Group”), and Demetrius P. Rizos, D.O. (the “Physician”) have entered into a Physician Recruitment Agreement, dated February 1, 2014, pursuant to which the Hospital provides the Physician, through the recruiting Medical Group, with recruitment assistance to facilitate the Physician’s recruitment into the SICN Pioneer ACO as a Pioneer Provider/Supplier. The agreement is designed to ensure that SICN Pioneer ACO patients in the Hospital’s service area requiring services in the field of internal medicine or other similar specialty have timely access to more cost-effective treatment by a physician specifically educated in the ACO’s processes and systems.

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SICN has developed an Electronic Health Record Program Agreement that it intends to enter into with medical groups participating in the SICN Pioneer ACO that are primarily comprised of primary care physicians or specialists providing a significant amount of primary care services.

The agreement requires the medical groups and their physicians to achieve “meaningful use” of EHR technology and meet SICN quality and cost-efficiency metrics. Under this agreement, SICN donates certain items and services (including electronic health record services and support) to the medical groups, and makes other payments, to support the creation, maintenance, transmission, and receipt of electronic health records among the medical groups, other providers participating in the SICN Pioneer ACO, the physicians associated with such Pioneer Participants, and other providers/suppliers that have a role in coordinating and managing care for SICN Pioneer ACO patients.

SICN has developed an Electronic Health Record Program Agreement that it intends to enter into with medical groups that either participate in the SICN Pioneer ACO (that are not primarily comprised of primary care physicians) or have a role in coordinating and managing care for SICN Pioneer ACO patients (“Outside Providers/Suppliers”). The agreement requires the medical groups and their physicians to achieve “meaningful use” of EHR technology and meet quality and cost-efficiency metrics. Under this agreement, SICN donates certain items and services (including electronic health record services and support) to the medical groups, and makes other payments, to support the creation, maintenance, transmission, and receipt of electronic health records among the medical groups, other providers participating in the SICN Pioneer ACO, the physicians associated with such Pioneer Participants, and other Outside Providers/Suppliers.

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Quincy Medical Center, A Steward Family Hospital, Inc. (the “Hospital”) and Manet Community Health Center, Inc. (“Manet”) have entered into an arrangement, effective March 17, 2014, for the Hospital to provide patient transportation services for Manet patients who are obtaining treatment or follow-up care from the Hospital, including Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries. The arrangement is designed to provide SICN Pioneer ACO patients with access to convenient and affordable transportation services to ensure adherence to treatment regimes and follow-up care plans.

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SICN has developed a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Participating Provider Agreement that it intends to enter into with SNFs meeting certain criteria to become Pioneer Providers/Suppliers (as such term is defined in the Pioneer Agreement) and to provide quality health care services to Medicare beneficiaries aligned with the SICN Pioneer ACO. The agreement is reasonably related to several purposes of the Pioneer ACO Model, including, without limitation: (a) promoting accountability for the quality, cost, and overall care for the Pioneer Patients by, for example, providing incentives for the SNFs to provide post-acute care services to Pioneer Patients in a manner that reduces costs but maintains or improves the quality of care delivered, and by selecting post-acute providers with a willingness and demonstrated ability to respond to such incentives; (b) advancing the management and coordination of care for Pioneer Patients through the SICN by enhancing the partnership between Steward’s Care Management department and the SNFs; and (c) implanting and investing in additional sharing of information among the SNFs and other Pioneer Providers/Suppliers which will facilitate redesigned care processes for high-quality and efficient service delivery for Pioneer Patients.

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SICN has developed an Equipment Use Agreement that all Pioneer Participants and Outside Providers and Suppliers who participate in SHCN are eligible to participate in. To further the quality and efficiency of services provided to patients SHCN will loan certain point-of-care testing equipment to Pioneer Participants and Outside Provider/Suppliers meeting certain criteria. The agreement reasonably relates to several purposes of the Pioneer ACO Model, including, without limitation: (a) advancing the management and coordination of care for Medicare beneficiaries through the SICN Pioneer ACO by, for example, enhancing access to, and the timeliness of, important clinical laboratory testing; and (b) encouraging investment in infrastructure and redesigned care processes that make greater use of point-of-care testing to improve the quality and efficiency of services delivered to patients, including Medicare beneficiaries.

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Richard W. Smith, M.D., Mena M. Mesiha, M.D., and George J. Raukar, M.D. (collectively, the “Physicians”) will enter into an Employment Agreement, to become effective on January 1, 2015, and a Physician Recruitment Agreement, dated October 9, 2014. SICN and the Hospital will therefore facilitate the recruitment of the Physicians into the SICN Pioneer ACO, by providing Group with an income guarantee to support the development of the Physicians’ practice.

The SICN Pioneer ACO will promote accountability for the quality, cost, and overall care for the SICN Pioneer ACO patient population (an enumerated purpose of the Pioneer ACO Model) by, for example: (a) broadening the range of services that can be provided to the SICN Pioneer ACO patient population by Pioneer Participants that participate in SICN quality programs, including evidence-based care protocols and a single medication formulary; and (b) avoiding duplication of testing by making care for SICN Pioneer ACO patients more readily available from Pioneer Participants who are connected through a common IT platform. The Board has also determined that facilitating the recruitment of the Physicians into the SICN Pioneer ACO will advance the management and coordination of care for SICN Pioneer ACO patients (another enumerated purpose of the Pioneer ACO Model) through, for example: (a) facilitating the prompt availability for elective and urgent care; (b) improved communication among Pioneer Participants treating SICN Pioneer ACO patients due to a shared electronic health record; and (c) promoting adherence to evidence-based protocols and other quality programs by making care available through Pioneer Participants who participate in such evidence-based protocols and quality programs.

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Steward Holy Family Hospital Corporation (the “Hospital”), Orthopaedics Northeast, P.C. (“Group”), and Amy J. Wu, M.D., (the “Physician”) have entered into an Employment Agreement and a Physician Recruitment Agreement, both dated December 10, 2014. SICN and the Hospital will therefore facilitate the recruitment of the Physician into the SICN Pioneer ACO, by providing Physician with an income guarantee to support the development of the Physician’s practice.

The SICN Pioneer ACO will promote accountability for the quality, cost, and overall care for the SICN Pioneer ACO patient population (an enumerated purpose of the Pioneer ACO Model) by, for example: (a) broadening the range of services that can be provided to the SICN Pioneer ACO patient population by Pioneer Participants that participate in SICN quality programs, including evidence-based care protocols and a single medication formulary; and (b) avoiding duplication of testing by making care for SICN Pioneer ACO patients more readily available from Pioneer Participants who are connected through a common IT platform. The Board has also determined that facilitating the recruitment of the Physician into the SICN Pioneer ACO will advance the management and coordination of care for SICN Pioneer ACO patients (another enumerated purpose of the Pioneer ACO Model) through, for example: (a) facilitating the prompt availability for elective and urgent care; (b) improved communication among Pioneer Participants treating SICN Pioneer ACO patients due to a shared electronic health record; and (c) promoting adherence to evidence-based protocols and other quality programs by making care available through Pioneer Participants who participate in such evidence-based protocols and quality programs.

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Jerald W. Katz, M.D. and Kevin M. Mabie, M.D., (collectively, the “Physicians”) entered into an Employment Agreement, effective April 1, 2015, and a Physician Recruitment Agreement, dated December 10, 2014.

The SICN Pioneer ACO will promote accountability for the quality, cost, and overall care for the SICN Pioneer ACO patient population (an enumerated purpose of the Pioneer ACO Model) by, for example: (a) broadening the range of services that can be provided to the SICN Pioneer ACO patient population by Pioneer Participants that participate in SICN quality programs, including evidence-based care protocols and a single medication formulary; and (b) avoiding duplication of testing by making care for SICN Pioneer ACO patients more readily available from Pioneer Participants who are connected through a common IT platform. The Board has also determined that facilitating the recruitment of the Physician into the SICN Pioneer ACO will advance the management and coordination of care for SICN Pioneer ACO patients (another enumerated purpose of the Pioneer ACO Model) through, for example: (a) facilitating the prompt availability for elective and urgent care; (b) improved communication among Pioneer Participants treating SICN Pioneer ACO patients due to a shared electronic health record; and (c) promoting adherence to evidence-based protocols and other quality programs by making care available through Pioneer Participants who participate in such evidence-based protocols and quality programs.

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SICN developed an Electronic Health Record Program Agreement that was entered into with medical groups that either participate in the SICN Pioneer ACO or have a role in coordinating and managing care for SICN Pioneer ACO patients (“Outside Providers/Suppliers”), dated December 17, 2012. The Electronic Health Record Program consists primarily of three components: (a) implementation of the electronic health record systems; (b) creation and use of an electronic clinical data exchange for treatment and other appropriate purposes; and (c) integration of SHCS hospital information technology systems with the clinical data exchange and implementation of a Steward Connect Portal to allow providers, patients, and care management teams to access patient centered clinical information. Under this agreement, SICN donates certain items and services (including electronic health record services and support) to the medical groups, and makes other payments, to support the creation, maintenance, transmission, and receipt of electronic health records among the medical groups, other providers participating in the SICN Pioneer ACO, the physicians associated with such Pioneer Participants, and other Outside Providers/Suppliers.

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Steward St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center of Boston, Inc. (the “Hospital”), Steward St. Anne’s Hospital Corporation, Steward Good Samaritan Medical Center, Inc., Hawthorn Medical Associates, Inc. and Prima CARE, P.C. (each, a “Participating Provider,” and collectively, the “Participating Providers”) have entered into an arrangement, effective February 1, 2015, for the Hospital to provide transportation by van between and among the Hospital and the Participating Providers for patients who are obtaining treatment or follow-up care from the Hospital, including Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries, as well as family members assisting in coordinating such patients’ care. The arrangement is designed to provide SICN Pioneer ACO patients with access to affordable transportation to ensure adherence to treatment regimes and follow-up care plans.

The transportation services are currently available upon patient request, but a regular schedule may be implemented if patient demand warrants.

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New England Community Medical Services, PLLC (the “Group”) has entered into an agreement with SICN and Steward St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center of Boston, Inc. (“SEMC”), and Steward Holy Family Hospital, (collectively, SEMC and HFH are the “Hospitals,”) that the Group will provide coverage, care coordination and care management services to Medicare beneficiaries aligned with the SICN Pioneer ACO (“Pioneer Patients”) who are discharged from the Hospitals in these targeted markets, to skilled nursing facilities that participate in the SICN Pioneer ACO as Pioneer Providers/Suppliers (“Participating SNFs”). This agreement is effective as of January 30, 2015.

This Arrangement is related to several purposes of the Pioneer ACO Model, including, (a) promoting accountability for the quality, cost, and overall care for the Pioneer Patients by, for example, requiring Group to monitor length of stay and readmissions rates of Pioneer Patients in Participating SNFs, in efforts to reduce Hospital readmissions and ensure that Pioneer Patients are cared for in high-quality, cost-effective settings; (b) advancing the management and coordination of care for Pioneer Patients at Participating SNFs through SICN by, for example, requiring Group to work with applicable Hospital case management to coordinate discharges to Participating SNFs and requiring Group to coordinate care following SNF discharge, including scheduling a PCP visit within 7 days of discharge.

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SICN’s affiliate, Steward Health Care Network, Inc. (“SHCN”), has entered into an arrangement with its participating providers—all of whom are SICN providers/suppliers or “outside providers and suppliers” that have a role in coordinating and managing care for SICN-aligned Medicare beneficiaries—pursuant to which SHCN makes distributions to the participating providers that are based on quality metrics and, in part, on the percentage of commercial risk patients and SICN Pioneer ACO beneficiaries that receive medically necessary care from within SHCN. These distributions are funded exclusively from SHCN commercial payer agreements. The goal of the arrangement is to promote accountability for the quality, cost, and overall care for SICN Pioneer ACO beneficiaries and to advance the management and coordination of care for SICN Pioneer ACO beneficiaries through the SICN Pioneer ACO.

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PIONEER ACO PARTICIPATION WAIVER DISCLOSURES

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Jerald W. Katz, M.D. entered into an Employment Agreement, effective April 1, 2015, and a Physician Recruitment Agreement, dated December 10, 2014. This is an amendment to that agreement, effective July 1, 2015. Dr. Katz shall devote an average of eight (8) hours per month to administrative and management services on behalf of St. Anne’s Hospital as the Chief of the Hospital’s Department of Orthopedic Surgery. This arrangement continues to align with the Pioneer agreement by:

- Promoting accountability among the physicians that participate in the Pioneer program for the quality, cost, and overall care of Medicare beneficiaries; and
- Advancing the management and coordination of care for Medicare beneficiaries through the SICN Pioneer ACO in the St. Anne’s market

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Steward Carney Hospital, Inc. (the “Hospital”), Manet Community Health Center, Inc., Steward Medical Group, Inc., Steward Medical Group Express Care, Inc., each Pioneer Provider/Suppliers and the Veterans Administration Clinic, an outside provider/supplier that has a role in coordinating and managing care for Pioneer ACO patients, have entered into an arrangement effective December 8, 2014, which was amended effective July 23, 2015 to include an additional Pioneer Provider/Supplier, Neponset Health Center. The purpose of the arrangement is to provide SICN Pioneer ACO patients with access to affordable transportation to ensure adherence to treatment regimes and follow-up care plans which is intended to further the management and coordination of care for such patients. The transportation services are currently available seven days per week, with daily pickup and drop off between 7:00am and 5:30pm. Appointments for transportation services can be made through a centralized patient navigator located at the Hospital.

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Steward Carney Hospital, Inc. (the “Hospital”) and Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center (“Harvard Street”) entered into an Affiliation and Support Agreement, dated June 3, 2013, which is required to be reviewed and renewed on an annual basis. The Parties have mutually determined that certain updates and amendments to the Agreement are necessary. Those amendments occurred on August 11, 2014 and most recently again on August 10, 2015.

The Hospital will continue to provide community benefits and support to Harvard Street to support infrastructure, community, and other investments that promote high-quality and efficient service delivery for Harvard Street’s patients, including Medicare beneficiaries. The amended agreement is designed to increase access to care for Medicare beneficiaries in Harvard Street’s service area; promote accountability among SICN Pioneer ACO Providers/Suppliers for the cost, quality, and overall care delivered to Medicare beneficiaries; advance the management and coordination of care of Medicare beneficiaries through the SICN Pioneer ACO; and allow the SICN Pioneer ACO to make maximum use of its improved infrastructure and redesigned care processes to achieve high-quality and efficient service delivery for its patients.

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