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Questions and Answers
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1. Question: I am wondering if you have more specific time frames for the TEAM model. So, I believe January, next January 2025 is when voluntary signup occurs. Do you know, for example, time frames for when you'll send out baseline material to organizations that are mandatory, as well as those voluntary participants?
 - a. Answer: You're right. I didn't really touch on the voluntary opt-in. So, there is a specific time frame of when hospitals that are eligible for voluntary opt-in, when they would have to let CMS know they're interested in signing up to participate in TEAM. That voluntary opt-in period is from January 1, 2025, to January 31, 2025. It's a one-month period that those hospitals eligible for voluntary opt-in have to submit a letter to us indicating that they're interested in voluntarily participating in the model. We are doing that in 2025 because the model is supposed to start in 2026. With respect to your question about when we would be sharing data, we'd be sharing baseline data. So, like your baseline episode information as well as preliminary target prices sometime during the calendar year 2025. We haven't ironed out a specific time frame of when that data would be shared with participants. And that data would be shared with those that are required to participate as well as those who would be voluntarily joining the model. We anticipate, as we are creating additional resources to provide participants, those who are voluntarily joining and those who are required to participate, better timelines in the future. I just don't have that specific time frame. It will be before the model year starts. So, model year performance year one is 2026. All of that, the preliminary target prices, and the baseline episode data would be shared with participants before 2026. So, like I said, sometime in 2025.

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