

Integrated Care Updates

REMINDER: Comments on CMS CY 2023 Medicare Advantage and Part D Proposed Rule Due March 7

On January 6, 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a [proposed rule](#) that would make updates to the MA and Medicare Part D programs, including proposals to improve experiences for dually eligible individuals who are enrolled in Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs).

CMS will accept comments on the proposed rule received by March 7, 2022. To submit comments electronically, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the "Submit a comment" instructions referencing "CMS-4192-P."

For more details—

- See the text of the proposed rule that was published in the January 12, 2022 Federal Register: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-01-12/pdf/2022-00117.pdf>
- See also ICRC's updated January 14, 2022 e-alert summarizing major provisions of the proposed rule: https://www.integratedcareresourcecenter.com/e_alert/update-announcing-cms-cy-2023-medicare-advantage-and-part-d-proposed-rule-cms-4192-p.

Release of MedPAC/MACPAC Duals Data Book

On February 1, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) and the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) jointly released an updated data book entitled [Beneficiaries Dually Eligible for Medicare and Medicaid](#). This data book uses calendar year (CY) 2019 claims data to provide details about the dually eligible population's composition, service use, and spending. It compares characteristics, eligibility, and enrollment pathways, spending and service utilization across subgroups of dually eligible individuals and also offers comparisons between dually eligible and non-dually eligible Medicare and Medicaid beneficiary populations. The CY 2019 data represents the first time the data book has used data from the Medicaid Transformed Medicaid Statistical Information System (T-MSIS); the [previous edition](#) of the data book used CY 2013 Medicaid Statistical Information System (MSIS) data.

Release of CMS CY2023 Medicare Advantage and Part D Advance Notice

On February 3, CMS released its annual advanced notice of proposed payment policy changes for Medicare Advantage and Part D drug programs in 2023. These changes are designed to create more choices and provide affordable options for consumers that meet their unique health needs. The CY 2023 Advance Notice for Medicare Advantage (MA) and Part D plans is open to public comment for 30 days. This year, CMS is specifically soliciting input through a health equity lens on the approach to some future potential changes, specifically:

- A potential change to the MA and Part D Star Ratings that would consider how well each plan advances health equity;
 - Inclusion of a quality measure in MA and Part D Star Ratings that would specifically assess how often plans are screening for common health-related social needs; and
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- Considerations for assessing the impact of using sub-state geographic levels of rate-setting for enrollees with end-stage renal disease — particularly input regarding the impact of MA payment on care provided to rural and urban underserved populations and how these payment changes may impact health equity.

Public comments on the Advance Notice must be submitted by **March 4, 2022**. The Medicare Advantage and Part D payment policies for 2023 will be finalized in the 2023 Rate Announcement, which will be published no later than April 4, 2022.

- For a fact sheet on the 2023 Advance Notice, please visit: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/2023-medicare-advantage-and-part-d-advance-notice-fact-sheet>
- To view the 2023 Advance Notice, please visit: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Health-Plans/MedicareAdvtgSpecRateStats/Announcements-and-Documents.html> and select “2023.”

February 2022 Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans

Between January and February 2022, total Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) enrollment in the nine states (CA, IL, MA, MI, NY, OH, RI, SC, and TX) currently implementing capitated model demonstrations under the Financial Alignment Initiative increased from 424,423 to 426,322 as shown in ICRC’s table [Monthly Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans by Plan and by State, February 2021 to February 2022](#).

February 2022 Enrollment in PACE Organizations

PACE organizations provide comprehensive medical and social services to frail, community-dwelling individuals age 55 and older, most of whom are dually eligible. As shown in ICRC’s table, [Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly \(PACE\) Total Enrollment by State and by Organization](#), PACE organizations were operating in 31 states in January 2022. Between January 2022 and February 2022, the total number of Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in PACE increased from 52,513 to 52,753.

Key Upcoming Dates

- **March 7** – Comments due on CY 2023 Medicare Advantage and Part D Proposed Rule
- **March 22** – Parent Organization designation updates from MA Organizations (MAOs) and sponsors due to CMS

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