

Integrated Care Updates

CMS Invites Comments on Proposed Rule for Medicare Advantage and Part D

On February 5, 2019, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) posted a new [notice of proposed rulemaking for Medicare Advantage and Part D](#) (see also the accompanying [fact sheet](#)). CMS also released the [Advance Notice Part II](#) and [fact sheet](#). CMS will accept comments on all proposals in the Advance Notice through **Friday, March 6, 2020**, before publishing the final Rate Announcement by April 6, 2020. To submit comments or questions electronically, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, enter the docket number "CMS-2020-0003" in the "search" field, and follow the instructions for "submitting a comment."

New ICRC Flow Charts Compare Existing and New Unified Appeals and Grievance Processes for Individuals Enrolled in Applicable Integrated D-SNPs

In January 2019, ICRC published [Appeals and Grievances: Comparisons of Existing and New Integrated Processes for Individuals Enrolled in Applicable Integrated Plans](#). These flowcharts are designed to help states, health plans, and other stakeholders understand the differences between existing Medicare and Medicaid appeal and grievance processes and the new integrated appeal and grievance processes that fully and highly integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) with exclusively aligned enrollment must begin using in 2021.

State Count Down to 2021 – Implementing New D-SNP Integration Standards

By January 1, 2021, D-SNPs must meet new integration standards. Each month ICRC will post tips for state Medicaid agencies to help them support the implementation of these requirements.

Not Sure What to Include in Your State Medicaid Agency Contract with D-SNPs?

See [ICRC's TA tool with sample language](#). CMS' Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office is also available to review states' draft contract language related to the new information-sharing requirements that many D-SNPs will need to implement. Contact Paul Precht at Paul.Precht@cms.hhs.gov.

Have you had a conversation with MMCO/ICRC about options, potential approaches, and timelines for your state? To schedule a call, email us at ICRC@chcs.org.

Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM)

On February 14, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NPRM\)](#) to propose revised regulations for Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR). Proposed changes to the PASRR regulations contained in this NPRM include: updating PASRR-specific definitions of MI and ID; streamlining the Preadmission Screening process; implementing statutory changes to the Resident Review requirements that are not reflected in current regulations; authorizing the use of telehealth technology; simplifying the list of information that must be collected during evaluations; clarifying that Federal Financial Participation (FFP) is available for specialized services;

placing greater emphasis on the role of the individual's preference for where to receive long-term services; and clarifying state PASRR programs' federal reporting obligations.

ICRC Working with Medicare Webinar | Medicare 101 and 201: Key Issues for States

On February 10, 2020, ICRC hosted a Working with Medicare webinar, [Medicare 101 and 201: Key Issues for States](#). This webinar provides an overview of Medicare program features of interest to state staff working to integrate care for dually eligible beneficiaries.

February 2020 Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans

Between January 2020 and February 2020, total Medicare-Medicaid Plan 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 385,959 to 386,331 as shown in ICRC's table [Monthly Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans by Plan and by State, February 2019 to February 2020](#).

February 2020 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 Medicare-Medicaid enrollees. 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 February 2020. Between January 2020 and February 2020, the total number of Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in PACE increased from 48,581 to 48,934.

New Resources on the ICRC Website

- [Medicare 101 and 201: Key Issues for States](#) This webinar provides an overview of Medicare program features of interest to state staff working to integrate care for dually eligible beneficiaries. (ICRC/February 2020)
- [Appeals and Grievances: Comparisons of Existing and New Integrated Processes for Individuals Enrolled in Applicable Integrated Plans](#) These flowcharts compare the current Medicare and Medicaid appeal and grievance processes with the new integrated appeal and grievance processes to be used by fully and highly integrated D-SNPs with exclusively aligned enrollment. (ICRC/January 2020)
- [State Options and Considerations for Sharing Medicaid Enrollment and Service Use Information with D-SNPs](#) This technical assistance brief discusses issues and options for states to support D-SNPs in meeting new requirements for the coordination of Medicare and Medicaid benefits. (ICRC/December 2019)
- [Key Questions and Considerations for States Implementing New D-SNP Information-Sharing Requirements](#) This webinar provides an update on new information-sharing requirements for D-SNPs for 2021 and a review of key questions and considerations for states in working with D-SNPs to modify state contracts and develop a state-specific information-sharing approach. (ICRC/December 2019)

Key Upcoming Dates

- **February 29** – Comments due on the draft [Manual for State Payment of Medicare Premiums \(formerly called the "State Buy-in Manual"\)](#).
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- **March 6** – Comments due on the [2021 Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for Medicare Advantage Capitation Rates and Part D Payment Policies](#).
- **March 16** – Parent Organization designation updates from MA Organizations (MAOs) and sponsors due to CMS (instructional memo released in February 2020).
- **April 6** – 2021 Final Announcement of MA Capitation Rates and MA/ Part D Payment Policies released.

ABOUT THE INTEGRATED CARE RESOURCE CENTER

The Integrated Care Resource Center is a national initiative of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to help states improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of care for individuals dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. The state technical assistance activities are coordinated by Mathematica and the Center for Health Care Strategies. For more information, visit www.integratedcareresourcecenter.com.

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