

Integrated Care Updates

CMS Corona Virus (COVID-19) Partner Toolkit and Electronic Mailing List

The Centers Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed a [partner toolkit](#) to help states, health plans, providers, and consumers stay informed on CMS and Department of Health and Human Services materials related to COVID-19.

These tools, and earlier CMS actions in response to the COVID-19 emergency, are all part of ongoing White House Coronavirus Task Force efforts. To keep up with Task Force activities in response to COVID-19, please visit www.coronavirus.gov. For a complete and updated list of CMS actions, guidance, and other information in response to COVID-19, please visit the [Current Emergencies Website](#).

You can sign up and manage your subscription to CMS' electronic mailing list in the bottom right corner of any page on CMS.gov or through [this link](#).

Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) Entries and Departures

In March, ICRC released a [table](#) that lists new and departing Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) by state for calendar year 2020. The resource also provides the number of D-SNP enrollees affected by these market changes. This D-SNP market landscape information can be helpful to states planning and overseeing efforts to integrate Medicare and Medicaid for their dually eligible populations.

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

Need ideas for implementing information sharing requirements with your D-SNPs?

Watch ICRC's recorded webinar on [Key Questions and Considerations for States Implementing D-SNP Information Sharing Requirements](#).

MedPAC March Report to the Congress: Issues Related to Integrated Care

The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) released its March Report to the Congress on March 13. The report includes chapters that may be of interest to states operating or considering programs to improve coordination of Medicare and Medicaid services for dually eligible individuals.

[MedPAC's report](#) focuses primarily on Medicare payment for specific Medicare fee-for-service benefits as well as the Medicare Advantage (MA) managed care program. The report includes several chapters that cover Medicare services that overlap with Medicaid services for dually eligible beneficiaries, and the MA program includes D-SNPs that contract with states for coordination or integration of Medicaid services. States may want to look in particular at the chapters covering the Medicare Advantage program (Chapter 13), skilled nursing facility services (Chapter 8), home health care services (Chapter 9), and hospice services (Chapter 12).

Key 2020 Medicare Dates

ICRC developed a [calendar](#) of key Medicare dates to assist states and health plans in the implementation of integrated programs for people dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid. This includes key Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug plan dates for the year 2020.

March 2020 Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans

Between February and March 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 decreased from 386,331 to 383,925 as shown in ICRC's table [Monthly Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans by Plan and by State, March 2019 to March 2020](#).

March 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 March 2020. Between February 2020 and March 2020, the total number of Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in PACE increased from 48,934 to 49,161.

New Resources on the ICRC Website

- [Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans \(D-SNPs\) Entries and Departures](#): This table lists new and departing D-SNPs by state in 2020. (ICRC/ March 2020)
 - [Key 2020 Medicare Dates Calendar](#): This calendar includes key Medicare dates to assist states and health plans in implementing integrated Medicare and Medicaid programs for dually eligible beneficiaries. (ICRC/ March 2020)
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- [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)

Key Upcoming Dates

- **April 6** – 2021 Final Announcement of MA Capitation Rates and MA/ Part D Payment Policies released.
 - **April 6** – Comments due on the CY2021-CY2022 Medicare Advantage and Part D proposed rule.
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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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