

## Spotlight: New ICRC Tools Help States Identify Dually Eligible Individuals and Aligned Enrollees

ICRC has released two new resources to help states identify both individuals who are (or who will soon be) dually eligible and dually eligible individuals who are enrolled in Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) and Medicaid managed care plans owned by the same parent company (“affiliated” plans).

The technical assistance tool [Using Medicare Modernization Act \(MMA\) Files to Identify Dually Eligible Individuals](#) explains how states can identify Medicaid enrollees who are currently dually eligible, as well as Medicaid enrollees who will become dually eligible in the next three months (known as “prospective” dually eligible individuals) through the MMA file exchange process that states are required to complete with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on at least a monthly basis.

A related tool, [State Guide to Identifying Aligned Enrollees: How to Find Medicare Plan Enrollment for Dually Eligible Individuals in Medicaid Managed Care Plans](#), explains how states can identify aligned and unaligned enrollees within their dually eligible populations by either: (1) accessing CMS data on Medicare plan enrollment and matching it with Medicaid plan enrollment data; or (2) collecting aligned enrollment data directly from D-SNPs. States can advance integrated care for dually eligible individuals by promoting aligned enrollment in D-SNPs and Medicaid managed care plans owned by the same parent company (“affiliated” plans). Dually eligible individuals who receive Medicare and Medicaid coverage from affiliated plans can benefit from improved integration of benefits and care coordination.

In order to promote aligned enrollment and facilitate coordination for unaligned enrollees, states need to know *where* dually eligible individuals are enrolled for their Medicare and Medicaid coverage. States that identify aligned (and unaligned) dually eligible enrollees can share that information with Medicare and/or Medicaid health plans to promote care coordination for members of these plans. In addition, ICRC each year asks states with integrated care programs to share information about aligned enrollment with CMS’ Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO), and states may wish to share this data with state legislators or other stakeholders as well.

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