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## ABOUT THE INTEGRATED CARE RESOURCE CENTER

The Integrated Care Resource Center (ICRC) is a national initiative of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to help states improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees.

The state technical assistance activities are coordinated by Mathematica Policy Research and the Center for Health Care Strategies. For more information, visit the [ICRC website](#).

## Integrated Care Updates

### Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) News

**PACE Programs Are Now Included in the Plan Finder.** For the first time, Medicare beneficiaries using the [PlanFinder](#) tool on Medicare.gov to identify the choices in their area will be able to see if PACE organizations are offered.

**Changes in the Enrollment Process for New PACE Organizations.** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a Health Plan Management System (HPMS) email on September 25, 2015 announcing that new PACE organizations (POs) can begin accepting enrollments more quickly after their program agreements are signed. In the past, the earliest a PO could accept enrollments was two months into the future (specifically, the first day of the month after the month the contract was executed). With this HPMS email, CMS announced that POs whose contracts are executed by the mid-month MARx enrollment systems cutoff (typically the 20th of the month) could enroll individuals for the first of the following month. States may want to assess their systems' ability to accept enrollments in this earlier timeframe.

**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. A new ICRC resource, [PACE Enrollment by State and by Organization, September 2015](#), shows that there are currently 117 PACE organizations operating in 32 states enrolling a total of 33,003 individuals. States most active in PACE are: Pennsylvania (4,976 enrollees in 19 organizations); New York (4,858 enrollees in nine organizations); and California (4,354 enrollees in 11 organizations).

**Related Resources.** Both the [ICRC website](#) and [Medicaid.gov](#) have PACE resources for states.

### October 22 Information Session on Promoting Community Integration in Long-term Services and Supports Programs

On October 22, 2015 from 2:00-3:00pm ET, CMS's Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) will hold an information session for state Medicaid agencies to learn more about the types of technical support available as part of its Community Integration Long-term Services and Supports program area. IAP provides states with targeted program support, tools, and technical resources related to: (1) substance use disorders; (2) Medicaid beneficiaries with complex needs and high costs; (3) community integration long-term services and supports; (4) and physical/mental health integration. Please [register](#) in advance for this Information Session.

## September 2015 Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans

Between August and September, total Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) enrollment in the nine states (CA, IL, MA, MI, NY, OH, SC, TX, and VA) currently implementing capitated model financial alignment demonstrations rose from 389,629 to 397,165. As shown in ICRC's technical assistance tool [Monthly Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans by Plan and by State, September 2014 to September 2015](#), most of this increase comes from Michigan, which saw a 24 percent rise in enrollment – from 38,850 in August to 48,108 in September.

## New Resources on the ICRC Website

- [Engaging Providers in Integrated Care Programs for Medicare-Medicaid Enrollees: Tips for States](#) (Integrated Care Resource Center/October 2015) This brief offers tips to states on engaging a range of providers who serve Medicare-Medicaid enrollees in managed care systems and provides examples of approaches employed by states that have already launched integrated care programs.
- [Financial Alignment Initiative for Beneficiaries Dually Eligible for Medicaid and Medicare](#) (MACPAC/September 2015) This issue brief and the accompanying fact sheets for each state describe the design of the Financial Alignment Initiative and compare key provisions of the 10 capitated model demonstrations.
- [Coordination of Medicare and Medicaid Behavioral Health Benefits](#) (Integrated Care Resource Center/August 2015) This *Working with Medicare* webinar provides an overview of Medicare and Medicaid behavioral health benefits for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees and opportunities to improve coordination in integrated care programs. [Recording](#)

## News and Key Upcoming Dates

Recent Integrated Care News	
<b>Mid-September</b>	CMS executed 2016 Medicare Advantage and PDP contracts with plans.
<b>October 1</b>	Medicare Advantage, Medicare Part D, and MMP marketing began for CY 2016.
<b>October 8</b>	Star Ratings for Medicare Advantage and Part D plans released.
Key Upcoming Dates	
<b>Mid-October</b>	CMS releases Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) for new contracts or contract extension for the 2nd CY after their release.
<b>October 15-December 7</b>	Annual Coordinated Election Period, Medicare-only beneficiaries can enroll in Medicare Advantage or Medicare Part D plans (Medicare-Medicaid beneficiaries have a year-round special election period (SEP)).