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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

### **CMS Issues Medicaid Capitation Rate Guidance for PACE**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued [new guidance](#) for states to assist them in setting Medicaid capitation rates under Programs of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

The focus of the guidance is on the supporting documentation that states should submit to their CMS regional office for review and approval of a state's proposed PACE rates. In accordance with 42 CFR 460.182, the rates must: (1) be less than the amounts that would have been paid under the Medicaid state plan if the beneficiaries were not enrolled in PACE; (2) take into account the frailty of PACE participants; and (3) be a fixed amount regardless of changes in a participant's health status during the rate year.

### **December 2015 Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans**

Between November and December, total MMP enrollment in the nine states (CA, IL, MA, MI, NY, OH, SC, TX, and VA) currently implementing capitated model financial alignment demonstrations decreased slightly from 378,640 to 371,358 as shown in ICRC's table [Monthly Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans by Plan and by State, December 2014 to December 2015](#).

### **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](#), there were a total of 34,038 PACE individuals enrolled in the 117 PACE organizations in December 2015, operating in 32 states. Enrollment rose approximately three percent since September 2015.

## New Resources on the ICRC Website

- [Training Enrollment Broker Call Center Staff: Tips for States Implementing Capitated Financial Alignment Demonstrations](#) (Integrated Care Resource Center/December 2015) This tool describes the key areas of information that demonstration enrollment brokers' customer service representatives should master to improve the quality of decision-support services for beneficiaries who are being passively enrolled in a Medicare-Medicaid Plan.
- [Provider Engagement and Incentives in Care Management](#) (Integrated Care Resource Center/December 2015) This presentation features promising practices for information sharing and building relationships between providers, plans, and the state of Minnesota to optimize care management.
- [Medicare Chronic Care Management Services Payment: Implications for States Serving Dually Eligible Individuals](#) (Integrated Care Resource Center/November

2015) This brief identifies opportunities for states and their contracting plans that serve Medicare-Medicaid enrollees to better align Medicare and Medicaid coverage of care management using Medicare's new chronic care management payment.

- [Update on State Contracting with D-SNPs](#) (Integrated Care Resource Center/ November 2015) This *Working with Medicare* webinar provides an update on the current status of state contracting with Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) and explores strategies that states can use to further Medicare-Medicaid integration on a D-SNP-based platform.

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## News and Key Upcoming Dates

Key Upcoming Dates	
<b>January 1</b>	Contract year starts and enrollment effective date. Also, LIS Medicare Part D reassignment for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees, or movement of Medicare beneficiaries from their current Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) or terminating Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug Plan (MA-PD) to another PDP.
<b>January 12</b>	MA application forms for calendar year 2017 released.
<b>February 17</b>	MA applications for CY 2017 due to CMS.