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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 Update

### 2018 Medicare Advantage Star Ratings Released

The Medicare Advantage (MA) star ratings for calendar year 2018 are now available. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) publishes the star ratings each year to help beneficiaries find the best plan for them and to determine MA quality bonus payments to plans. States can use the ratings to help assess the plans operating in their state, especially Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) with which they may have contracts to provide services to Medicaid beneficiaries. In reviewing the ratings, note that:

- The lowest-ranking plans receive one star, and the highest ranking plans receive five stars.
- Star ratings are assigned at the contract level, not at the individual plan level. A single MA contract may include more than one type of Special Needs Plan (SNP) (i.e., chronic condition, institutional, and/or dual eligible), as well as non-SNP MA plans. A single MA contract may also include plans in more than one state. The star rating assigned to the contract applies to all plans under the contract.

To find star ratings for D-SNPs in your state:

- Find D-SNPs operating in a state, their MA contract number, and current enrollment. CMS publishes monthly [SNP Comprehensive Reports](#) that can be sorted by state, SNP type, and MA contract number and include enrollment numbers for each individual SNP.
- Access the 2018 Star Ratings for MA contracts including SNPs. Once a SNP contract number has been identified in Step 1 above, use the *2018 Report Card Master Table* file within the ZIP file [2018 Part C and D Medicare Star Rating Data](#) to find details on the D-SNP's star ratings. The "Summary Rating" tab shows summary ratings for Part C, Part D, and overall for each contract. The Master Table also contains a "Low Performing Contracts" tab for contracts that had Part C and/or Part D ratings of 2.5 stars or less from 2016 through 2018. These contracts are assigned a "Low Performing Icon" (LPI) in the star ratings and are subject to termination by CMS. For the first time since the implementation of the LPI, no contracts will receive the LPI for 2018.

Also, see the [Fact Sheet - 2018 Star Ratings](#) for a summary of highlights of MA plan performance and [Star Ratings Technical Notes](#) for more detailed information on how the star ratings are calculated.

### Webinar Materials Available for "Part D PDE Data and the Opioid Epidemic"

On August 30 and September 21, 2017, the State Data Resource Center (SDRC) hosted a webinar entitled, "Part D Prescription Drug Event (PDE) Data and the Opioid Epidemic." The two-part webinar explored how State Medicaid Agencies can utilize Part D PDE data to

combat the opioid epidemic by implementing care coordination and program integrity initiatives.

The webinar documents are posted to [SDRC's website](#), and include:

- [Slides](#)
- August 30 [Recording](#), September 21 [Recording](#)
- [Q&A document](#)
- Medicare-Medicaid Data Integration (MMDI) Use Case tools:
  - [MMDI Use Case: Profiling the Provider Role in Opioid Prescribing Among Dual Eligibles](#)
  - [MMDI Use Case: Profiling Substance Use Disorder and Potential Opioid Misuse Among Dual Eligibles](#)

## November 2017 Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans

Between October and November 2017, total Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) enrollment in the ten states (CA, IL, MA, MI, NY, OH, RI, SC, TX, and VA) currently implementing capitated model Financial Alignment Initiative demonstrations decreased slightly from 408,934 to 408,257 as shown in ICRC's table [Monthly Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans by Plan and by State, November 2016 to November 2017](#).

## November 2017 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](#), in November 2017 there were 124 PACE organizations operating in 31 states. Between October and November 2017, total PACE enrollment increased from 40,379 to 40,607.

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## New Resources on the ICRC Website

- [Value-Based Payment in Nursing Facilities: Options and Lessons for States and Managed Care Plans](#) (Integrated Care Resource Center/November 2017) This brief describes value-based payment approaches currently used in select states and managed care plans, including the quality and performance measures they use, benchmarks or targets for those measures, and incentives that reward facilities. It also describes approaches to designing, administering, and evaluating state programs.
- [Retroactive Enrollment Processing/eRPT for Capitated Model Financial Alignment Demonstrations](#) (Integrated Care Resource Center/October 2017) This webinar describes the retroactive submission process, including how to use CMS' Electronic Retroactive Processing Transmission (eRPT) application to transmit enrollment transactions to the Retroactive Processing Contractor. [Recording](#)

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## News and Key Upcoming Dates

### Recent Integrated Care News

<b>October 13</b>	CMS released Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) for new contracts or contract extension for the 2nd CY after their release.
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<b>November 13</b>	NOIAs due for new Medicare Advantage (MA) or Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) contracts or extensions.
<b>November 20</b>	Comments were due on CMS Innovation Center Request for Information.
<b>Key Upcoming Dates</b>	
<b>October 15 – December 7</b>	Annual Coordinated Election Period, Medicare-only beneficiaries can enroll in MA or Medicare Part D plans (Medicare-Medicaid beneficiaries have a year-round special election period (SEP)).
<b>January 9</b>	CMS posts CY 2019 MA, Part D, and Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) applications.
<b>February 14</b>	MA, Part D, and MMP applications due for CY 2019.