

Integrated Care Updates

New ICRC Resources: Sample Language for State Medicaid Agency Contracts with Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans

To help states develop their State Medicaid Agency Contracts (SMACs), the Integrated Care Resource Center (ICRC) created [four technical assistance tools](#) that provide sample contract language to meet federal requirements and advance state goals regarding care coordination, eligibility and enrollment, data reporting, marketing and enrollee communications, and other Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) activities. As a reminder, states should lead the development of their SMACs to ensure that contract requirements align with the states' goals for advancing integration for their dually eligible populations.

- [Sample SMAC Language – Required Elements for All D-SNPs](#)
- [Sample SMAC Language – Required Elements for Certain D-SNPs](#)
- [Sample SMAC Language – Optional Elements for All D-SNPs](#)
- [Sample SMAC Language – Optional Elements for Certain D-SNPs](#)

Release of MedPAC/MACPAC Data Book

On January 22, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) and the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) jointly released an updated data book entitled [Beneficiaries Dually Eligible for Medicare and Medicaid](#). This data book uses calendar year (CY) 2021 claims and beneficiary survey data to provide details about the national dually eligible population's composition, service use, and spending. It compares characteristics, eligibility and enrollment pathways, spending and service utilization across subgroups of dually eligible individuals, and offers comparisons between dually eligible and non-dually eligible Medicare and Medicaid beneficiary populations.

CHCS Seeks State Participants for Its Medicare Academy

To develop and operate integrated care programs for their dually eligible populations, state Medicaid and partner agency staff must understand Medicare's evolving landscape of policies, regulations, and market activity. However, they often have limited access to Medicare-focused information and training. The [Medicare Academy: Capacity-Building for Advancing Medicare-Medicaid Integration](#), a practical training program led by the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS), is designed to help Medicaid agency staff build the Medicare knowledge needed to successfully advance their integration goals.

CHCS is seeking state applicants for the second cohort of the *Medicare Academy*. This eight-month, multi-state training program will support up to nine Medicaid agency teams, provided at no cost to participants. Medicaid agencies in all states, commonwealths, and territories are eligible to apply. **Applications are due February 14, 2024.**

[Learn more and download the application.](#)

January 2024 Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans, PACE Organizations, and Applicable Integrated Plans

ICRC has developed a new, consolidated format for sharing enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs), Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organizations, and Applicable Integrated Plans (AIPs). The January enrollment data in the new consolidated format is now available on the ICRC website at: [Monthly Integrated Care Exclusively Aligned Enrollment Report: Dually Eligible Individuals Enrolled in MMPs, PACE, and AIPs](#). January's enrollment data includes a new table (Table 1) with total monthly enrollment for all integrated care plans with exclusively aligned enrollment (MMPs, PACE, and AIPs). Between December 2023 and January 2024, total MMP enrollment in the eight states (IL, MA, MI, NY, OH, RI, SC, and TX) with capitated model demonstrations under the Financial Alignment Initiative decreased from 302,869 to 293,842, the total number of Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in PACE decreased from 60,778 to 60,284, and the total AIP enrollment increased from 610,409 to 651,754 for states and 300,640 to 301,581 for Puerto Rico.

New Resources on the ICRC Website

- [Sample Language for State Medicaid Agency Contracts \(SMACs\) with Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans](#) (January 2024): These ICRC tools provides sample contract language for both required and optional SMAC elements in D-SNP SMACs.
- [Improving Quality and Performance in D-SNPs: Monitoring and Oversight Tips for States](#) (November 2023): This webinar describes the Medicare resources available to states to monitor D-SNP performance and provides tips for states on incorporating D-SNPs into Medicaid quality improvement activities

Key Upcoming Dates

- **January 1, 2024–March 31, 2024:** Annual Medicare Advantage (MA) Open Enrollment Period.
- **February 2024:** CMS releases Advance Notice of Methodological Changes for Contract Year (CY) 2025 for MA Capitation Rates and Part C and Part D Payment Policies.
- **February 14, 2024:** CY 2025 Initial and Service Area Expansion Applications for MA and Part D, including D-SNPs, are due to CMS.
- **February 15, 2024:** Model of Care (MOC) renewal submissions for D-SNPs and Institutional Special Needs Plans (I-SNPs) with MOC approvals ending December 31, 2024 are due.

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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