

Two New Evaluation Reports for Financial Alignment Initiative Demonstrations

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted online additional evaluation reports highlighting ongoing operations in two demonstrations under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative (FAI). These include an evaluation report for the [New York Fully Integrated Duals Advantage for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities \(FIDA-IDD\) Demonstration](#), and the second evaluation report for the [Texas Dual Eligible Integrated Care Demonstration Project](#). Key findings include:

- FIDA-IDD is the only FAI demonstration exclusively serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Stakeholders perceived this demonstration's care management model as uniquely comprehensive, providing individuals with a level of control over a wide range of detailed choices impacting their everyday lives. While the evaluation found no demonstration impact on Medicaid costs and an unfavorable one on Medicare costs from 2016-2018, these results should be interpreted with caution given the small share of eligible beneficiaries who enrolled.
- The Texas demonstration had a favorable impact on Medicaid costs from 2015-2018, but no impact on Medicare costs. While the demonstration reduced the probability of skilled nursing facility admissions and any long-stay nursing facility use over this time, results were unfavorable for emergency department visits. Measures of beneficiary experience and participating Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) improved over time, though improvement was uneven across MMPs.

All FAI evaluation reports and select *At A Glance* report summaries are available on CMS' website: <https://innovation.cms.gov/innovation-models/financial-alignment>.

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