

# Integrated Care Updates

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## MedPAC Publishes July 2024 Data Book on Medicare Spending

On July 16, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) released its [July 2024 Data Book on Health Care Spending and the Medicare Program](#), which provides data on Medicare spending, demographics of the Medicare population, beneficiaries' access to care, and Medicare program quality, among other information.

Section 4 (pages 31-38) covers dually eligible individuals and includes information on the percentage of Medicare spending for this population, demographic data, health status, and service use. Within this section, states may wish to review in particular:

- Chart 4-4: *Demographic differences between dual-eligible beneficiaries and non-dual-eligible beneficiaries, 2021*, which includes survey-based data on activities of daily living (ADL) limitations, living arrangements, and education level that are not available from other sources.

Section 9 (pages 125-138) covers Medicare Advantage (MA) and includes:

- Chart 9-5: *MA and cost plan enrollment by state and type of plan, 2024* which shows the percentage of MA-eligible beneficiaries in each state enrolled in different MA plan types (HMO, PPO, PFFS, and Cost).
- Chart 9-6: *MA enrollment patterns, by age, dual eligibility status, and ESRD status, June 2023*.
- Chart 9-8: *Average monthly rebate dollars, by plan type, 2019–2024*, providing data on the recent growth in average monthly rebate dollars, which plans can use to provide supplemental benefits.
- Chart 9-11: *Number of special needs plan enrollees, 2014-2024*.

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## RIC Webinar Materials: Supporting Dental Health Care Coordination for Individuals Dually Eligible for Medicare and Medicaid

On July 15, Resources for Integrated Care (RIC) hosted a webinar on **Supporting Dental Health Care Coordination for Individuals Dually Eligible for Medicare and Medicaid**. This webinar described the dental care needs of dually eligible individuals and highlighted promising practices for health plans and providers to meet those needs. Speakers shared strategies to support benefits and dental service coordination in a complex health care delivery landscape while addressing underlying dental health equity challenges facing the dually eligible population.

The [webinar slides and recording](#) are available on the RIC website.

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

July data on enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs), Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organizations, and Applicable integrated Plans (AIPs) are now available on the ICRC website at:

[Monthly Integrated Care Exclusively Aligned Enrollment Report: Dually Eligible Individuals Enrolled in MMPs, PACE, and AIPs](#). Table 1 in this document shows total monthly enrollment for all integrated care

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plans with exclusively aligned enrollment (MMPs, PACE, and AIPs). Between June and July 2024, total enrollment in integrated care plans with exclusively aligned enrollment held steady at 1.3 million.

## New Resources on the ICRC Website

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- [Success Begins with Selection: Tips on Assessing Bidders' Past Performance for States Procuring Integrated Care Plans](#) (May 2024): This tip sheet is designed to help states that are planning procurements related to their integrated care programs for dually eligible individuals.
- [Working with Medicare: Coordination of Medicare and Medicaid Behavioral Health Benefits](#) (April 2024): This webinar provides an overview of Medicare and Medicaid behavioral health benefits (including mental health and substance use disorder benefits) for dually eligible individuals.
- [Tips for States on Working with Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans to Improve Coordination of Physical and Behavioral Health Services for Dually Eligible Individuals](#) (April 2024): This tip sheet details strategies states can use in their state Medicaid agency contracts (SMACs) with Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) to promote integration and coordination of behavioral health benefits among enrolled dually eligible individuals.
- [D-SNP-Only Contracts: Benefits and Key Steps for States](#) (March 2024): This webinar describes the opportunity for states to require D-SNPs that operate with exclusively aligned enrollment to establish contracts with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) that only include one or more D-SNPs within a state and integrate certain materials for enrollees.

## Key Upcoming Dates

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- **July-August 2024:** CMS releases state-specific marketing guidance for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs).
- **August-September 2024:** Plan preview periods of Part C & D Star Ratings in the Health Plan Management System (HPMS).
- **Mid-August 2024:** CMS sends approval letters to D-SNP look-alikes for transitions and POVER (Plan Submitted Rollover) processes.
- **August 21, 2024:** CMS releases CY2025 contract materials in HPMS for MA and Part D plans (including D-SNPs and MMPs).
- **August 26, 2024:** CMS notifies all D-SNPs of final determinations of integration status and sanctions based on CY2025 SMACs.
- **August 31, 2024:** CY2025 contract execution deadline.

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### 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](http://www.integratedcareresourcecenter.com).

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