

Helping states develop integrated programs for individuals who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid

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## **Integrated Care Updates**

#### CMS Requests Comment on Proposed Screening Instruments for SNPs

On October 28, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced an opportunity for Medicare Advantage special needs plans (SNPs) and other partners to comment on the proposed list of screening instruments available for SNPs to meet the new requirement to include one or more questions on housing stability, food security, and access to transportation in their health risk assessments beginning in contract year 2024.

The 60-day notice for the proposed list of screening instruments (CMS-10825; OMB control number: 0938-TDB) is published at: https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2022-10-28/pdf/2022-23553.pdf.

Please review the draft guidance document available at <a href="https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-quidancelegislationpaperworkreductionactof1995pra-listing/cms-10825">https://www.cms.gov/regulations-and-quidancelegislationpaperworkreductionactof1995pra-listing/cms-10825</a>.

CMS will accept comments in any format submitted electronically or by mail per the instructions in the notice **by December 27. 2022**.

# CMS Issues Final Rule on CY 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule - Medicare Shared Savings Program

On November 1, CMS issued a final rule that includes updates and policy changes for Medicare payments under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS), and other Medicare Part B issues, effective on or after January 1, 2023.

This <u>fact sheet</u> summarizes the major changes to the Shared Savings Program that are included in the CY 2023 PFS final rule. Unless specified otherwise, CMS is finalizing its proposed changes to the Shared Savings Program, including:

- Changes to the program's participation options;
- Quality reporting and performance requirements;
- Financial methodology; and
- Changes to policies within other programmatic areas, including:
  - o the program's beneficiary assignment methodology;
  - o requirements related to marketing material review and beneficiary notifications;
  - o the SNF 3-day rule waiver application; and
  - o data sharing requirements.

November 2022 Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans

Between October and November 2022, total Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) enrollment in the nine states (CA, IL, MA, MI, NY, OH, RI, SC, and TX) with current capitated model demonstrations under the Financial Alignment Initiative decreased from 431,687 to 430,740 as shown in ICRC's table Monthly Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans by Plan and by State, November 2021 to November 2022.

#### **November 2022 Enrollment in PACE Organizations**

Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organizations provide comprehensive medical and social services to frail, community-dwelling individuals age 55 and older, most of whom are dually eligible. As shown in ICRC's table, PACE Total Enrollment by State and by Organization, PACE organizations were operating in 31 states in November 2022. Between October and November 2022, the total number of Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in PACE increased from 55,075 to 55,733.

### New Resources on the ICRC Website

• Alignment of Medicare Savings Program (MSP) Eligibility with the Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy Program (Updated September 2022): This tip sheet details one way a state can improve the MSP eligibility determination process by aligning its MSP eligibility criteria with those used for the Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) program to facilitate the use of LIS eligibility data in determining eligibility for MSPs. Aligning MSP eligibility limits allows states to more easily use the Social Security Administration's LIS "leads" data to automate and/or streamline enrollment into MSP benefits.

## **Key Upcoming Dates**

December 7, 2022- End of the Annual Election Period.

#### ABOUT THE INTEGRATED CARE RESOURCE CENTER

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