

Integrated Care Updates

New CMS Resource Describes Financial Options for People Who Lose State Buy-in for Medicare Premiums

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) recently released a new resource entitled, “Helping Individuals When Medicaid Termination Results in Liability for Medicare Premiums.” This resource describes state buy-in coverage, the effects of losing state buy-in coverage, and specific options for financial relief offered by the Social Security Administration (SSA). The slide deck can be found on the [CMS website](#).

MACPAC Releases New Report on Methodological Approaches for Analyzing Medicaid LTSS Data

The Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) recently released a report on the results of a comparative review of methodological approaches for analyzing Medicaid long-term services and supports (LTSS) data. LTSS covers a wide range of non-medical services and supplements for those who need assistance with daily activities. And while research does exist on use and spending on Medicaid LTSS, there is little research on LTSS demographics. This report focuses on four analytic frameworks:

1. CMS LTSS expenditure and user reports
2. HCBS taxonomy work sponsored by the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
3. DQ Atlas HCBS methodology brief
4. HCBS analyses performed by KFF

This report can be found on the [MACPAC website](#).

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

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

New Resources on the ICRC Website

- [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 SMACs with D-SNPs to promote integration and coordination of behavioral health benefits among enrolled dually eligible individuals.

Key Upcoming Dates

- **September 30, 2024:** Deadline for all MA organizations (including D-SNPs and MMPs) to send the standardized Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) to enrollees. Plans that have Part D cost sharing must also send the LIS rider to enrollees by this date (this is not applicable to MMPs and D-SNPs with no Part D cost sharing).
- **Early October 2024:** Plans submit transactions for approved crosswalk exceptions (in accordance with the guidance provided in the End-of-Year Enrollment and Payment Systems Processing Information HPMS memo).
- **Early-Mid October 2024:** Medicare Advantage and Part D plan Star Ratings released on Medicare.gov.
- **Mid-October 2024:** CMS releases CY2026 Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) for MA organizations wishing to apply for new contracts or service area expansions.
- **October 15, 2024:** Deadline for all MA organizations (including D-SNPs and MMPs) to send the following documents or a notice informing them how to access these materials electronically to current enrollees: Evidence of Coverage (EOC); abridged or comprehensive formularies; and provider/pharmacy directories.
- **October 15, 2024:** Medicare Annual Election Period (AEP) begins. Medicare beneficiaries can enroll in MA or Part D plans for CY2025.

ABOUT THE INTEGRATED CARE RESOURCE CENTER

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