



# UPDATE

*Highlights of federal and state integrated care initiatives, Medicare and Medicaid news, and new ICRC resources*

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## ABOUT THE INTEGRATED CARE RESOURCE CENTER

[The Integrated Care Resource Center \(ICRC\) is a national initiative of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to help states improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees.](#)

[The state technical assistance activities are coordinated by Mathematica Policy Research and the Center for Health Care Strategies. For more information, visit the \[ICRC website\]\(#\).](#)

## Integrated Care Update

### Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office FY 2017 Report to Congress

On June 18, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) provided Congressional leaders with the [Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office FY 2017 Report to Congress](#), as required by statute. This report includes an overview of CMS activities, accomplishments, and ongoing work to improve care for the 11.7 million who are dually eligible for the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The number of dually eligible individuals enrolled in some type of integrated programs rose from about 162,000 in 2011 to nearly 790,000 in 2017. This includes the beneficiaries enrolled in the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative demonstrations, the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), and Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) closely aligned with Medicaid plans.

### MedPAC and MACPAC June 2018 Reports to Congress

On June 15, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) released its [Report to the Congress](#), and the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission (MACPAC) also released its [Report to Congress](#). These reports each contain information of interest to states seeking to better integrate care for dually eligible individuals. Chapter 3 of the MACPAC report examines the growth of Medicaid managed long-term services and supports programs. Chapter 9 of the MedPAC report examines managed care plans for dually eligible beneficiaries and provides an update on the Financial Alignment Initiative demonstrations. It also assesses three potential policies to encourage the development of plans that integrate care for individuals who receive both Medicare and Medicaid. ICRC plans to send a Spotlight email next week that examines the contents of these chapters in more detail.

### Technical Assistance Available on HCBS Rate Development, Electronic Visit Verification Systems

CMS has contracted with Lewis and Ellis and Korn Ferry to offer free technical assistance to state Medicaid agencies on program and regulatory compliance for home- and community-based services rate setting and electronic visit verification. For more information and to make a request visit: [HCBS](#)

[Technical Assistance Request](#). Note that technical assistance requests must have the approval of the state's Medicaid director.

### **June 2018 Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans**

Between May and June 2018, total Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) enrollment in the nine states (CA, IL, MA, MI, NY, OH, RI, SC, and TX) currently implementing capitated model Financial Alignment Initiative demonstrations decreased slightly from 382,071 to 379,620 as shown in ICRC's table [Monthly Enrollment in Medicare-Medicaid Plans by Plan and by State, June 2017 to June 2018](#).

### **June 2018 Enrollment in PACE Organizations**

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, [Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly \(PACE\) Total Enrollment by State and by Organization](#), 124 PACE organizations were operating in 31 states in June 2018. Between May and June 2018, total PACE enrollment increased from 41,917 to 42,151.

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## **New Resources on the ICRC Website**

- [Tips to Improve Medicare-Medicaid Integration Using D-SNPs: Using Medicare Program Audit Reports to Improve Managed Care Organization Oversight](#) (ICRC/June 2018) This tip sheet describes how states can use the results of Medicare program audits to identify performance issues impacting dually eligible beneficiaries' receipt of care coordination, long-term services and supports, durable medical equipment, and other services, and incorporate that information into their audit and oversight activities.
  - [Tips to Improve Medicare-Medicaid Integration Using D-SNPs: Designing an Integrated Summary of Benefits Document](#) (ICRC/June 2018). This tip sheet Describes how states can improve D-SNP member materials by using contractual requirements to ensure that Medicare and Medicaid benefit information for aligned plans is incorporated into a single, streamlined Summary of Benefits document.
  - [Facilitating Access to Medicaid Durable Medical Equipment for Dually Eligible Beneficiaries in the Fee-for-Service System: Three State Approaches](#) (ICRC/June 2018) This brief describes how three states – California, Connecticut, and Illinois -- promote dually eligible beneficiaries' access to durable medical equipment in a fee-for-service environment through the use of provisional prior authorization policies and online lists of DME that Medicare generally does not cover.
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## News and Key Upcoming Dates

Recent Integrated Care News	
<b>June 4</b>	Deadline for plans to submit CY 2019 MA, MA-PD, MMP, and PDP bids; plans deciding not to renew their MA contracts must notify CMS in writing.
<b>June 4</b>	Organizations interested in offering a MA, PDP, or MMP product must submit a PBP that accurately describes the coverage details and cost-sharing for all covered benefits.
<b>June 15</b>	MedPAC and MACPAC reports to Congress released.
Key Upcoming Dates	
<b>July 2</b>	D-SNP applicants must submit State Medicaid Agency Contract (SMAC or "MIPPA contract") to CMS.
<b>July 2</b>	Deadline for D-SNPs requesting to be reviewed as Fully Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (FIDE SNPs) to submit their FIDE SNP matrix to HPMS.
<b>July 16</b>	Due date for applications to the Administration for Community Living's <a href="#">Alzheimer's Disease Programs Initiative (ADPI)</a> .