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Medicare-Medicaid Dual Demonstration Transition

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Today's Discussion

- Overview of the Medicare-Medicaid Dual Demonstration
- CMS' Calendar Year 2023 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule
- HHSC's proposal for transitioning Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) to integrated Dual-Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs)
- Technical Assistance Opportunities
- Next Steps for managed care organizations (MCOs)
- Next Steps for HHSC



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Medicare-Medicaid Dual Demonstration

What

A federal-state partnership aimed at better service coordination, improved quality, and reduced costs

Integrated MMPs are responsible for the full array of Medicare and Medicaid services

Who

Eligible participants are STAR+PLUS members who receive Medicare Part A, B, and D and reside in one of the six demonstration counties



Enrollment is 37,257*

When

Authorized to operate through December 2022, with plans for renewal through December 2023



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CMS' Calendar Year 2023 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule

[Final Rule](#) published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in June 2022:

- Requires states to phase-out their Demonstrations, encouraging them to convert their MMPs to integrated D-SNPs.
- Adds requirements for D-SNPs to enhance Medicare and Medicaid integration.
- Allows states that convert MMPs to integrated D-SNPs to extend Demonstrations through the end of CY 2025.
- Requires states that wish to extend their Demonstrations beyond CY 2023 to submit a preliminary transition plan to CMS by October 1, 2022.



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Transition Plan Elements

HHSC's preliminary transition plan submitted CMS on September 30, 2022, includes plans to:

- ✓ Consider the most appropriate timing to end the demonstration: December 31, 2023, 2024, or 2025
- ✓ Convert its MMPs to integrated D-SNPs
- ✓ Enhance integration requirements in HHSC's contracts with D-SNPs
- ✓ Require MCOs awarded contracts through the STAR+PLUS re-procurement to have a companion D-SNP with aligned Medicare and Medicaid services areas



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Transition Plan Elements (cont.)

- ✓ Continue to offer ombudsman support for impacted dually eligible members
- ✓ Engage stakeholders in the planning of the Demonstration transition
- ✓ Implement a communication plan for members about the benefits of integrated care and the available STAR+PLUS and D-SNP companion plan options for CY 2024; and
- ✓ Select a Demonstration end date that ensures the most seamless transition for members, MCOs, and providers



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Technical Assistance



HHSC has been selected for and will participate in the Center for Health Care Strategies' Medicare Academy: Capacity-Building for Advancing Medicare-Medicaid Integration training program

HHSC is also applying for technical assistance to advance Medicare-Medicaid integration through the Advancing Medicare & Medicaid Integration initiative



Next Steps for MCOs

- ➔ MCOs that do not have an HHSC-contracted D-SNP must have submitted a Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) to CMS for a CY 2024 D-SNP contract by November 11, 2022
- ➔ MCOs with existing HHSC-contracted D-SNPs must apply to CMS for a CY 2024 service area expansion by February 2023, as necessary, to ensure the D-SNP's Medicare service area covers their Medicaid service area
- ➔ MCOs that are also HHSC-contracted MMPs must continue to contract as an MMP through the duration of the Demonstration



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Next Steps for HHSC

- ➔ HHSC will continue to discuss the transition and timeline options with CMS, the MMPs, and other stakeholders
- ➔ HHSC began participation in the Medicare Academy in November 2022
- ➔ HHSC plans to submit the AMMI application in the next few months
- ➔ At least five months prior to the end of the Demonstration, HHSC must submit a detailed phase-out plan to CMS



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