ADVANCING MEDICARE AND MEDICAID INTEGRATION

Integrating care for individuals dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid may reduce fragmentation of services, improve care, and lower overall costs for the two programs.

WHY INTEGRATE CARE FOR DUALLY ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS?

There are 11.4 million dually eligible beneficiaries in the United States

They have complex needs: 53% have 3 or more chronic conditions



Of these 11.4 million individuals, more than 90% receive fragmented care

Their care accounts for a disproportionate 34% of Medicare costs and 33% of Medicaid costs

FEATURES OF EFFECTIVE INTEGRATED CARE PROGRAMS*



Strong partnerships and stakeholder engagement

to set goals and inform program design



Transparency and responsiveness,

through ongoing updates and beneficiary and provider feedback



Comprehensive care delivery

to advance personcentered care and service coordination



Integrated financing and risk-adjustment

to align incentives and account for complex beneficiary needs



Robust oversight and monitoring

to assess program quality, outcomes, and make refinements

FACTORS INFLUENCING STATE INVESTMENT IN INTEGRATED CARE

State-Level Factors



Capacity

Does the state have the staff, Medicare expertise, technology, and partnerships to launch and sustain integrated care?



Environment

Are there related initiatives and market or political factors facilitating development? Are stakeholders supportive?



Rebalancing Incentives

Is there potential to better predict state spending and manage costs while rebalancing toward homeand community-based care?

Federal-Level Factors



Flexibility

Can Medicare work with the state to better align administrative and care management processes?



Permanency

Does Medicare offer states and health plans long-term options to integrate care?



Sustainability

Are there flexible payment approaches and mechanisms to grow/ sustain enrollment?



Financial Incentives

Are there federal options to share in savings if integration lowers Medicare costs overall?





*For more details, read the CHCS brief, Advancing Medicare and Medicaid Integration: Key Program Features and Factors Driving State Investment, available at www.chcs.org.