



Medicare Advantage Policy Basics:

What Medicaid Officials Need to Know About Opportunities for Alignment with Medicare

For state officials actively working with Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) to advance integration, or just beginning to consider how best to contract with D-SNPs, it is essential to understand how the federal Medicare Advantage program works. This training video, ***What Medicaid Officials Need to Know About Opportunities for Alignment with Medicare***, was developed to help Medicaid and partner agency staff understand the key areas of intersection between the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and the impact that conflicting requirements and competing financial incentives have on those eligible for both programs. This training video also highlights how states can improve alignment by developing integrated models that allow for greater coordination, simplicity, and efficiency in care delivery for dually eligible individuals.

Through this training, viewers will become more familiar with:

1. How misalignment across the Medicare and Medicaid programs can impact dually eligible individuals and the care they receive
2. Opportunities to better align Medicare and Medicaid coverage, enrollment, service coordination, appeals, and financing
3. How Medicaid programs can promote alignment by leveraging their D-SNP contracting authority

Why This Matters to States

States advancing integrated care can:

- ✓ Promote coordinated care delivery and improve enrollee experience of care for dually eligible individuals by addressing misalignments between Medicare and Medicaid.
- ✓ Use D-SNP contracting authority to design integrated benefit packages that address conflicting financial incentives and promote service coordination for D-SNP enrollees.
- ✓ Align Medicaid managed care and D-SNP enrollment to create one accountable entity with the financial incentive to deliver comprehensive, coordinated care.

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- Medicare Advantage Supplemental Benefits
- Medicare Advantage Star Rating System