



Medicare Advantage Policy Basics:

What Medicaid Officials Need to Know About Medicare Advantage Supplemental Benefits

For state officials actively working with Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) to advance integration, or those newly examining ways to enhance D-SNP contracts, it is essential to understand how the federal Medicare Advantage program works. This training video, *What Medicaid Officials Need to Know About Medicare Advantage Supplemental Benefits*, was developed to help Medicaid and partner agency staff learn about the different types of Medicare Advantage supplemental benefits and their relevance to Medicare Advantage enrollees, health plans, and state officials. The training video also highlights some of the factors affecting Medicare Advantage plan benefit design, as well as policy and program design opportunities available to states.

Through this training, viewers will become more familiar with:

1. The different types of Medicare Advantage supplemental benefits
2. The relevance of these benefits to state officials, dually eligible individuals, and health plans
3. How these benefits are designed and funded, including factors that may influence what plans offer
4. Opportunities for states to better understand and potentially influence supplemental benefit design

Why This Matters to States

States advancing integrated care can:

- ✓ Partner with D-SNPs to better understand supplemental benefit design and review data on utilization.
- ✓ Crosswalk Medicaid coverage with D-SNP supplemental benefit offerings and monitor to ensure Medicaid is the payer of last resort (when overlaps exist).
- ✓ Develop processes and materials working with D-SNPs and state health insurance assistance program partners to help enrollees understand and access supplemental benefits.
- ✓ Consider opportunities to influence supplemental benefit design, including working with D-SNPs to tailor benefits in ways that meet the unique needs of dually eligible individuals.

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