

Promoting greater Medicare-Medicaid integration in dual-eligible special needs plans

ISSUE: We review Medicare Advantage dual-eligible special needs plans (D-SNPs), a group of specialized health plans that serve beneficiaries who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid.

KEY POINTS: The number of dual eligibles enrolled in D-SNPs has grown steadily but their level of integration with Medicaid is generally low. The growing use of Medicaid managed care for aged and disabled individuals may provide an opportunity to promote greater integration.

ACTION: Commissioners will discuss the material and implications for future analytic work.