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Continuing the Path to Medicare-Medicaid Integration

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Objectives

- Hear about the 10 essential elements for Integrated Care Plans (ICPs) identified through interviews with diverse stakeholders
- Engage panelists to share their views on how to advance ICPs tailored around members' needs
- Consider the types and level of investment required to advance the elements for ICPs

Opening Remarks



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Improving Policy at the Intersection
of Medicare and Medicaid

arnoldventures.org/work/complex-care

Commitment to Supporting Better Care

AV is dedicated to improving care for **low-income older adults** and **people with disabilities** by influencing **federal and state policies** governing the delivery of care to this population.

Our vision for transformation includes policy to:

Increase the degree of

INTEGRATION

between Medicare
and Medicaid



Increase

ENROLLMENT

in integrated coverage



Improve access to a

MIX OF SERVICES

including community options
instead of only institutions



Advancing Medicare-Medicaid Integration

- New funding opportunity developed to help state policymakers **improve care for low-income older adults and people with disabilities**
- **Targeted to states** ready to make meaningful transformations in Medicare-Medicaid integration
- Funding available through Arnold Ventures; initiative coordinated by Center for Healthcare Strategies

Visit <https://medicare-medicaid.org/> to learn more

HMA & Panelists



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Medicare-Medicaid Integration Three Issue Briefs: 2020-2021

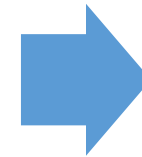
Issue Brief #1 April 2020

*Integrated Model
Enrollment Rates Show
Majority of Medicare-
Medicaid Dual Eligible
Population Not Enrolled*



Issue Brief #2 August 2020

*Reflecting on Progress to
Date and Charting the Path
to Making Integrated
Programs Available to All
Dually Eligible Individuals*



Issue Brief #3 July 2021

*Essential Program
Elements for Integrated
Care Programs for Dually
Eligible Individuals*

Context for Integrated Care Programs and Policy Recommendations

- Most dually eligible individuals must navigate separate Medicare and Medicaid programs that are almost entirely siloed, operating under different policies and processes.
- ICPs are a promising model to provide integrated services and supports to dually eligible individuals to enable them to achieve higher quality of life and preferred outcomes – to live independently and engage in their communities.
- Federal and state policymakers have long been working to expand enrollment in ICPs; however, only 1 in 10 dually eligible individuals are enrolled.
- To increase ICP enrollment and availability, policymakers need to partner with consumers to design programs that meet the diversity of dually eligible individuals' needs and preferences, and address health equity.
- States need federal support to undertake the important and complex work of implementing and overseeing ICPs.
- **Informed by stakeholder interviews, HMA identified 10 essential elements and related state, federal and ICP policy recommendations for establishing and simplifying ICP programs consumers want to enroll in.**

Three Categories of Essential Elements for Integrated Care Programs

CATEGORY 1:

Elements for
Eligibility and
Enrollment into
ICPs



CATEGORY 2:

Elements for
Delivery of Care
and Supports in
ICPs



CATEGORY 3:

Elements to
Support Critical
Consumer Access
in ICPs

Ten Essential Elements

Eligibility and enrollment into ICPs

- ✓ **Element 1.** Simplified Medicare and Medicaid eligibility processes and paperwork
- ✓ **Element 2.** Comprehensive and expert consumer choice counseling and/or enrollment assistance

Delivery of care and supports in ICPs

- ✓ **Element 3.** Diverse consumer engagement to inform tailored delivery systems and integrated programs
- ✓ **Element 4.** Robust data infrastructure to tailor and adapt program approaches and drive health equity
- ✓ **Element 5.** Coordinated efforts to maximize capabilities to address unmet social needs
- ✓ **Element 6.** Single process for assessments and plans of care, and one care team for each consumer
- ✓ **Element 7.** Meaningful and transparent quality measurement to empower consumers and stakeholders
- ✓ **Element 8.** Payment models to incentivize consumer quality of life improvements

Critical consumer access in ICPs

- ✓ **Element 9.** Adequate, engaged, and diverse workforce to support consumer needs and preferences
- ✓ **Element 10.** Access to needed services in rural areas

Panelist Discussion

Question 1. How do we advance the elements to address members' needs?

- Which elements most resonate with you?
- What are your priorities?
- What are the practical and concrete next steps for moving forward?
- What are the actionable strategies?

Question 2. Which elements require the greatest investment?

- What types of investment are needed to advance the elements?
- What level of investment is needed?

HMA Summary

- Summarize Panel Discussion

Audience Q & A

- Take Audience Questions & Answers

Medicare-Medicaid Integration: Essential Program Elements and Policy Recommendations for Integrated Care Programs

- For a succinct overview of the essential elements and policy recommendations, please access the [brief fact sheet](#).
- For a full discussion of the elements and policy recommendations, please access the [full brief](#) by Sarah Barth, Ellen Breslin, Samantha DiPaola, and Narda Ipakchi.
- For the fact sheet and all three briefs: <https://www.healthmanagement.com/knowledge-share/briefs-reports/hma-briefs-on-medicare-medicaid-integration/>

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For Reference

Integrated Care Programs (ICPs): We defined ICPs as financing and care delivery organizing entities or programs that coordinate and integrate Medicare and Medicaid-covered services and supports for dually eligible individuals. They include the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Financial Alignment Initiative (FAI) capitated and fee-for-service models; the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); Medicare Advantage (MA) Fully Integrated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (FIDE SNPs); Medicaid Managed Long-Term Service and Supports Program (MLTSS) managed care organizations and aligned MA dual eligible special needs plans (D-SNPs); and state-specific programs that may be proposed to CMS.

Dually Eligible Individuals: When using the term dually eligible individuals, we are referencing Medicare-Medicaid full benefit dually eligible individuals (FBDEs), those who qualify for full Medicaid benefits.