

Protecting the rights of low income older adults

Memorandum of Understanding for Duals

Washington is one of two states that proposed both capitated and managed FFS

On October 24, the state of Washington signed a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to establish the first managed fee-for-service financial alignment model for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees (dual eligibles).

HealthPathWashington will integrate services and establish "health homes" to integrate health care for dual eligibles in the state. The state plans to focus on about 30,000 beneficiaries in the demonstration.

While each state MOU is different, this memorandum provides some insight as to what advocates may expect from CMS in future managed fee-for-service agreements. In particular, this MOU provides new clarity on CMS' expectations for readiness reviews, customer service representatives, evaluation, and the legal authority of the MOU. It also outlines how savings will be shared with states pursuing the managed fee-for-service model.

With a few exceptions, all dual eligibles who do not reside in the urban counties participating in the capitated model will be passively enrolled into the demonstration on April 1, 2013. They will then have the right to choose whether or not to participate.

NSCLC staff has prepared a summary of the MOU.

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