

**Michigan Department of Community Health  
Integrated Care for Persons Dually Eligible for Medicare and Medicaid**

**MDCH Guidance on Medicare Plan Selection and Qualification Process**

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DCH is aware of the challenges Michigan's health plans are facing in submitting Capitated Financial Alignment Demonstration Applications to CMS by May 24, 2012. As we have reviewed the process that CMS is requiring interested organizations to follow in order to participate in the plan selection process for the integrated care demonstration, we realize that these plans have insufficient information regarding details of the Medicaid component, including specificity on benefits and the proposed regional configuration, to be able to describe a complete model of integrated care. In addition, it is possible that CMS will not fully agree to every aspect of the plan that Michigan has recently submitted.

What is clear is that Michigan will not be implementing the integrated care initiative on January 1, 2013. Following submission of its proposal, the state will be negotiating with CMS for flexibility in the timeline that would apply to Michigan plans. We hope to implement this initiative in the middle of 2013 and, to meet this implementation goal, will seek an alternative schedule specific to Michigan that would allow interested organizations to submit their demonstration applications to CMS in late 2012. If Michigan is unable to negotiate a modified schedule for CMS certification that would apply to all management entities intending to participate as a demonstration plan, implementation will be deferred to January 1, 2014.

Given these facts, we are recommending that interested organizations not attempt to submit an application to CMS by May 24 to participate in Michigan's integrated care demonstration. However, we acknowledge that plans will need to make their own determination as to whether or not to continue with the application process in accordance with federal guidance based on their own business needs. We will continue to inform interested organizations as additional guidance is received from CMS with regard to this matter.

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