

PROGRESS REPORT ON A WAIVER TO IMPLEMENT MANAGED CARE FOR DUAL MEDICARE/MEDICAID ELIGIBLES

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On April 3, 2014, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) received approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), providing authority for the Department to implement its demonstration program to integrate care for people who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid (dual eligibles). In Michigan the demonstration is called MI Health Link. A three-way contract among CMS, MDCH and each of the seven Integrated Care Organizations (ICOs) serves as the final point of authority in governing the demonstration program. This contract was signed by representatives of all parties in October and was finalized in early November 2014.

Readiness reviews were performed by a CMS contractor, CMS staff, and MDCH staff to determine that each of the ICOs is prepared to provide the services and supports required for this comprehensive and all-inclusive Medicare and Medicaid program. Final readiness reports are issued to the ICOs prior to them being able to accept enrollments.

Although waivers are not the authority for the MI Health Link demonstration (the signed MOU and contracts hold this authority), MDCH did seek approval of a 1915 b waiver for authority to use managed care and a 1915 c waiver to provide home and community based services within the demonstration. These waivers were approved on December 22, 2014.

Systems preparedness for MI Health Link entails not only testing state and ICO systems, but also the interconnectivity of these systems with the federal Medicare enrollment system for Part D and the CMS enrollment broker. To ensure enrollment systems preparedness prior to implementation, a decision was made to move voluntary enrollments in the Upper Peninsula and the eight southwest counties (Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St Joseph and Van Buren) participating in the demonstration to March 2015. Passive enrollment was changed to May 2015 for these regions. For Wayne and Macomb counties, voluntary enrollment will begin no sooner than May 2015 and passive enrollment will follow beginning in July 2015.