



DSNP/Duals Update

AHCCCS CONTRACTOR UPDATE MEETING

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Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Duals Alignment

- ❑ **128,263** total Medicare-Medicaid eligible members as of October 1, 2013
- ❑ **53,190** of these members are aligned in one plan for their Medicare and Medicaid services
- ❑ **Over 41% of all Arizona duals!**
- ❑ More members opted out from recent alignment effort than we originally thought, but outcome still successful
- ❑ Will consider another effort to align acute members in February



Medicare Coordination

- Currently nearly all AHCCCS Plans are also Medicare D-SNPs
- AHCCCS is very committed to strategies to improve the system for dual eligible beneficiaries
 - Requiring all plans to offer a D-SNP in all Medicaid service areas
 - Policy effective where AHCCCS will not sign MIPPA contracts with D-SNPs who do not have AHCCCS contract
 - Pursuing alignment opportunities with CMS



Medicare Coordination - Future

- Advocate for D-SNPs as a tool to advance state integration, with enrollment exceptions based on individual state efforts
- Champion for statute/rule changes from CMS to support integration activities
- Flexibility from broader Medicare Advantage
 - Quality measures/Star Rating system
 - Network requirements
 - Notices
 - Application timelines/requirements
 - Marketing





Medicare Coordination - Future

- Administrative efficiencies for health plans
- Alignment of AHCCCS enrollment with Medicare when possible
- Better data – State access to all Medicare/Medicaid data
 - Currently working with CMS to get Medicare Parts A,B and D data
 - Internal workgroup to get batch AHCCCS eligibility data to plans





Support for NAMD Recommendations

- ❑ Permanently reauthorize D-SNPs
- ❑ Uniform definition for ‘integrated D-SNP’ including Medicaid agency role of contracting and oversight
- ❑ Eliminate statutory misalignment in policies and procedures (marketing, enrollment, grievances)
- ❑ Allow MMCO to grant states exceptions to Medicare processes and design D-SNP agreements
- ❑ Create a permanent federal team to address D-SNP issues



Medicare Coordination - Future

- Continue to work with AHCCCS health plans
 - Workgroup meetings

- Remain involved at a local and national level
 - Participation in local/national governmental affairs efforts (health plan association; waiver and rule changes)
 - Collaboration with other states
 - National organizations
 - CMS

