

## DUAL ELIGIBLES MEDICARE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE BIDDING ON THE ACUTE CARE RFP

AHCCCS is currently working with CMS to implement the Capitated Financial Alignment Demonstration <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialModelstoSupportStatesEffortsinCareCoordination.html> to integrate services for AHCCCS beneficiaries who are also enrolled in Medicare, commonly referred to as dual eligible members. AHCCCS has submitted a proposal to CMS <http://www.azahcccs.gov/reporting/legislation/Integration/Duals.aspx> to implement a three-year Demonstration with Medicare enrollment effective January 1, 2014. Organizations should note this Demonstration is pending Federal approval and the Demonstration approach is subject to change until a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) is finalized and approved by CMS.

The Acute Care RFP will outline whether all Acute plans in Maricopa and Pima counties will be required to serve dual eligible members under the Demonstration or as Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans or whether there will be a choice to only serve Medicaid non-dual Acute members. In addition to all requirements of the RFP, plans that serve duals must meet all Medicare Demonstration participation requirements as dictated by CMS and the State. This may include, but is not limited to, approval of a Medicare Demonstration specific application, approval of a formulary consistent with Part D requirements, approval of a medication therapy management program (MTMP), and approval of a unified model of care.

There will be no separate procurement for this Demonstration. To serve dual eligible members, plans must also be serving the AHCCCS Medicaid only population. For the ALTCS dual eligible population, Arizona will use its current ALTCS Contractors. For the Acute dual eligible population, plan selection will be determined through the upcoming Acute & CRS RFP. There will be no separate plans who serve the dual eligible population only, thus to participate in the Duals Demonstration, bidders must bid on the entire Acute Medicaid population in Geographic Service Areas they choose.

If the State and CMS are unable to reach an agreement to implement the Demonstration, Acute plans serving duals will be required to provide Medicare benefits to dual eligible members as a Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP). The plans will be required to implement Medicare business on January 1, 2014.

All organizations planning on responding to the AHCCCS 2013 Acute & CRS RFP must also complete the following:

Submit a Notice of Intent to Apply as a Demonstration plan to CMS no later than November 9, 2012...

- 1) **And in addition**, must:
- 2) Submit a Notice of Intent to Apply as a Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan to CMS no later than November 9, 2012  
<http://www.cms.gov/SpecialNeedsPlans/>

Organizations should submit a non-binding Notice of Intent to Apply as a Demonstration plan and D-SNP in all counties it plans to bid on through the Acute RFP.

Please refer to the timeline for additional CY 2014 Medicare timelines.