Orange County has been selected to participate in a proposed three-year demonstration that aims to improve coordination of medical and social services for low-income seniors and people with disabilities who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal.

Under the proposed demonstration, CalOptima would be responsible for delivering all Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits and services, including medical care, long-term care, and social supports that help dual eligible beneficiaries maintain their health and live at home as long as possible. Consistent with the requirements set in state law, CalOptima showed a robust local stakeholder process and local support for developing an integrated care delivery system.

In its 15 years as a Medi-Cal managed care plan and five years of experience operating a Medicare Advantage plan for dual eligibles, CalOptima has made a demonstrable commitment to improving health outcomes for all beneficiaries, including seniors and people with disabilities. CalOptima’s approach to integrating care across the continuum is reflected across many fronts, including:

- Its 10 years of experience serving as the county Multipurpose Senior Services Program provider.
- Its role as the county’s Aging and Disability Resource Center.
- Its plans to open the county’s first Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) program.

CalOptima will work extensively with federal, state and local agencies to prepare for the demonstration and its launch date of January 2013.

Support for Orange County as a Dual Demonstration Site:

“Since its inception, CalOptima has taken careful and incremental steps to promote integration across the continuum of care. Cal Optima already has in place many of the components that are to be included in the Demonstration Project.”

- Representative Loretta Sanchez, Member of U.S. Congress

“CalOptima has the leadership, experience and commitment to make the Project successful -- both for the State and for the people who will be served.”

- Mallory Vega, President
Orange County Adult Day Services Coalition

CalOptima submitted letters of support from the following entities:
- Area Board XI, Office of the CA State Council of Developmental Disabilities
- Orange County IHSS Public Authority, Aging Services Collaborative, and Adult Day Services Coalition
- Assemblymembers Curt Hagman, Diane Harkey, Allan Mansoor, Tony Mendoza, Chris Norby and Jim Silva
- State Senators Lou Correa and Tom Harman
- Community SeniorServ
- Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez
- Dayle McIntosh Disability Resource Centers
- The Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers
- UC Irvine’s Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect

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Health Plan Applications:
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www.CalDuals.org
www.CalOptima.org

1.. http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/dataandstats/statistics/Documents/20_AVG_Monthly_Dual_Eligible_LTC_Users_by_County_2010.xls