



DHCS Webinar – California’s Pilot Program for Dual Eligibles

California’s Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is developing a pilot program for integrated care for its members who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal. An opportunity for federal funding to support this work was announced in December, and Medi-Cal’s response is due February 1. Through ongoing support from The SCAN Foundation, the Center for Health Care Strategies (CHCS) is offering this 90-minute webinar to give an update on the federal funding opportunity, DHCS plans for pilot development, and the challenges and benefits other states have experienced in developing integrated care for dual eligibles. In addition, a major purpose of the webinar is to gather input from people who are interested in the pilot project.

Date: January 12, 2011, 1-2:30 PM (Pacific)

I. Overview: Duals Integration from the National Perspective

Speaker: Alice Lind, Director, Long-Term Supports and Services, Center for Health Care Strategies
Alice Lind will provide a call overview and will discuss the new federal opportunity designed to help California and other states implement programs that fully align Medicare and Medicaid services and financing.

II. Advancing Integrated Models for Duals: Medi-Cal’s Plans for Pilots

Speaker: Paul Miller, Chief, Long-Term Care Division, California Department of Health Care Services
Paul Miller will give an overview of DHCS’ plans to respond to the new federal funding opportunity in order to design and implement its pilots for integrated care for dual eligibles.

III. Integration in Practice

Speaker: Carolyn Ingram, Senior Vice President, Center for Health Care Strategies
Carolyn Ingram will give an overview of states’ efforts to design and implement integrated care programs, with a specific focus on the New Mexico COLTS program.

A moderated Q&A session will follow each presentation.

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