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Subject: CMS Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office February 2024 Announcements

Updates

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office is pleased to announce the following upcoming webinar:

Enrollee Advisory Committees Through a Health Equity Lens

Date: March 14, 2024

Time: 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm ET

[Click here to register.](#)

Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Enrollee Advisory Committees (EACs) are tasked with working to improve access to covered services, coordination of services, and health equity for underserved populations under the 2023 Medicare Advantage and Part D Final Rule. An effective EAC tackles ways to improve health equity and address social determinants of health (SDOH) to improve health outcomes for dually eligible individuals enrolled in the plan. This conversation will explore promising practices for health plans serving dually eligible individuals (e.g., D-SNPs, Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs)) interested in implementing EACs that promote health equity among enrollees. Our speaker will share information about how such health plans can leverage EACs to integrate person-centered approaches and enhance dual eligible enrollees' care coordination experience. In addition, our speaker will explore strategies rooted in health equity promotion that plans can use to engage EACs. These strategies can help EACs inform plan development of intentional interventions that encourage equitable care and supports for all enrollees.

Featured Speaker:

Pam Burnett, MBA, PMP, CSM, CSSGB, Senior Manager, Health Equity and Quality at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois

Intended Audience:

This conversation is intended for D-SNPs, MMPs, and any other plan or provider organization wishing to better incorporate health equity into enrollee governance practices.

Additional health equity resource reminder:

We also invite you to explore a new resource to help health plans advance health equity -

[Integrated Care in Action Podcast: Strategies for Advancing Health Equity, Part 1](#)

This podcast explores SCAN Health Plan's (SCAN) health equity approach. A not-for-profit Medicare Advantage health plan, SCAN serves more than 285,000 enrollees across California, Nevada, Arizona, and Texas. It also covers more than 48,400 individuals dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, which include dually eligible special needs plan enrollees. Listen to SCAN's former Chief Medical Officer – Dr. Romilla Batra – share insights about SCAN's initiatives to reduce health care disparities and its broader data-driven strategies to advance health equity.