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Nevada Medicaid Solicitation of Public Input Regarding Dual Special Needs Program Procurement

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy is responsible for the [Coordination Only Dual Special Needs Plan \(CO D-SNP\) Program](#). Currently, the Division is developing a request for proposal (RFP) for awarding all CO D-SNP State Medicaid Agency Contracts (SMACs) that would be effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2029. The goal of the procurement is to provide a transparent and fair selection process for contracting with health carriers seeking to offer quality D-SNPs to Nevadans served by the state's Medicaid program who are also enrolled in the federal Medicare program.

This is only a solicitation for public comment; no award will be made because of this solicitation. This is solely for information and planning purposes and does not constitute a request for proposal or an invitation to bid. All responses will be considered public records under state law and may be available upon a public records request made pursuant to the requirements of state law.

Prior to issuing that RFP, the Division seeks public input from potential plans and stakeholders on certain items that may be included in such an RFP. The following items under consideration include, but are not limited to:

1. Addition of federal requirements such as health risk assessments with mandated screening tools, maintenance of an enrollee advisory committee, tracking of beneficiary cost sharing, and identification of providers that serve both Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries in the network provider directory.

Nevada's CO D-SNP SMAC will incorporate all Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) federal requirements. To the extent applicable, the Division seeks input on information and data sharing needs to support CO D-SNP compliance with these requirements.

2. Covered Populations.

Currently, health carriers offering CO D-SNPs must enroll the following dual eligible populations: Full Benefit Dual Eligible (FBDE), Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMBs), and Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Plus (QMB+). The Division seeks input on the scope of dual eligibles that may enroll in the CO D-SNP.

3. Expansion of Service Area.

Currently, all health carriers offering CO D-SNPs in Nevada must make such plans available to eligible Nevadans in Clark and Washoe Counties as authorized per CMS with rural counties as optional service areas. Nevada intends to expand the mandatory service areas for CO D-SNPs statewide over the term of the contract. Bearing in mind various network adequacy standards and CMS' approval of service areas, what factors or options should the Division consider with respect to a phased-in timeframe for achieving a statewide expansion of CO D-SNP operations?

4. Change of Supplemental Benefits.

There are eight core Supplemental Benefits currently offered by CO D-SNPs as outlined [here](#). Are there other supplemental benefits the Division should consider to best serve and enhance member experience as well as to improve access to services?

5. Quality Measures and Reporting.

To enhance the quality of the CO D-SNP program for recipients, Nevada will begin utilizing the Medicare Advantage Star Ratings and Model of Care as a requirement under the SMAC to monitor and track performance of awardees. Throughout the contract period, anytime CMS requires a corrective action plan of a Medicare Advantage organization, a copy of that corrective action plan must be submitted to the Division for review. The Division is seeking input on consideration of these preferred measures. The Division is also seeking feedback on other measures or requirements it should consider as part of the upcoming RFP and SMAC to improve the quality of the CO D-SNP program and access to services.

Written feedback on this notice should be submitted to the Division in writing by 5:00pm Monday June 17, 2024, to ltss@dncfp.nv.gov. There will be no acknowledgement by the Division of receipt of the comments. Acceptance of comments places no obligations of any kind upon the Division. Furthermore, when submitting comments and feedback to this notice, commenters should clearly identify themselves and their affiliation, the item(s) to which their comments are referring. Commenters are not required to address all the items in this notice. The Division may publish feedback received to the Division's internet webpage www.dncfp.nv.gov.

Providing comments in response to this letter will not prohibit interested parties from responding to any future procurements.