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Overview of Nevada's Dual Special Needs Plan Program

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Agenda

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History of Nevada's D-SNP Program

- Began in 2021 as a data coordination
- Started with four plans and by 2024 will have 9 plans with three more plans expressing interest to enter the market.
- Over 94,000 dual recipients in Nevada with D-SNP enrollment of approximately 22,000 recipients.
- Dual eligible categories include Full Benefit Dual Eligible (FBDE), Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) and Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Plus (QMB+)
- Eight services available for eligible D-SNP recipients.



Arnold Venture Grant

- Through an Advancing Medicare and Medicaid Integration initiative, the Division was awarded a grant from the Laura and John Arnold Foundation in November of 2022.
- The focus of the grant is evaluation and improvement of the Nevada's State Medicaid Agency Contract (SMAC) with D-SNP plans.
 - Specifically, future procurement options such as a competitive bid process, enhanced quality metrics and data reporting requirements.
- The goal is improved quality, better service integration such as care coordination, and greater oversight of D-SNP plans.



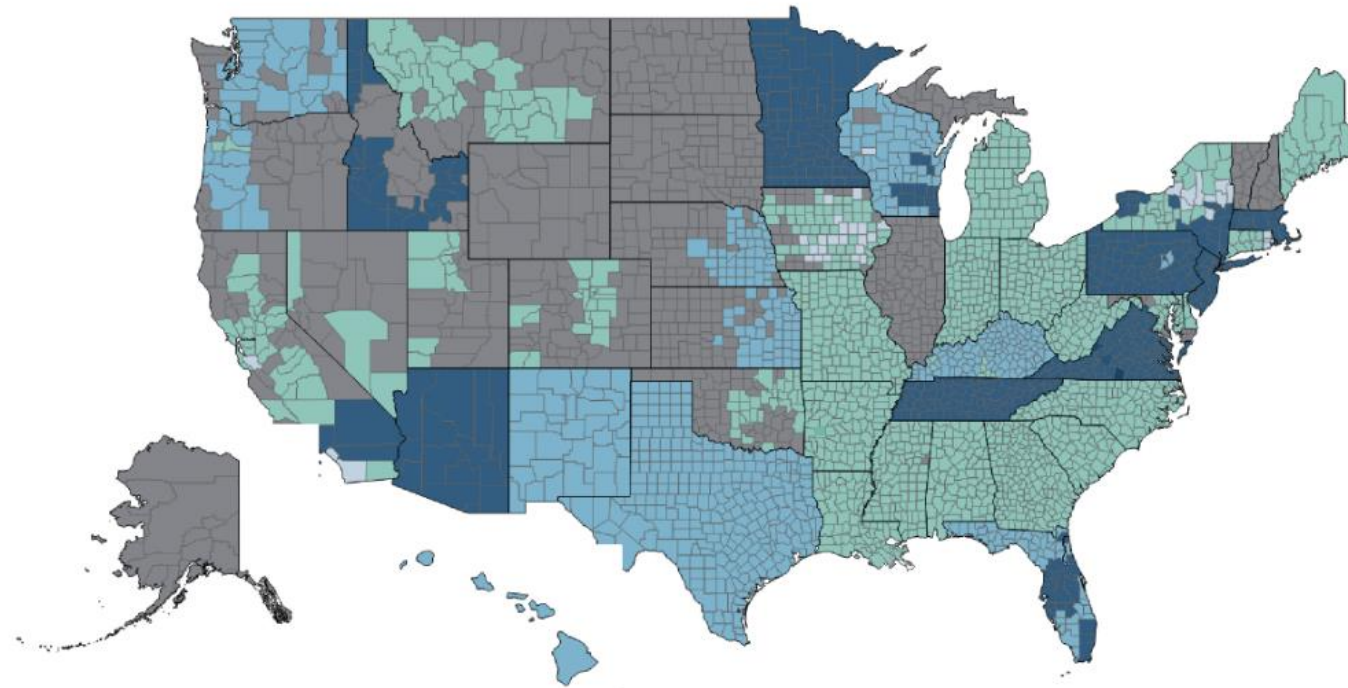
Program Evaluation

- The Division has contracted with Mercer to evaluate Nevada's DSNP.
- Program evaluation activities include:
 - Assessment of the current SMAC and identification of opportunities for contract improvement based on national best practices.
 - Research of different integration models such a Fully Integrated Dual Eligible (FIDE) or Highly Integrated Dual Eligible (HIDE).
 - Identify opportunities to support future efforts by the Division to advance integration of Medicaid and Medicare services for dual eligibles.
 - Final report summarizing findings and policy considerations



Degrees of Integration

Most Integrated Type of Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Available by County, 2021



Notes: The map shows the most integrated type of D-SNP available in each county as of February 2021. Multiple types of D-SNPs may be available in the same county. FIDE SNP is fully integrated dual eligible special needs plan. HIDE SNP is highly integrated dual eligible special needs plan. MLTSS is managed long-term services and supports. D-SNPs are affiliated with MLTSS plans when they are operated by the same parent company. Medicare-Medicaid Plans offered under the Financial Alignment Initiative, not shown on this map, are available in 9 states: California, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Texas.

Source: MACPAC analysis of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Medicare Advantage 2021 bid data and state websites.



Key Findings and Best Practices

1. Aligns enrollment in D-SNP with MMC plan
2. Uses care managers, vendors, and community health workers to engage members in redetermination, monitors Medicaid eligibility, and/or offers deeming periods and retroactive coverage to D-SNP when Medicaid lapses
3. Uses routine information-sharing practices regarding inpatient admissions/readmissions, and emergency department/crisis service use:
 - Innovative information-sharing systems
4. Plans use multiple reporting methods and quality metrics
5. Plans collaborate with community-based organizations, such as Aging and Disability Resource Centers and Centers on Aging, regarding ongoing benefits education and enrollment maintenance
6. Has requirements to support care transitions/coordination, used to support tracking and trending efforts



Tentative Timeline

Late 2023 through 2024

State procurement for new SMAC with estimated notice to awardees late 2024

November 2024 through February 2025

NOIA submission and completed application to CMS

July through August 2025

approved D-SNP SMAC and CMS review

September through December 2025

Potential onboarding and recipient transition

January 1, 2026

New SMAC with awarded plans GO LIVE



Next Steps

- The Division and Mercer will consider stakeholder input when developing final policy considerations and changes to Nevada's D-SNP program.
- Mercer will present findings and considerations for improvements to Nevada's D-SNP program.
- A competitive bid procurement will be developed and released through the State of Nevada Purchasing Division for Plan Year 2026.
- The Division will continue to share updates of the program changes on our website-[Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans \(D-SNP\) \(nv.gov\)](https://www.nv.gov/dhs/dual-eligible-special-needs-plans).



Questions?



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