

## HPMS E-Mail

**Date:** December 4, 2023

**Subject:** TA Opportunity for MMPs, D-SNPs, PACE organizations, provider organizations, and other Medicare Organizations serving dually eligible beneficiaries

**The Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) invites you to participate in the fifth Resources for Integrated Care (RIC) Integrated Care Community of Practice (ICCoP).** This shared learning opportunity for health plan staff will explore strategies health plans may use to promote behavioral health.

**This ICCoP is open to health plans and provider organizations serving dually eligible individuals.** Specifically, health plan care coordinators, care managers, administrators, interdisciplinary care team members, and other staff who are responsible for managing Enrollee Advisory Committees, network adequacy, or otherwise supporting behavioral health needs among dually eligible individuals are encouraged to apply. The ICCoP also welcomes supplemental participation from plan quality leads.

**Selected participants will attend four, 90-minute monthly sessions over a four-month period starting in Spring 2024.** This ICCoP will be comprised of two cohorts, each of which will include staff from 8-12 plans and will be organized and facilitated by [Resources for Integrated Care](#) and Community Catalyst.

ICCoP virtual meetings will feature discussions with subject matter experts and opportunities for participants to discuss challenges brought to the group. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting behavioral and physical health care integration
- Supporting older adults with behavioral health conditions access crisis services
- Depression and chronic disease in older adults
- Prescription pain killers and opioid use disorders with trauma, mental health concerns, and chronic conditions
- Suicide risk and suicide prevention

- Skilled nursing facilities – improving bedside manners, care coordination, and infection management
- Increasing access to behavioral health supports through peer-led services
- Designing services with end users in mind, including strategies for engaging stakeholders in behavioral health service design
- Developing and sustaining community partnerships to support behavioral health
- Caring for the well-being of behavioral health providers and family caregivers
- Applying a cultural humility framework to behavioral health screenings or referrals
- Motivational interviewing
- Health coaching to address psychosocial barriers to treatment plan adherence
- Addressing behavioral health provider shortages (e.g., using telemedicine and staffing to the top of licensures or certifications)
- Supporting members with both behavioral health conditions and intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Assisting dually eligible individuals in navigating Medicare and Medicaid behavioral health and substance use benefits

More information about the ICCoP is available on the FAQ page here:

[\*Click here for FAQs on the Community of Practice\*](#)

The application to participate in the ICCoP is available here:

[\*Click here to Apply\*](#)

We encourage you to consider becoming part of this unique Community of Practice! **The deadline to apply is December 22, 2023.**

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