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Draft Demonstration Proposal for Public Comment and Public Hearings

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS)/MassHealth is developing a new program to integrate Medicare and Medicaid for individuals ages 21-64 who are eligible for both programs (“dual eligibles”). Under a proposed Demonstration with the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), MassHealth and CMS will use combined Medicare and Medicaid funding to contract with integrated care organizations to provide integrated, comprehensive care, including MassHealth and Medicare benefits, plus diversionary behavioral health benefits and additional long term services and supports.

MassHealth’s draft Demonstration Proposal on Integrating Medicare and Medicaid for Dual Eligible Individuals is now available for public comment. We welcome comments from all stakeholders and members of the public with interest in this proposed Demonstration. Comments may be sent to: duals@state.ma.us, or mailed to:

Executive Office of Health and Human Services
Attn: Lisa Wong
One Ashburton Place, Room 1109
Boston, MA 02108

Written comments must be received by 5 PM, January 10, 2012.

[insert link to Draft Demonstration Proposal for Public Comment (Word and PDF)]

MassHealth will hold two public hearings about the proposal on:

- December 16, 2011, 1 PM - 4 PM
Worcester Public Library, Saxe Room
3 Salem Square
Worcester, MA
- January 4, 2012, 10 AM - 1 PM
State Transportation Building, Conference Rooms 2 & 3
10 Park Place
Boston, MA

Please note – this is a change from the previously announced time.

These hearings will provide members of the public an opportunity to give oral comments on the draft Demonstration Proposal. Commenters may also submit written testimony at the public hearings. Reasonable accommodations will be made for participants who need assistance. Please send any request for accommodations to Donna Kymalainen at Donna.Kymalainen@state.ma.us.