

You're Invited

The Massachusetts Medicaid Policy Institute (MMPI), a program of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation, invites you to:

[Dual Eligibles in Massachusetts: A Profile of Health Care Services and Spending for Non-Elderly Adults Enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid](#)

Monday, September 26th, 2011
9:00 - 9:30 AM Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:30 - 11:00 AM Program
Omni Parker House, Kennedy Room
60 School Street
Boston, MA
RSVP by September 21 to: MMPI@mjhcomm.com

At the event, you will hear an overview of the report by creators Ellen Breslin Davison and Tony Dreyfus of BD Group followed by a panel and audience discussion of the policy implications of the data findings.

[This report](#) - released today - was produced in collaboration with the Massachusetts Office of Medicaid ("MassHealth") and is intended to support broad discussion of how to improve the coordination of care for dually eligible non-elderly adults in Massachusetts. With a grant from the Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services, the MassHealth program is currently developing a proposal to integrate the care and financing for people ages 21 to 64 enrolled simultaneously in Medicare and Medicaid in order to support improvement in the coordination, quality and cost-effectiveness of care for this population.

Key findings from the report include:

- Combined Medicare and Medicaid spending for these duals totaled \$2.5 billion in 2008, which translates into an average of \$23,700 per person per year. However, average per person spending masks the wide variation in spending, and, in particular, the concentration of expenditures on high-cost individuals. Approximately six percent of all duals incurred 37 percent of combined Medicaid and Medicare

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spending for duals in Massachusetts, while seventy percent of duals accounted for only 16 percent of combined spending.

- The vast majority of duals live in their communities, not in institutions, with only 3 percent of the population living in either a nursing facility, an intermediate care facility or long term in a chronic or rehabilitation facility.
- Fewer than 20 percent of duals both resided in the community and received a high level of long term support services. On average, duals residing in the community and receiving a high level of long term support services cost roughly half of what duals residing in institutions cost.
- Nearly 60 percent of duals have diagnoses in two or more of three major diagnostic categories (physical, behavioral and developmental).

We hope you will join us on Monday, September 26th.

Space for this event is limited. **Please RSVP to MMPI@mjhcomm.com by September 21, 2011.**

Please let us know of any accommodations that you may need for this event. Requests for accommodations may be sent to

MMPI@mjhcomm.com .

Thank you.

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