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CMS Looking for Comments on Dual Eligible "Alignment Opportunities"

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is seeking comments on and reactions to a list of what the agency is calling "alignment opportunities" between Medicare and Medicaid programs for dual eligibles.

The list consists of 29 items where CMS has identified differences between Medicare and Medicaid standards. The items fit into six categories: coordinated care, fee-for-service, prescription drugs, cost sharing, enrollment, and appeals.

The Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at CMS asked for comments on how the differing standards affect the delivery of high quality care, asking specifically about how to ensure dual eligibles have full access to program benefits; suggested steps to simplify the process; additional alignment opportunities beyond those listed; ways to improve effective care transitions for dual eligibles; and ways to prevent cost shifting between Medicare and Medicaid.

Comments are due July 11, 2011. NSCLC will have draft comments to share in early July. We encourage other advocates to file comments as well.

We would also appreciate hearing from advocates about where you see the Medicare and Medicaid programs bump up against each other in ways that negatively affect beneficiaries.

The Federal Register notice containing the list, 76 Fed. Reg. 28196, can be accessed [here](#).

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