

# INVESTING IN THE FUTURE: A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE BUSINESS FUNCTIONS OF D-SNPS

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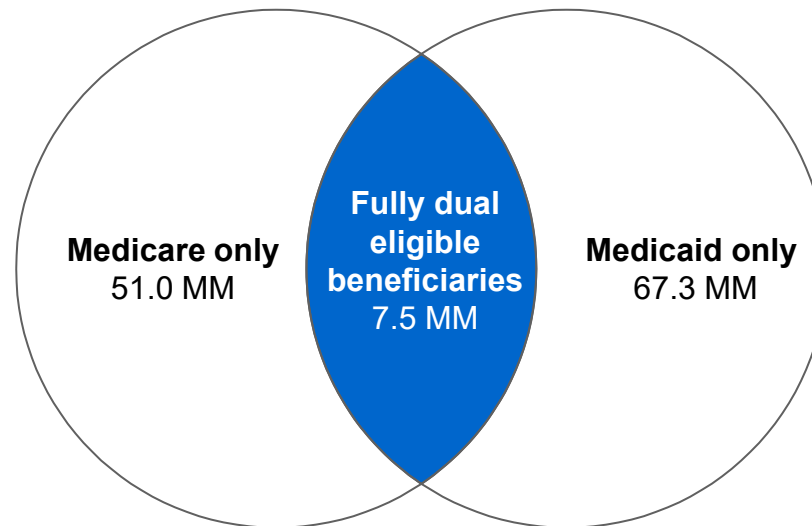
# 1 | National D-SNP Market Overview

## National D-SNP Makeup

There are 7.5 million fully dual eligible beneficiaries, of which 26% are enrolled in D-SNP plans

### Medicaid, Medicare, Duals Overlap National level, 2017

**Total Medicare  
beneficiaries:  
58.5 MM**



**Total Medicaid  
beneficiaries:  
74.8 MM<sup>1</sup>**

## D-SNP Overview (1 of 3)

D-SNPs are a type of MA plan designed to alleviate care coordination issues and administrative complexity inherent in dual-eligible populations

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### **D-SNP Overview**

- A Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) serve the needs of members that are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid
- D-SNPs were created as a way to address the administrative complexities and care coordination issues of having different benefits covered by Medicare or Medicaid

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### **Eligibility**

- Enrollees must meet CMS eligibility requirements for Medicare and state-specific Medicaid requirements
- Beneficiaries receiving both full and partial Medicaid benefits may qualify for D-SNPs
- Some states allow D-SNPs to exclude certain populations (e.g., those under 65); others require D-SNPs to take all dual-eligibles

## D-SNP Overview (2 of 3)

Eligibility and payment models vary by type of D-SNP; both state and federal regulatory considerations must be taken into account

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### Types of D-SNPs

- Traditional D-SNPs include:
  - All-dual D-SNPs: open to beneficiaries enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid.
  - Full-benefit D-SNPs: open only to beneficiaries who receive full Medicaid benefits
  - Medical Zero Cost Sharing D-SNPs: open to beneficiaries who receive partial Medicaid benefits
  - Dual Eligible Subset D-SNPs: approved for subsets of other populations on a case by case basis
- Fully Integrated Dual Eligible (FIDE)-SNPs fully integrate Medicare and Medicaid benefits

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### Regulatory Considerations

- D-SNP operators must meet both CMS and state-specific requirements
- Timelines between CMS and state Medicaid agencies may not always be in alignment

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### **Covered Services**

- D-SNPs must cover all Medicare primary and acute services
- Covered Medicaid benefits are at each state's discretion, however LTSS and behavioral health are generally required to be covered
- D-SNPs must coordinate the delivery of both Medicare and Medicaid services (e.g., by enrolling beneficiaries in Medicaid plans operated by the same company)

### **Payment Models**

- All D-SNPs receive Medicare reimbursement through a capitated payment determined by a CMS formula, as with traditional MA plans
- Medicaid reimbursement depends on the type of plan:
  - Traditional D-SNPs follow a FFS model for Medicaid
  - FIDE-SNPs receive a capitated payment for Medicaid
  - Recent guidance by CMS indicates that all D-SNPs will be required to either coordinate or take risk on basic Medicaid services (LTSS and behavioral health)

All this assumes you can also do the basics well—in a Medicare environment—so you can focus on the specialized elements

### Engage with Members & Providers

- Right sales / outreach model for members
- Right network of providers

### Process transactions accurately and at scale

- Benefit configuration specific to Medicare
- Meet Medicare enrollment and claims specifications
- Pay providers at Medicare's specifications

### Engage with regulators

- Proper filings and reporting for CMS\
- Communication standards
- Compliance activities



## 2 | D-SNP California Market

# D-SNP California Market – An Analysis

CA is **one of ten** states that make up 63% of DSNP enrollment

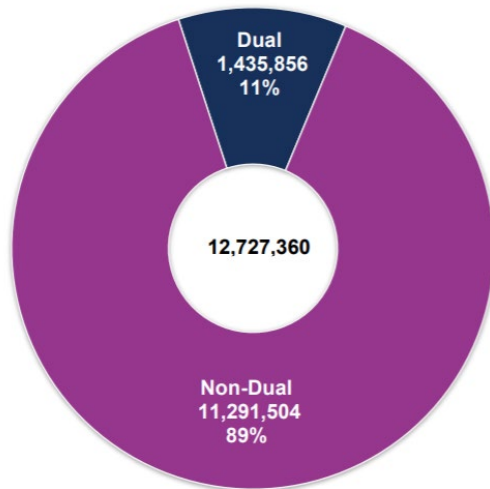
Average health care costs of dual eligible is **\$30,000** per year

**More than HALF** of Duals have cognitive or mental impairments

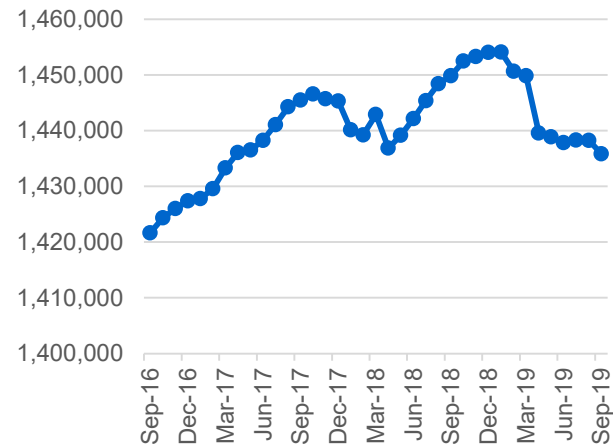
Duals cost **4X MORE** than Medicare only enrollees

**California** has the **largest** dual eligible population at **1.45 million**

**11% of Medi-Cal Enrollment Was Dual Eligible in 2019**



**Medi-Cal Dual Eligible Enrollment (2016-2019)**



**55%** of Dual Eligible members have 3 or more chronic conditions

**10-19%** of dual eligible individuals are enrolled in DSNP in CA currently

**70%** of Dual Eligible populations is age **65+**

### 3 | Capabilities required to successfully operate a D-SNP

# Summary of Additional D-SNP Capabilities

D-SNPs must have the same capabilities as MA plans plus capabilities to manage care for a more complex and challenging population

## Key differences in MA and D-SNP capabilities

	Capability	Considerations
1	<b>Care Management / Coordination</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Robust care team and patient plan are needed to coordinate care across Medicare and Medicaid services</li><li>• Care management must also adapt to the complexities of the duals population (e.g., greater psycho / social needs, more acute health needs)</li></ul>
2	<b>Clinical Model / Social Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In addition to ongoing clinical care, duals need additional services (e.g., non-emergent transport) that a D-SNP must provide</li></ul>
3	<b>Provider Network Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MA networks must be expanded to cover the required services in a D-SNP; not all Providers can / want to manage this population</li></ul>
4	<b>Analytics and Data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The additional services in a D-SNP introduce new types of data to be tracked, analyzed and integrated into a holistic member profile that can be used to coordinate care</li></ul>
5	<b>Quality Programs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SNPs have CMS and state-specific reporting requirements, as well as an additional Stars measure</li></ul>
6	<b>Risk Score Programs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Risk-scoring the duals population typically involves higher touch, more intensive coding with more frequent and deeper assessments of members</li></ul>

# D-SNP Capabilities

## Provider Network Development

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### Consideration

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### Business Process

- Contract Support
  - Credentialing
  - Data Maintenance
  - Network Analytics
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## Tools & Tech

- **BPaaS**
  - Utilizing outside services to make provider contract data-entry a low-cost commodity
- **Integrated Platforms**
  - User friendly interfaces to reduce manual work required for credentialing
- **AI & Automated Workflows**
  - Creating proactive automated cadences for updating provider records
- **Predictive Analytics**
  - Facilitate shared savings goals by monitoring network analytics to obtain a 360 degree view of providers

# Summary of Additional D-SNP Capabilities

## Analytics & Data

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### Consideration

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### Business Process

- Data Analysis
  - Data Warehousing & Big Data
  - Medical Cost Management
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## Tools & Tech

- **Predictive Models**
  - Utilizing disparate data sources to analyze members health and forecast future possible events
- **Data Warehousing & Big Data**
  - On prem and cloud based automated data management systems for improved decision making
- **Medical Cost Management**
  - Analytical systems for uncovering the core cause of medical cost increases and facilitating value based care

# Summary of Additional D-SNP Capabilities

## Quality Programs

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### Consideration

SNPs have CMS and state-specific reporting requirements, as well as an additional Stars measure

### Business Process

- Customer Experience
  - Data Collection & Storage
  - Data Analysis
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## Tools & Tech

- **Quality Metric Tracking**
  - Member-level roadmaps for actionable intervention across the healthcare journey to keep members engaged in their care
- **Analytics Platforms**
  - Analytical assessment systems for identifying health cost drivers, forecasting future costs and calculating ROI for wellness programs

# Summary of Additional D-SNP Capabilities

## Risk Score Programs

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### Consideration

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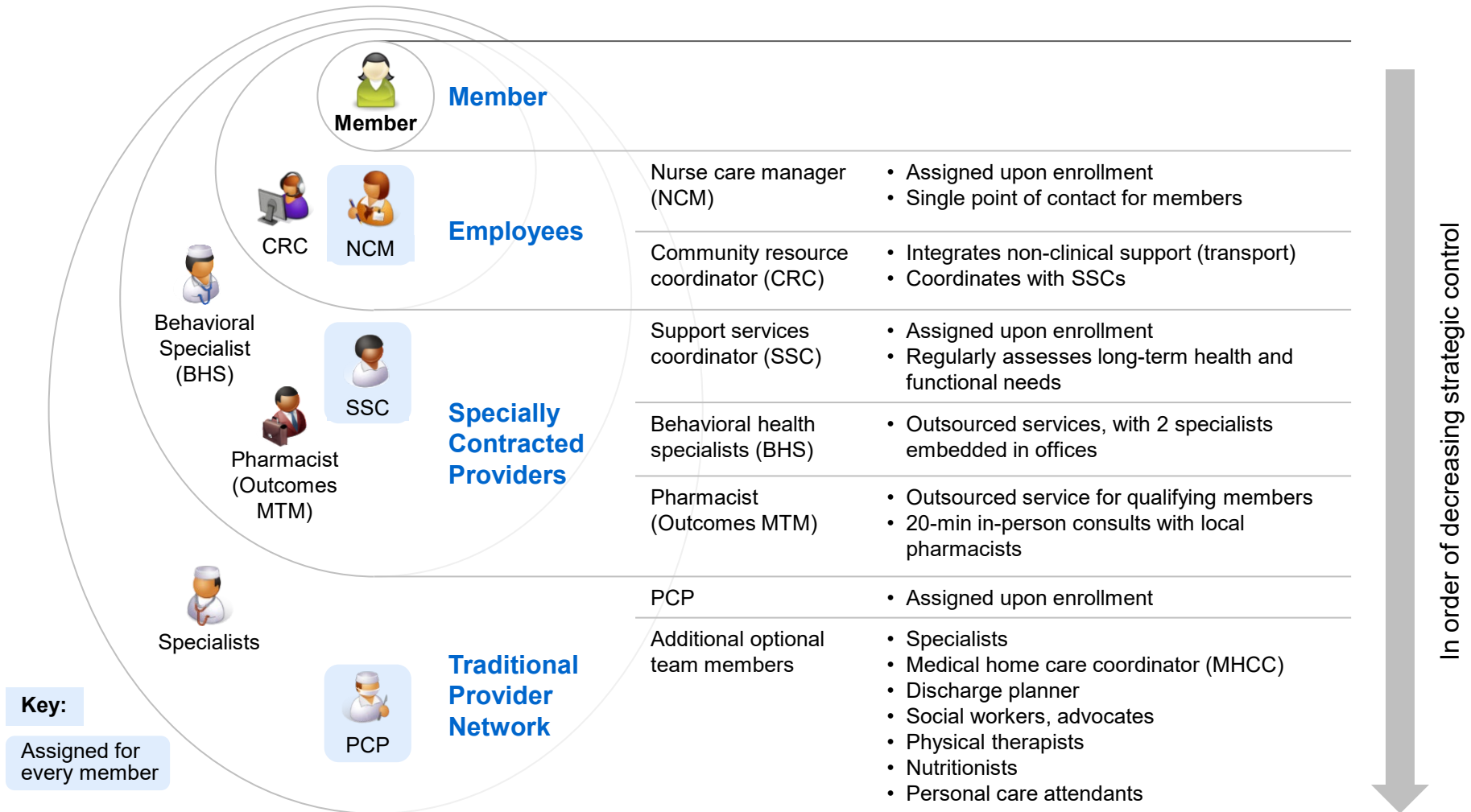
### Tools & Tech

- **Predictive Models**
  - Utilizing disparate data sources to define social determinants of health and forecast future possible events for members
- **Engagement Platforms & Applications**
  - Driving member engagement and data collection through the use of wearables, messaging services, and educational resources







# Example Care Model

Reminder: The duals care model utilizes a core team that coordinates across a broader suite of provider services than MA



## Example Care Model

Each care team member carries a unique role in managing the duals population and engaging with the broader provider network

Team Member	Key Characteristics	Key Activities / Processes
<b>Nurse care managers (NCMs)</b>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~120:1 staffing ratio on average</li> <li>• Assigned to each member with more attention for acute patients</li> <li>• RNs hired from home health / ambulatory companies</li> <li>• Home and phone communication</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Care coordination, not delivery</li> <li>• 24/7 availability to providers</li> <li>• Develop Integrated Care Plans (ICPs) – approved by PCP</li> <li>• Conduct regular assessments of members</li> </ul>
<b>Community resource coordinators (CRCs)</b>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ~325:1 staffing ratio on average</li> <li>• Not assigned to each member</li> <li>• Hired from community                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cultural fit</li> <li>- Multilingual</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Phone communication</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate appointments and re-assessments (likely for members with cultural and linguistic needs)</li> <li>• Coordinate with SSCs to provide community resources</li> </ul>
<b>Support Services Coordinator (SSC)</b>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State employees</li> <li>• Assigned to each member</li> <li>• Employed by community- or state-owned centers where possible</li> <li>• Similar skills to CRCs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support NCMs and CRCs</li> <li>• Make home visits every 6 months</li> </ul>
<b>PCPs</b>  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-plan employees</li> <li>• NCQA-credentialed</li> <li>• Contracted under FFS or value-based arrangements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve ICPs developed by NCMs</li> <li>• Conduct initial risk assessment upon enrollment</li> </ul>

## Additional Services Required

Reminder: The duals care model requires different services than MA, and in some cases more intense versions of some existing services

### Additional Services for Most Vulnerable Beneficiaries (Non-Exhaustive)

<b>Adult day health</b>	<b>Environmental accessibility adaptations</b>
<b>Adult foster care</b>	<b>Home health aide services</b>
<b>Adult group care</b>	<b>Homemaker services</b>
<b>Chore services</b>	<b>Institutional Long-term Care</b>
<b>Community-based home care services</b>	<b>Non-emergency transportation</b>
<b>Companion services</b>	<b>Personal Care Attendee (PCA) services</b>
<b>Companion respite care</b>	<b>Personal care homemaker services</b>
<b>Day habilitation</b>	<b>Social day care</b>
<b>Dementia day care</b>	<b>Vision, Dental, and Hearing Services</b>

The following slides provide additional detail on highlighted services above

## Additional Providers Required

In order to cover required services for D-SNP members, MA provider networks have to be significantly expanded

Services and providers required to be covered by D-SNPs (in addition to PCPs / specialists / hospitals)



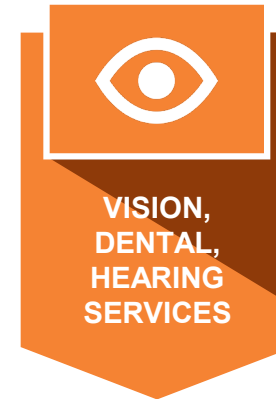
- Facilities providing long-term services and supports (e.g. nursing homes)
- Long-term private-duty nursing



- Skilled nurses in home / community
- OT / PT / ST
- Chore services
- Respite care
- Meal delivery
- Personal care assistants



- Senior centers
- Adult daycares
- Community meal sites
- Adult foster care



- Ophthalmologists
- Dentists
- Audiologists



- Community vans
- Public transport (buses, trains)
- Uber/Lyft
- Transportation broker / taxi service coordinator


In addition D-SNP plans require expanded networks for certain services (e.g., behavioral health, substance abuse, etc.)

1. Includes services covered in the Michigan demonstration  
Source: MDHHS, KFF

## Data and Analytics Capabilities Required

Crucial to managing the D-SNP population is gathering data from additional sources and integrating them into a holistic profile of each member

### Member data collected on D-SNP population (non-exhaustive)

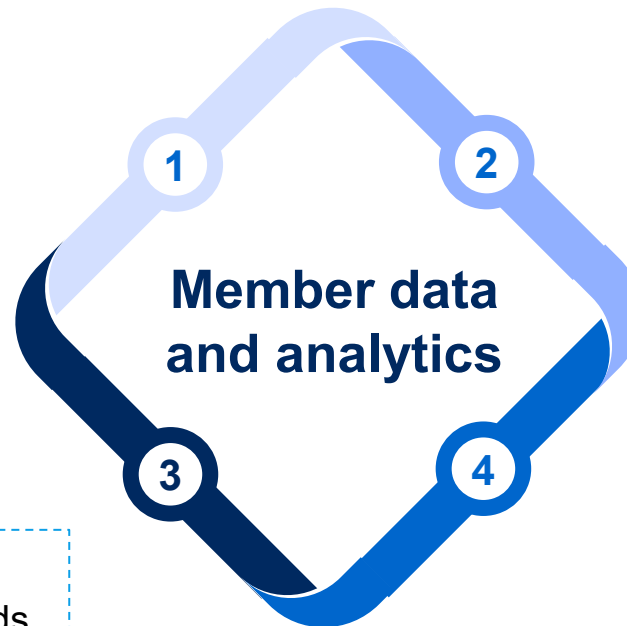
 Increased importance in D-SNP compared to MA

#### Medical

- Medical records (IP, OP, and professional)
- Lab results
- Family health history
- Medical records (LTSS)
- Vision and dental records

#### Behavioral

- Mental health history
- Cognitive disability record
- Inpatient mental health records
- Substance abuse / rehab history



#### Pharmacy

- Prescription drug history and current medications
- Proximity and access to pharmacy
- Medication allergies
- Abnormal prescription use

#### Social

- Socioeconomic status
- Education
- Family / home situation
- Level of transportation access
- Preferences, interests, goals

Diverse data can also help to segment the population, which can be used to create more tailored health plans

## 4 | Case Study

## Multi-state health plan operating Medicare programs:

Seeing the opportunity to “white label” its high quality MA program, this plan needed to create the model to support scale and quality

### *Business Need*

- As part of a major program expansion, implement a new core platform tailored to Medicare Advantage
- Operate the transactional business at scale in an affordable manner
- Build a best-in-class MA program on this foundation
- Diversified health plan Medicare Advantage services for other payors

### *Solution*

- Selected (and later purchased) a platform tailored for Medicare Advantage
- Engaged a delivery partner to create the “invisible operations engine”
- Created a centralized quality team that focused on MA (and later D-SNP) program outcomes
- Provided end-to-end Government Business operational services

### *Outcomes*


- Revenue enhanced by more accurate risk scores
- Enrollment growth of more than 50% moving the plan into the top 10 nationally
- Billing and enrollment direct costs reduced by 60%
- Claims administration costs reduced by 45%
- Financial accuracy exceeded by 99%
- Enrollment and disenrollment notices mailed within CMS guidelines greater than 99%
- Consistent 4 Star performance

## 5 | D-SNP illustrative financials



# D-SNP Profit Levers

Typically D-SNP plans can pull the following levers to improve profitability



<b>Profit lever</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>MA capitation rates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Baseline capitation rates set by CMS each year and vary by county</li><li>• Plans select counties to operate in</li></ul>
<b>Medicaid capitation rates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medicaid capitation rates largely dependent on state budgets and various analyses done by states</li></ul>
<b>Risk scores</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased risk scores lead to higher MA reimbursement from CMS</li><li>• Risk scores can be increase through prospective and/or retrospective assessment and/or member engagement</li><li>• Duals generally require prospective given higher average level of acuity</li></ul>
<b>Medical management and care model savings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medical management savings improve MLR; allows for reinvestment in benefits to attract new members</li><li>• Relies on identifying high-risk / cost members to be managed</li></ul>
<b>Stars quality bonus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4+ Stars score leads to 5% higher baseline capitation payment</li><li>• Opportunity to improve Stars scores via provider engagement (e.g., financial incentives for closure of gaps in care)</li></ul>

# Illustrative D-SNP Financials

D-SNP plans typically offset losses in MA with strong management of Medicaid services

## High level P&L for an illustrative integrated D-SNP (65+ only)

	MA	Medicaid	TOTAL
PMPM revenue (capitation)	\$1,523	\$1,997	\$3,520
PMPM medical cost	\$1,343	\$1,460	\$2,803
<i>MLR</i>	88.1%	73.1%	79.6%
PMPM administrative cost <sup>1</sup>	\$222	\$222	\$444
<i>ALR</i>	14.6%	11.1%	12.6%
<b>Total PMPM profit</b>	<b>(\$42)</b>	\$315	\$273
<b>% margin</b>	<b>(2.8%)</b>	15.8%	7.8%

### Assumptions

- 4-star integrated D-SNP plan with Part C risk score of 1.40
- Profitability achieved by offsetting MA losses with Medicaid profits
- Integrated D-SNP receives capitation for both MA and Medicaid
- In a traditional D-SNP, no P&L for Medicaid (Medicaid services covered on FFS basis by state)
- 65+ only plan; D-SNPs that cover members under 65 typically have less favorable financials

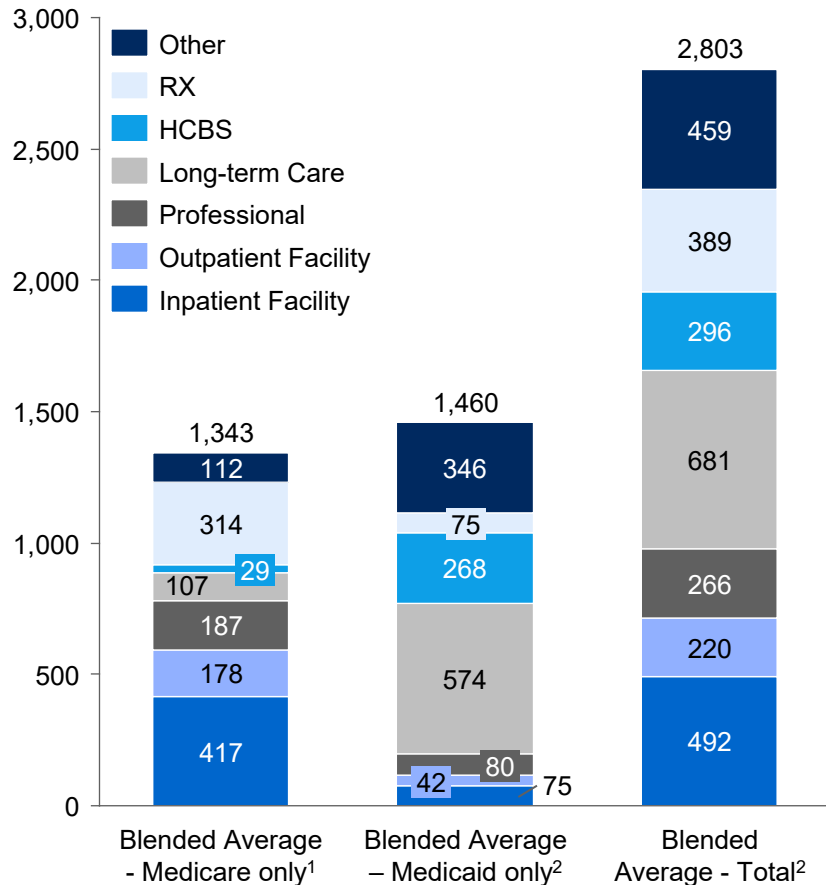
1. Admin cost of \$444 PMPM split evenly across MA and Medicaid for illustrative purposes

# Illustrative D-SNP Financials

Medicaid reimbursement for D-SNPs raises revenue, but also dramatically increases spend, requiring careful medical cost management

## D-SNP Cost of Care – Medicare spend vs. total spend (\$PMPM)

Example Plan Claims Data, Rx added



- While the majority of reimbursement for a D-SNP comes from Medicaid, these services also make up the majority of the cost of care
- In this plan, Medicaid costs are 109% of the Medicare costs, even after successful cost management below the state benchmark
- Failure to manage total cost of care can break a plan’s profitability

1. Other includes ED, Labs and all other services 2. Other includes senior services and all other services

## Final Thoughts

Consider your plan's capabilities and develop a multi-year plan for launching a D-SNP plan - treating the holistic profile of each member is critical to success



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