



# Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) Transition Planning

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# Meeting Objectives

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1. **Inform: New federal requirements regarding future of the MMP** (Neighborhood Integrity)
2. **Describe Rhode Island's opportunity** to transition the MMP to a new, type of integrated Medicaid and Medicare plan referred to as a D-SNP, similar to the current MMP
3. **Outline next steps** and opportunities for stakeholder input
4. **Hear** your questions and anticipated challenges

*Note that we will be recording today's meeting. We will be using the recording as a reference for compiling notes to ensure we have not missed any feedback provided.*

# Agenda

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## Part 1: Background

- EOHHS Vision, Mission, Core Values and Priorities
- Impacted Population: Rhode Island Duals
- Carrying Forward Successes From The MMP Into The Future

## Part 2: The End of MMP & Transition Plans

- New Federal Requirements & the End of the MMP Demonstration
- Rhode Island's Goal and Next Steps
- Rhode Island's Vision & Goals for the MMP Transition
- Rhode Island's Strategy for the MMP Transition

## Part 3: Next Steps

- Next Steps for Stakeholder Engagement
- Questions & Considerations

# Vision and Mission

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## OUR VISION

- **Resilient, equitable, and just communities nurturing the health, safety, wellbeing, and independence of all Rhode Islanders.**

## OUR MISSION

- **To foster and strengthen a community-driven, equitable, comprehensive, responsive, and high-quality health and human services system in Rhode Island.**

# Core Values

## VOICE



### Consumer, Provider, and Community Voice

- Ensure that the voices of our communities are heard and respected without assuming we know what is best.
- Intentionally involve community members in programs and policies from the onset and purposefully ask “what is needed?” throughout the process.
- Create a new balance of power by committing to transparency, accountability, and partnerships.

## CHOICE



### Responsive to the Uniqueness of Every Individual

- The needs and aspirations of individuals, families, and community are heard, valued, and respected.
- The whole person, the family unit, and the community in which they live are recognized.
- Policies and systems have options that allow people to exercise choice and make healthy decisions.

## EQUITY



### Achieving Equity for All

- Ensuring that all Rhode Islanders have the resources and opportunity to achieve their full potential.
- Meeting the needs of all people regardless of gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race/ethnicity, age, and disability status.
- Asking “what role, if any, is race, racial discrimination, and social injustice playing in our decision making?”

# Health and Human Service Priorities

## **PRIORITY 1:**

**Focus on the root causes and the socioeconomic and environmental determinants of health that ensure individuals can achieve their full potential.**

## **PRIORITY 2:**

**Promote continuums of care that deliver efficient, effective, and equitable services across the life course.**

## **PRIORITY 3:**

**Address addiction, improve the behavioral health system, and combat stigma, bias, and discrimination.**

## **PRIORITY 4:**

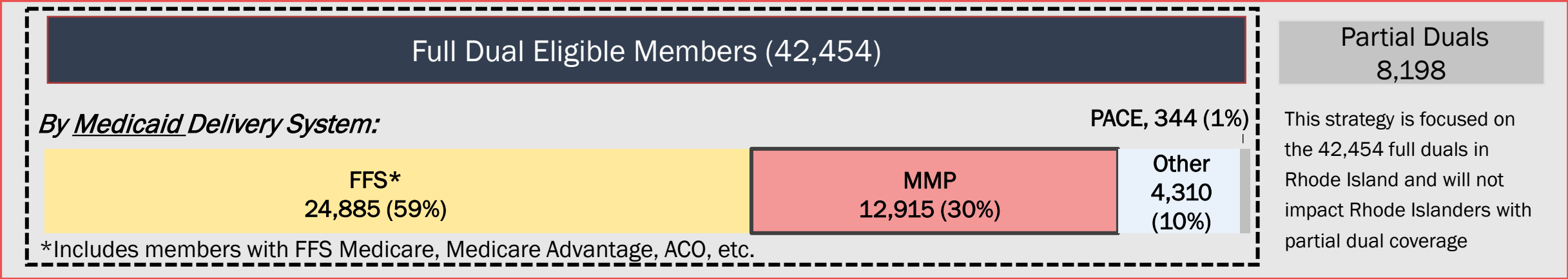
**Develop and support a robust and diverse health and human services workforce to meet the needs of every Rhode Islander.**

## **PRIORITY 5:**

**Modernize, integrate, and transform health information technology and data systems to support value-based systems of care.**

# Impacted Population: Rhode Island Duals

Currently about 42,000 Rhode Islanders are full duals, and only 30% of Rhode Islands duals are experiencing the advantages of an integrated Medicare-Medicaid model of care.



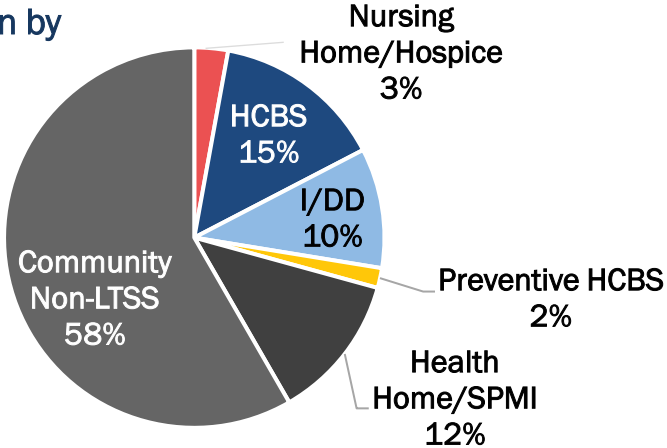
## Who does the MMP serve?

- A dually eligible individual is someone who is jointly eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid
- Dually eligible individuals are a high, complex need group
- 18% of MMP population are eligible for LTSS NH/HCBS – the MMP is the only managed care plan in RI with LTSS in-plan

### Glossary

LTSS – Long Term Services and Supports  
 NH – Nursing Home  
 FFS – Fee for Service  
 HCBS – Home and Community Based Services  
 I/DD – Intellectually and Developmentally Delayed  
 SPMI – Severe and Persistent Mental Illness

MMP Composition by Sub-population (2022)



Population Data Source: June 30, 2022 Snapshot

# Carrying Forward Successes From The MMP Into The Future

Almost all participants in 2017-2018 focus groups were more satisfied with their coverage under the MMP demonstration than with their previous coverage.



On a scale of 1 to 5, **95%** of focus group participants rated their experience in the MMP as a **4 or 5**



Participants were generally satisfied with access to patient-centered care and patient engagement. Members mentioned a single member ID card, care coordination, quality, and array of services as specific benefits of the MMP.

*“My care coordinator [is] my guardian angel. She’s there every second and every minute. I have a hard time getting to the things that I need for prescriptions and stuff...so she gets right on it. She’s just there. She’s my best friend.” – Focus Group Participant (2018)*



# What is Changing About the MMP and Why

- In May, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) which has directed the MMP demonstration, announced that it would be sunsetting the MMP.
- CMS is giving states the option to apply to extend the MMP program for two additional years and to build a new program that incorporates the benefits of the current MMP with some additional benefits by submitting a transition plan by October 1, 2022.
- The new program will be an integrated delivery system called a Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) and, unlike the MMP, will be permanently authorized.
- RI has decided to submit a transition plan which, if approved will allow the current MMP to continue through December 31, 2025.
- During the next several years, RI will take advantage of this time to design a new MMP like program, working with stakeholders throughout the process to provide input for how to build a successful program

# What is an Integrated D-SNP and What Benefits Does it Offer?

## What is an integrated D-SNP?

- A dual eligible special needs plan
- Created to coordinate benefits between Medicare and Medicaid
- *D-SNPs, including integrated D-SNPs, are permanently authorized to serve dual beneficiaries, unlike the MMP, which was a temporary demonstration to test benefits of financial alignment*

## What benefits will the integrated D-SNP include?

- Single ID card for or both Medicare and Medicaid benefits
- Comprehensive, coordinated benefits package
- Unified, plan level appeals and grievances processes
- Streamlined and integrated member materials
- More seamless care coordination under the same parent organization
- One customer service number
- Simplified provider billing

# Rhode Island's Goal and Next Step

## Goal:

Rhode Island's goal is to transition the existing MMP to an integrated delivery system called a D-SNP.

## Next Step:

Rhode Island is planning to submit a transition plan to CMS by the October 1, 2022 deadline that provides a high-level proposal for how the state is proposing to accomplish this goal.

*This will allow for the current MMP to continue until December 31, 2025  
(two years beyond its current expiration)*

# Rhode Island's Vision & Goals for the MMP Transition

The most critical consideration is that members continue to receive the benefits realized in the MMP, with as seamless a transition as possible.

## Vision

An integrated Medicare-Medicaid system that promotes person centered member choice and enables vulnerable populations to access and navigate high-quality, equitable care and services with ease.

## Goals

- 1 Provide services in least restrictive, most comfortable, member preferred settings
- 2 Improve member experience by reducing duplication and fragmentation
- 3 Create the right financial incentives to deliver person-centered, efficient care
- 4 Equitably improve health outcomes and quality of life for older Rhode Islanders & people with disabilities
- 5 Enable members to seamlessly navigate continuous, coordinated care with fewer transitions

# Rhode Island's Strategy for the MMP Transition

**RI proposes to move to managed care for all full duals and Medicaid-only beneficiaries eligible for LTSS to tightly integrate the provision and coordination of those services between Medicare and Medicaid**

## Fully Integrated Duals Plan

*for full-duals who want Medicare & Medicaid integrated in one plan*

## Managed LTSS Duals Plan

*for full-duals who do not choose a fully integrated plan*

## Medicaid Managed Care with LTSS

*for Medicaid-only beneficiaries eligible for LTSS*

### Strategy

RI is proposing a **multi-year, phased transition** starting in 2025, continuing thru 2028, to bring each of these different populations into the new integrated delivery system.

# Next Steps for Stakeholder Engagement

*Underway*

## Part 1: Transition Plan Submission to CMS

- Transition plan will be submitted to CMS by October 1, 2022
- Community engagement sessions underway August-September

*Upcoming*

## Part 2: Program Design and Implementation

- Gather stakeholder feedback to be used in development of a **Request for Information (RFI)** for design and implementation of future integrated D-SNPs
- Conduct primary research (**survey and/or focus groups**) with dual eligible beneficiaries and caretakers
- Convene **stakeholder meetings**, to keep interested parties informed
- Convene internal, **cross-agency staff workgroups** to review the feedback received, and conduct an internal assessment of challenges and opportunities

*Upcoming*

## Part 3: Implementation

- Once the new integrated D-SNP program is fully implemented in January of 2026, there will be post implementation, ongoing stakeholder engagement



# Questions?

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## Thank You

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# Appendix

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# What is the RI MMP (Medicare-Medicaid Plan) Demonstration?



You may know the MMP as **Neighborhood INTEGRITY** or the Integrated Care Initiative (ICI) in RI. **INTEGRITY** 



The MMP coordinates both Medicare and Medicaid benefits into **one, integrated delivery system** for eligible members.



The MMP began in July 2016 as a **demonstration program** in partnership with CMS, the state of Rhode Island and Neighborhood Health Plan of RI



MMPs promote **streamlined care** for dual eligible members with **one insurance ID card and better care coordination**. Providers only bill one insurance company for these members.