

Do You have Medicare and Medicaid?

It's your time to speak up about your healthcare!



Change is coming for persons who have Medicare *and* Medicaid

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is working with the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to develop a plan to integrate health care for people who receive services paid for by **Medicare and Medicaid** (“dual eligibles”).

This integration (merging) will be done by enrolling all “dual eligibles” into managed care. The CMH Medicaid benefit is already managed care. Enrollment for dual eligible persons into Medicaid managed health care plans is happening now and not part of the future plan to integrate all services for persons with Medicaid and Medicare into one plan. This additional integration is still being planned.

Such a plan *threatens* those served by CMH, their families, caregivers, and the CMH system upon which they depend.

If CMH does not remain the care manager for these consumers, this would occur:

- The relationship between CMH consumers who are dual eligible and CMH would be harmed and **possibly cut off completely. This group makes up 25% of CMH’s consumers.**
- The Medicaid dollars available to serve dual eligible consumers would be given to the organization who is chosen to take over this care management role. **The Medicaid funds spent on this group make up 50% of this CMH’s Medicaid budget (about 40% of this CMH’s entire budget)**

Those losing mental health involvement would have their health care and mental health care needs provided by someone without the experience vital to serving persons with serious mental illness, developmental disabilities, and/or substance use disorders.

There is no guarantee that the services would be the same. Some services may no longer be available. Then treatment would not be the same.

CMH *cannot* make a profit. Insurance companies **DO** make profits.

It is important for you to be heard. If you want to keep your CMH services, please tell them. Please use the message in this document. Please make your voice heard by sending an e-mail to:

integratedcare@michigan.gov.

Only *you* can make a difference and say who provides your treatment.

Now is the time.!