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Care Continuum Alliance Paper Describes Core Components of Coordinated Care for Dual Eligibles

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Care Continuum Alliance (CCA) today released a policy paper that recommends core components for programs to deliver integrated, coordinated care for people who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid coverage - dual eligibles.

CCA released the paper, "Designing and Deploying Core Components of Integrated Dual Eligible Models," during a morning briefing on Capitol Hill. CCA hosted the event to discuss the challenges of dual eligible care coordination, as seen through the eyes of state and federal policymakers, and to present CCA member case studies of successful integrated programs.

"Dual eligibles are among the most challenging populations for Medicaid and Medicare, due to the high incidence of multiple chronic conditions, socioeconomic disparities and limited coordination between the programs," CCA President and CEO Tracey Moorhead said. "With our paper, we offer state and federal policymakers extensive industry expertise on coordinated care to improve quality and reduce the dual eligible population's disproportionately high costs."

CCA notes that, in Medicare, 21 percent of enrollees are dually eligible but account for 36 percent of spending and, in Medicaid, 15 percent are dually eligible but account for 39 percent of spending. The paper profiles programs in place in some states to accomplish better care coordination and discusses six recommended core elements of such programs:

- Centralized, comprehensive and interconnected data
- Health risk assessments and stratification
- Population-specific and personalized care planning
- Care coordination and transitions of care
- Education, training and incentives for patients and providers
- Program evaluation and outcomes toward improvements

The CCA paper also provides a literature list of resources on integrated dual eligible programs. The paper is available at: http://www.carecontinuum.org/policy_paper_download.asp

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About the Care Continuum Alliance

The Care Continuum Alliance represents more than 200 organizations and individuals and aligns all stakeholders in the care continuum toward improving population health. Through advocacy, research and education, the Care Continuum Alliance advances strategies to improve care quality and outcomes and reduce preventable costs for the well and those with and at risk of chronic conditions. Learn more at www.carecontinuum.org.