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Medicare-Medicaid Integration Alliance

**ALLIANCE REACTS TO INTRODUCTION OF
DUALS ACT IN THE HOUSE**

Introduction of the Delivering Unified Access to Lifesaving Services (DUALS) Act in the United States House of Representatives continues momentum toward integrating public insurance programs to better serve enrollees by addressing both their complex care and social needs. Along with the Senate version, we look forward to helping shape this important bill.

“At our core, the Medicare-Medicaid Integration Alliance (MMIA) is dedicated to improving the care and experience of people who are dually eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Individuals who are dually eligible face more challenging healthcare and social needs than most people, and a lack of integration and coordination between the two programs makes it difficult to access care and services. We strongly support efforts to advance the integration of both programs and see the introduction of the DUALS Act in both the House and Senate as an important step towards making Medicare and Medicaid work better together.

“We support the legislation’s focus on delivering coverage that is more integrated, coordinated, and comprehensive. The legislation addresses key challenges that exist for people who are dually eligible, like churning in and out of coverage, by allowing people to maintain their coverage for up to one year. It also contains important protections intended to ensure people who are dually eligible have somewhere to turn if coverage issues arise.

“Congress can strengthen the legislation by simplifying the coverage landscape and ensuring that people have adequate time and information to make the best coverage decisions. Additionally, inviting people who are dually eligible to play an active, meaningful role in designing and maintaining the program would benefit the legislation by bringing much-needed first-hand perspective.

“We urge both chambers of Congress to make administrative processes, care, and services simpler to navigate and more responsive to the needs of all people who are dually eligible.”

—Christine Aguiar Lynch, Vice President for Medicare and MLTSS Policy, Association for Community Affiliated Plans

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About the Medicare-Medicaid Integration Alliance

The Medicare-Medicaid Integration Alliance (MMIA) is dedicated to improving care for the more than 12 million people dually enrolled in Medicare and Medicaid. MMIA is composed of consumer, advocacy, policy, payer, and other diverse stakeholder organizations that want health care and social services to be more integrated so they work better for the millions of people eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid and enable the providers who treat them to deliver more effective, efficient care. Learn more at MedicareMedicaidIntegration.org.