

Cal MediConnect January 2015 Enrollment

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What Dual Eligible Populations are Being Enrolled In January?¹

- Beneficiaries with January birthdays in fee-for-service Medicare and Medi-Cal
- Beneficiaries enrolled in a Duals Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) operated by a Cal MediConnect Plan
- Beneficiaries who were reassigned to a Part D Plan in 2014
- Beneficiaries who would have been reassigned to a Part D plan in 2015

Beneficiaries with January birthdays – Dual eligible beneficiaries who have a birthday in January will be subject to passive enrollment into Cal MediConnect plans in January 2015 in all live CCI counties.

Beneficiaries in a CMC D-SNP – Many dual eligible beneficiaries are currently enrolled in a special Medicare Advantage plan called a Dual-eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) that is operated by a Cal MediConnect plan sponsor. Beneficiaries enrolled in a D-SNP operated by a Cal MediConnect plan sponsor cannot remain in their D-SNP. Instead, they will be passively enrolled (“crosswalked”) into the corresponding Cal MediConnect plan in January 2015. For example, if a beneficiary lives in Los Angeles County and is enrolled in Health Net’s D-SNP, she will be subject to passive enrollment into Health Net’s Cal MediConnect plan in January 2015 unless she makes a different choice. Those choices include: fee-for-service Medicare, a different Cal MediConnect plan, a non-Cal MediConnect Medicare plan, or (if she qualifies) a Program for All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) plan.²

Beneficiaries who were already subject to passive enrollment into Cal MediConnect, decided not to participate (“opted out”), and later enrolled in a Cal MediConnect D-SNP will not be able to stay in their D-SNP. They will not be subject to passive enrollment in Cal MediConnect again. They will, however, receive a notice from their D-SNP telling them that they cannot stay in their plan. Their options are to join a Cal MediConnect plan, return to fee-for-service Medicare, or join a non-Cal MediConnect Medicare plan.

¹ In Santa Clara County, dual eligible beneficiaries enrolled in MSSP and beneficiaries already enrolled in a Medi-Cal plan will also be subject to passive enrollment in January 2015.

² For a full explanation of the D-SNP policy in your county, refer to Justice in Aging’s D-SNP fact sheet available at <http://dualsdemoadvocacy.org/trainings-and-education-materials>.

Beneficiaries reassigned to a Part D Plan in 2014 – In January 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reassigned many beneficiaries to a new Part D plan when the Part D plan in which they were enrolled began charging premiums to dual eligibles or went out of business. These individuals were reassigned to a new Part D plan because they did not choose one when CMS asked them to. Rather than being subject to passive enrollment into Cal MediConnect by birth month, these beneficiaries were held for passive enrollment until January 2015.

Beneficiaries who would have been reassigned to a Part D plan in 2015 – Beneficiaries who are enrolled in a Part D plan that will start charging premiums to dual eligibles in 2015 or will go out of business in 2015 are being reassigned to a Cal MediConnect plan in January 2015. The Cal MediConnect plan will provide the beneficiary’s Part D benefit. If a beneficiary decides not to participate in Cal MediConnect, she will stay enrolled in her old Part D plan and will be subject to monthly premiums unless she also changes Part D plans. These beneficiaries should contact 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to choose a new Part D plan that is zero cost.

Advocacy Tip: 2015 Reassignees are beneficiaries who are currently enrolled in the following Part D plans: HealthMarkets Value Rx; United American - Select; and Wellcare Classic. 2015 Reassignees who decide not to participate in Cal MediConnect will need to contact 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) to choose a new Part D plan.

January Enrollment by County and Population

	CMC D-SNP Enrollees	2014 Part D Reassignees	2015 Part D Reassignees	January Birthdays	TOTALS
Los Angeles	37,000	7,500	6,500	19,500	70,500
Riverside	5,500	1,000	900	3,000	10,400
San Bernadino	6,000	1,000	900	3,000	10,900
San Diego	11,000	1,500	1,500	4,500	18,500
Santa Clara ³	500	0	1,500	3,000	4,800
San Mateo	7,491		--- 540 ---	N/A	8,021
TOTAL					123,121

³ Santa Clara figures do not include MSSP beneficiaries or beneficiaries who are already enrolled in a Medi-Cal plan, both of whom will be subject to passive enrollment in January 2015.

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