

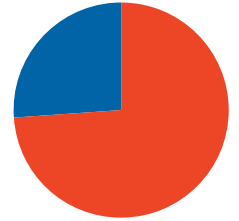
# Colorado D-SNPs At a Glance

## How many CO residents are enrolled in both Medicare & Medicaid?

There were about **134,000 Colorado residents enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid (“dually eligible”) in 2023.**<sup>1</sup>

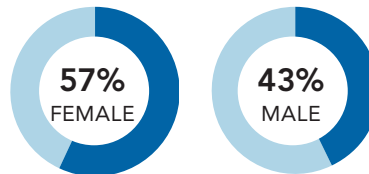
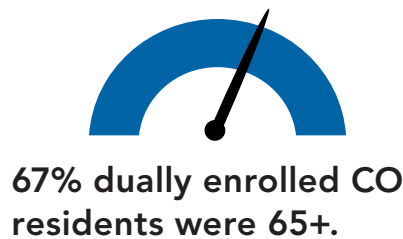
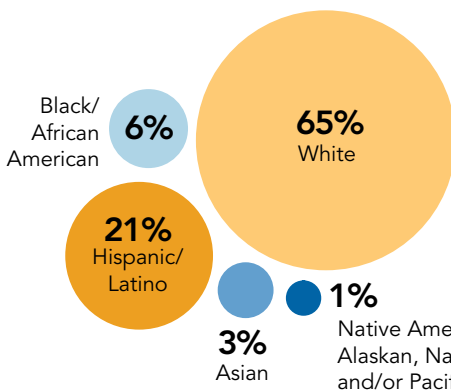
**99,000 individuals, or about 74%** of dually eligible individuals in Colorado, had full Medicaid benefits. These individuals are referred to as full-benefit dually eligible individuals.

**36,000 individuals, or about 26%** of dually eligible individuals in Colorado, did not have full Medicaid; rather, their Medicaid coverage was limited to assistance paying for Medicare costs through enrollment in a Medicare Saving Program (MSP). These individuals are referred to as partial-benefit dually eligible individuals.



## What are some features of the dually enrolled population in CO?

According to American Community Survey data from 2017-2022:<sup>2</sup>



## What is the D-SNP landscape for dually eligible CO residents?



**About 54,000 Colorado residents, or 40% of people dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, are enrolled in a Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP).**<sup>3</sup>

The most-enrolled D-SNP contracts were **United Healthcare, Humana, and Coventry.**

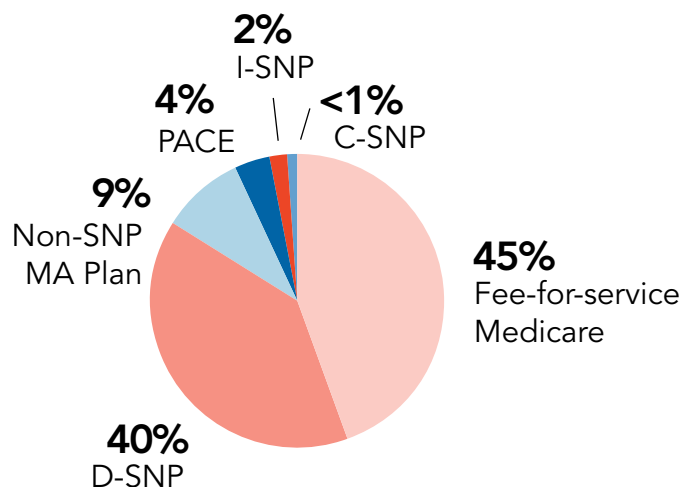
Since 2020, D-SNP enrollment has grown by 242%.

D-SNP plans in Colorado are all Coordination-only D-SNPs that are not Applicable Integrated Plans (AIPs) - meaning that they are at the lowest level of D-SNP integration are not required to integrate appeals.<sup>4</sup> For more information on types of D-SNPs, see the [Justice in Aging D-SNP basics brief](#) and [FAQ](#).<sup>5</sup>

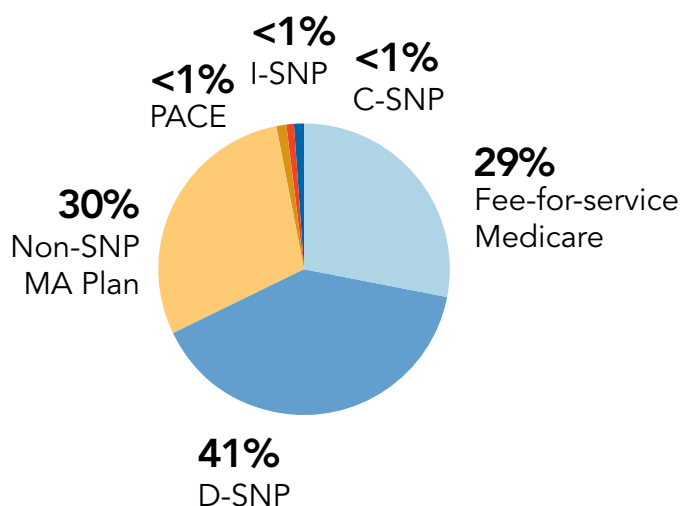
As part of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Financial Alignment Initiative (FAI), the State of Colorado served as one of the demonstration states that would test models that integrate care for dually eligible individuals. In September 2014, the Colorado Accountable Care Collaborative: Medicare-Medicaid Program (ACC: MMP) was implemented as a statewide Managed Fee for Service (MFFS) demonstration model.<sup>6</sup> The State’s Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) decided to end the demonstration in December 2017 and transition all Medicare and Medicaid enrollees participating in the demonstration to Phase II of the broader ACC by 2018.<sup>7</sup> The State is currently transitioning Medicare and Medicaid enrollees<sup>8</sup> to Phase III of the ACC with an anticipated effective date of July 2025.<sup>9</sup>

## What is Medicare managed care enrollment for dually eligible CO residents?

Among full-benefit dually eligible (Medicare and full Medicaid benefits) CO residents:<sup>10</sup>



Among partial-benefit dually eligible CO residents:<sup>11</sup>



## What are some key documents for CO D-SNPs?

Currently, there is no state webpage for dually enrolled individuals in Colorado, or publicly available information on the State Medicaid Agency Contract (SMAC). As noted above, the State is currently transitioning Medicare and Medicaid enrollees to ACC Phase III with an anticipated effective date of July 2025.<sup>12</sup> For related programs, see the documents linked below.

- [FINANCIAL ALIGNMENT INITIATIVE Colorado Accountable Care Collaborative: Medicare-Medicaid Program \(ACC:MMP\) Evaluation Report](#)
- [Preparing for Accountable Care Collaborative Phase III | Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing](#)
- [Accountable Care Collaborative Phase III Draft Contract | Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing](#)

Please note that this data is for informational purposes. Given that the information in this document is sourced from various datasets and individuals may underreport Medicaid enrollment to the U.S. Census, we advise exercising caution when using this data. Please reach out to Rachel Gershon, [rgershon@justiceinaging.org](mailto:rgershon@justiceinaging.org), with any questions.

## Endnotes

- 1 ATI Advisory, [Dual Eligible Enrollment by Medicare Program and State](#), May 2024.
- 2 Author analysis of U.S. Census 5-year ACS data (2018-2022). Please note that because individuals tend to underreport Medicaid enrollment for the U.S. Census, caution should be used with this data.
- 3 ATI Advisory, [Dual Eligible Enrollment by Medicare Program and State](#), May 2024.
- 4 Author analysis of [CMS SNP data for April 2024](#)
- 5 Gershon, Rachel & Tiffany Huyenh-Cho, [D-SNPs: What Advocates Need to Know](#), (February 2024). Justice in Aging, [Dual-Eligible Special Needs Plans: Frequently Asked Questions](#) (June 2024)
- 6 See Executive Summary, (ES-1) Executive Summary, (ES-1) [Colorado Accountable Care Collaborative: Medicare-Medicaid Program \(ACC:MMP\) Evaluation Report \(cms.gov\)](#)
- 7 See "Section 12: Demonstration End: Decision and Transition," (12-1) [Colorado Accountable Care Collaborative: Medicare-Medicaid Program \(ACC:MMP\) Evaluation Report \(cms.gov\)](#)
- 8 See Section 2 "MEMBER ENROLLMENT AND ATTRIBUTION" (2), [ACC III RFP Part 1 \(colorado.gov\)](#)
- 9 [Accountable Care Collaborative Phase III Draft Contract | Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing](#)
- 10 ATI Advisory, [Dual Eligible Enrollment by Medicare Program and State](#), May 2024.
- 11 Ibid.
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