

AHCCCS Acute Health Plan Medicare Timeline

In an effort to improve health care delivery for AHCCCS Acute Care members who also have Medicare, dual eligible members, AHCCCS will require that Acute health plans also deliver Medicare benefits. AHCCCS is exploring a Demonstration opportunity which would align Medicare and Medicaid requirements. Implementation of this Demonstration would begin on January 1, 2014 and all dual eligible members enrolled with Acute health plans would then be passively enrolled for Medicare benefits (with an option to opt out). If AHCCCS and CMS cannot negotiate implementation of the Demonstration, health plans will be required to operate as Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) beginning on January 1, 2014. Timelines below follow both tracks of operating as a Medicare plan.

Timeframe	Key Activities/Milestones	Responsible Parties
April 17, 2012	Draft Proposal Posted to AHCCCS Website for 30 day Comment Period	State
May 31, 2012	Final Proposal Submitted to CMS for Review	State/CMS
June 2012	Proposal Comment period/Review	CMS
Summer/Fall 2012	MOU Negotiations	CMS/State
November 2012	Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) as Demonstration Plan Due Notice of Intent to Apply as D-SNP Due	All Health Plans
November 2012	Acute RFP Issued	State
January 2013	Acute Proposals Due	Health Plans
February 2013	Demonstration Applications Due D-SNP Applications Due	Health Plans
March 2013	Acute Contracts Awarded	State
Spring 2013	3-Way Contracts Signed	CMS/State/ Health Plans
April 2013	Part D Formulary Submission D-SNP and Demo	Health Plans
April 2013	Readiness Review/Transition Begins	State/ Health Plans
June 2013	Demonstration Benefit Packages Due or D-SNP Bid Due	Health Plans
September 2013	Letters mailed to Dual Eligible Members notifying of future enrollment (Demonstration only)	State
October 1, 2013	Acute Contracts Effective	State/ Health Plans
January 1, 2014	Implementation of Demonstration or D-SNP contract	CMS/State/ Health Plans