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Webinar: Medicare & hospital transitions

Medicare has specific rules and requirements for hospital discharge planning and transitions from hospitals to home/other facilities. Join special guests from the Medicare Rights Center on Feb. 28 for a webinar to learn more.

Register

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2017 poverty guidelines announced

On Jan. 27, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released the 2017 Federal poverty guidelines. The guidelines set the poverty level at \$12,060 for an individual and \$16,240 for a couple in the 48 contiguous states, and \$15,060/\$20,290 and \$13,860/\$18,670 for individuals and couples in Alaska and Hawaii, respectively. We will update the eligibility tables for the Part D Low Income Subsidy (LIS/Extra Help) and Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) as soon as we receive final confirmation from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

[Get the guidelines](#)

Find dual eligible enrollment numbers by county

We've updated our visualization tool that illustrates the enrollment of Medicare beneficiaries into all types of MSPs and Medicaid between 2007 and March 2016. This update reflects the latest data made available from CMS, and can be viewed at the state and county level.

[Use the tool](#)

CMS releases MOON instructions

CMS recently released an educational article regarding instructions for the Medicare Outpatient Observation Notice (MOON). No later than March 8, hospitals are required to provide the written MOON notification and oral explanation to Medicare beneficiaries receiving hospital observation services as outpatients for more than 24 hours.

[Learn more](#)

Did you miss these resources?

- **Helping connect individuals to benefits: Approaches, tools, & promising practices:** Get the slides and recording from this webinar presented by NCOA and the National Association of States United for Aging and Disability (NASUAD).
- **Outreach and Service Provision to Holocaust Survivors:** This guidance from the Administration for Community Living explains how aging network providers can offer person-centered outreach and support to individuals affected by trauma.

- **SSA leads data:** Discover findings from a survey of states as to how state Medicaid agencies treat LIS application data from Social Security that is meant to trigger MSP applications.
- **Advocacy priorities for seniors in early 2017:** Access the archived webinar from NCOA's Public Policy and Advocacy team about what changes are proposed to Affordable Care Act, Older Americans Act, and Medicaid programs in the coming year.

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