

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) is proud to announce the release of an evaluation report containing results from the Initiative to Reduce Avoidable Hospitalizations among Nursing Facility Residents:

- **Annual report for the Initiative to Reduce Avoidable Hospitalizations among Nursing Facility Residents.** This initiative is designed to test ways to reduce avoidable hospitalizations among long-stay nursing facility residents. The quantitative results in this report are based on experience during the second full year of the initiative, calendar year 2014. All sites generally showed a decline in all-cause hospitalizations and potentially avoidable hospitalizations, with four sites showing statistically significant reductions in at least one of the hospitalization measures. During this period, all seven sites also generally showed reductions in Medicare expenditures relative to a comparison group, with statistically significant declines in total Medicare expenditures at two sites.
(<https://innovation.cms.gov/Files/reports/irahnfr-finalyrthreeevalrpt.pdf>)

Additional updates from December 2015:

- MMCO released its first quarterly update on Medicare-Medicaid enrollee counts. Counts were provided for the month of March 2015, for all types of dual Medicare-Medicaid eligibility nationally, as well as by state and county. The report will be updated every March, June, September and December, in perpetuity. (<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/Analytics.html>)
 - This report follows closely on the heels of a similar report on historical enrollment snapshots spanning back to 2007, for the month of December only (second on the list at the same link above).
- The state of Rhode Island received a \$428,766 Federal funding award to support outreach, education, and counseling through State Health Insurance Programs (SHIPs) and Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRCs) for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees eligible for the planned capitated model demonstration under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative.
- CMS, the states of Massachusetts and Texas, and participating Medicare-Medicaid Plans executed updated three-way contracts for their capitated model demonstrations under the Medicare-Medicaid Financial Alignment Initiative.
 - Massachusetts contract: (<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/Downloads/MassachusettsContract.pdf>)

Texas contract: (<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/Downloads/TexasContract.pdf>)