

VT Health Care Innovation Project
Dual Eligible Work Group Charter
November 20, 2013

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Dual Eligible Work Group will build on the extensive work of the Dual Eligible Demonstration Steering, Stakeholder, and Work Group Committees over the last two years. The goal of Duals Demonstration is to integrate financing and service provision for people who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid to improve their care and service experience and avoid unnecessary costs. The VHCIP Dual Eligible Work Group will:

- further refine the elements of Vermont’s approach to the Duals Demonstration;
- develop recommendations about whether and how to proceed with the demonstration;
- develop recommendations regarding the design of other payment and care models initiated through the VHCIP project, to improve outcomes and reduce costs for and for dually eligible Vermonters and other Vermonters with disabilities.

SCOPE OF WORK

1. Identify provider payment models that encourage quality and efficiency among the array of primary care, acute and long-term services and support providers who serve dually eligible populations.
2. Recommend a care model or models for dually eligible Vermonters that improves beneficiary service and outcomes.
3. Incorporate disability-related and cultural competency issues into all VHCIP activities.
4. Identify Medicare policy barriers that can be addressed through the Duals Demonstration and through integration of dually eligible Vermonters into other payment and delivery system reforms.
5. Develop a strategy to align the Duals Demonstration with other Vermont payment reform initiatives.
6. Identify management structures necessary to administer the Duals Demonstration at both the state and provider levels.
7. Identify quality and performance measures to be used to evaluate the Duals Demonstration and other payment models for their effect on Vermonters who are dually eligible and other Vermonters with disabilities.
8. Identify technical and IT needs of the Duals Demonstration.
9. Ensure a financial analysis of the Duals Demonstration that assesses the potential costs, benefits and risks of the project for the state, providers and beneficiaries, to support state decisions about whether to implement the initiative..

DELIVERABLES

1. Strategic plan for alignment of the Duals Demonstration and other Vermont payment and delivery system reform efforts.
2. Recommendations for a Dual Eligible model of care that is integrated and aligned with VHCIP models.
3. Recommendations for payment methodologies for the Duals Demonstration.
4. Recommendations for successful management structures for administration of the Duals Demonstration at the state and provider level.
5. Action plan for inclusion of identified disability-related and cultural competency items in all VHCIP Work Group efforts.
6. Action plan to implement strategies addressing barriers in current Medicare coverage or payment policy.
7. Identification of quality metrics that could be used to assess the impact of all VHCIP payment models on Vermonters who are dually eligible and other Vermonters with disabilities.
8. Recommendations regarding the technical and IT needs related to the Duals Demonstration.
9. Thorough analysis of the financial viability of the Duals Demonstration.
10. Other activities as identified to support successful preparation and implementation of payment and care models to best support dually-eligible Vermonters.

MILESTONES

November / December 2013:

- Develop strategic plan for alignment of Duals and other payment reforms

January 2014:

- Signed Dual Demonstration MOU

January / February 2014:

- Identify management structures for project administration at the state and provider level

January – March 2014

- Develop recommendations regarding the Dual Eligible model of care
- Complete action plan for inclusion of identified disability-related and cultural competency items into VHCIP Work Group efforts
- Complete action plan to implement strategies addressing current Medicare payment methodology and coverage barriers

- Identify Duals Demo technical and IT needs

First Quarter 2014

- Complete financial viability analysis

March – April 2014

- Recommend payment methodologies

Summer 2014 – Winter 2015

- Provide input as needed regarding activities necessary to prepare for alternative payment methodologies for dual eligible Vermonters

April 2015 – March 2018

- Provide input as needed during implementation of alternate payment methodologies.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The Dual Eligible Work Group will meet monthly, with possible additional sub-committee meetings. Members are expected to participate regularly in meetings and may be required to review materials in advance. Members are expected to communicate with their colleagues and constituents about the activities and progress of the Work Group and to represent their organizations and constituencies during work group meetings and activities.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR STAFFING AND CONSULTATION

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Additional resources may be available to support consultation and technical assistance to the Work Group.

WORK GROUP PROCESSES

1. The Work Group will meet monthly.
2. The Work Group Co-Chairs plan and distribute the meeting agenda through project staff.
3. Related materials are to be sent to Work Group members, staff, and interested parties prior to the meeting date/time.
4. Work Group members, staff, and interested parties are encouraged to call in advance of the meeting if they have any questions related to the meeting materials that were received.
5. Minutes will be recorded at each meeting.
6. The Work Group Co-Chairs will preside at the meetings.
7. Progress on the Work Group’s work will be reported as the Monthly Status Report.
8. The Work Group’s Status Reports and Recommendations are directed to the Steering Committee.

AUTHORIZATION

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Project Sponsor/Title