

Medicare Payment Coalition for Frail Beneficiaries

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Coalition Management: Evolve a strong national coalition of plans and providers to produce market incentives and eliminate financial and regulatory barriers to serving frail Medicare beneficiaries.

- Provide leadership to increase financial viability of specialized plans and programs for frail elderly.
- Organize face-to-face meetings and conference calls, developing agendas, background materials, etc.
- Serve as a liaison with public agencies such as CMS, MedPAC and Congressional offices.
- Update members on internal and external policy research and decisions about M+C payment.
- Serve as a central distribution point for information sharing among members.
- Coordinate relationships and manage work/contracts with Coalition vendors and business partners

Advocacy: Expedite fair and equitable payment methods, including appropriate risk adjusters.

- **Congressional Education/Advocacy:** Develop strategies for education/advocacy; draft and disseminate Congressional communications and legislative proposals; meet with Congressional staff to promote MPCFB policy objectives; serve as liaison among MPCFB members to communicate joint efforts.
- **CMS:** Serve as MPCFB's liaison to CMS on M+C payment policy for at risk Medicare beneficiaries and influence, through policy research, CMS's approach to M+C payment for high-risk Medicare beneficiaries.
- **MedPAC:** Serve as liaison to MedPAC, keeping staff and Commissioners informed of relevant Coalition research and policy initiatives and identifying and responding to opportunities to influence MedPAC's agenda. Generally promote the MPCFB's policy objectives on M+C payment for frail beneficiaries.
- **Background Materials:** Develop briefing materials for education, advocacy and "public relations".

Policy Research: Produce compelling evidence for alternative payment strategies that increase the long-term financial viability of plans serving high-risk enrollees and create incentives for serving frail, chronically ill Medicare beneficiaries.

- **Database Development:** Manage HDS contract for database development and maintenance. Work with HDS and affiliated researchers to produce data/analysis needed to develop framework for frail elderly payment model that would be further developed and tested under CMS' M+C payment demonstration.
- **Coordinate Policy Research:** Coordinate policy research focusing on enhancing risk adjustment and payment models for frail, working with MPCFB contractors, affiliated researchers and other interested parties.
- **Fund Raising:** Seek financial support for Coalition research through grant funding, access to existing CMS task orders for risk adjustment developers, tapping into existing research projects, etc.