

The Chronic Care Act



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Advancing Care for Adults with Complex Needs: *The CHRONIC Care Act*



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CHRONIC Care Act Basics...

Name?

Creating High-Quality Results and Outcomes Necessary to Improve Chronic (CHRONIC) Care Act of 2018

What?

New federal law advancing integrated, person-centered care for Medicare & dually-eligible beneficiaries

When?

Signed on February 9th as part of *Bipartisan Budget Act*

The Big Ideas...

1. Encourages flexible new tools & strategies to better manage care for adults with complex needs
2. Protects & builds on key existing programs
3. Signals that care coordination / integration are the explicit & essential purposes of Special Needs Plans (SNPs)

<http://www.thescanfoundation.org/chronic-care-act-2018-advancing-care-adults-complex-needs>

Medicare Advantage & SNP Provisions

- Expands supplemental benefits & continues Value-Based Insurance Design (VBID) demonstration for MA enrollees with chronic conditions
- Permanently authorizes D-SNP, C-SNP, & I-SNP
- Promotes additional integrated care in D-SNPs
- Updates C-SNP care management requirements
- Expands telehealth access
- Authorizes quality reporting at the plan level

ACO Provisions

- Provides Medicare beneficiaries the flexibility to actively choose an Accountable Care Organization (ACO)
- Eliminates care coordination barriers via new ACO Beneficiary Incentive Program, with HHS to evaluate spending & health outcomes
- Expands telehealth access in Next Generation ACOs & for people with stroke symptoms

Other Enhancements & Reports

- Extends Independence at Home demonstration
- Expands access to home dialysis therapy
- New federal studies:
 - Payment code for serious illness care planning
 - Long-term risk factors for chronic conditions among Medicare beneficiaries
 - Medication synchronization programs
 - Impact of obesity drugs on health and spending

Our Vision:

A society where older adults can access health and supportive services of their choosing to meet their needs.

Our Mission:

To advance a coordinated and easily navigated system of high-quality services for older adults that preserve dignity and independence.

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