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SUBJECT: State Guidance on Developing and Implementing Integrated Care Models in Medicaid Programs

Today the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued the first two letters in a series of communications that provides States with guidance on designing and implementing care delivery and payment reforms that improve health, improve care, and reduce costs within Medicaid programs. These letters describe the policy considerations for creating "Integrated Care Models" (ICMs), which could include (but are not limited to) medical/health homes, Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs), ACO-like models, and other arrangements that emphasize person-centered, continuous, coordinated, and comprehensive care. The letters, which provide state options for innovative models in fee for service Medicaid without requiring a waiver, are available online at [Federal Policy Guidance | Medicaid.gov](#)

CMS will be hosting a webinar in the coming weeks to present the content of these first two letters and state options for integrated care models in Medicaid programs. We hope you will be able to join us for this session. Webinar access information will be provided in advance of the sessions.