

AAMR Action Plan Proposal

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Name of Proposal: Tracking and Understanding Implications of the Medicare Drug Benefit on Dually Eligible Persons with Developmental and/or Intellectual Disabilities
Date of Submission: August 24, 2005
Proposed Start Date: January 2006
Brief Description of Proposed Actions/Activities: Form a steering committee including clinicians, program administrators and beneficiaries to collect information on the impact of the Medicare Drug Benefit, Part D, on persons with intellectual disabilities both in home and community-based service (HCBS) settings and in facility-based settings. Legislative and regulatory requirements set differing standards for benefit delivery in HCBS and facility based. Possible specific steps include: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Form Committee2. Develop Research Agenda<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Partner with Univ. of Southern Maine on effective medication management and HCBS quality outcomes with an eye towards Part Db. Partner with grassroots groups to survey a sample of individuals and families on their Part D experiencesc. Partner with NASDDDS and NASMD on how program administrators are addressing challenges. Analyze findings, develop report with recommendations to ADD, CMS and the DHHS Secretary in partnership with NASDDDS and grassroots organizations.
What is the intended outcome? Gain a clear understanding of the impact of Part D on people families in the following context: a) clinical outcomes; b) quality of life; and c) benefits coordination challenges. Understand the impact of Part D on state systems supporting people and their families: a) impact on disease management and chronic care coordination programs; b) impact on service delivery (i.e., increased administrative burden on providers); and c) increased service costs due to medication transition issues -- i.e., increased disability acuity, behavioral challenges, etc.
Does this Action Plan need funding? If so, how do you propose to fund it? The effort could be funded in two ways: <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Part D is a huge shift for dually eligible individuals. Each partner organization might contribute staff time for the work.b. AAMR might approach ADD and CMS or RWJ for funding.

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How will this Proposal impact persons with developmental or intellectual disabilities and/or AAMR?

The information would be used to craft recommended enhancements to the Part D legislation and regulations that would better tailor it to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities. The effort would also put AAMR in a leadership position on this issue in the disability community.

Board Action:

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Date: **9/20/05**

Comments by Board: