Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert

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Provider Type(s): All

Medicare Dual Special Needs Plan (DSNP) recipients’ eligibility in the Florida Health Plan Portal

If providers are seeing a Medicare Dual Special Needs Plan (DSNP) recipient and are checking their Medicare and Medicaid eligibility via the Florida Health Plan Portal, please note that the recipient’s Medicare and Medicaid benefits will be provided by the Medicare DSNP plan. In the state of Florida, all Medicare DSNP plans are required to provide the recipient’s Medicare benefits as well as any Medicaid cost sharing or Medicaid only covered services the recipient is entitled to. When checking Medicaid eligibility and health plan assignment via the Florida Health Plan Portal, the recipient’s Medicare DSNP plan is indicated under the “TPL” section.

Additionally, as of January 1, 2020, under the “Managed Care” section we list the recipient’s Medicare Dual Special Needs Plan as their Medicaid plan. **These plans are the same.** You do not need to verify eligibility with the Medicare DSNP Plan twice. Once you verify eligibility for Medicare services, that same plan is responsible for the recipient’s Medicaid services as appropriate and as mentioned above.

Please note, a recipient can have a separate SMMC Long Term Care Plan (LTCC) and providers will need to verify this eligibility separately.