

The CMS Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) is pleased to announce the following training opportunity:

### **Promising Practices for Meeting the Needs of Dually Eligible Older Adults with Schizophrenia**

**Date/Time:** November 6, 2018, 2:30 – 4:00 PM ET

**Registration Link:**

<https://event.on24.com/wcc/r/1855962/7A9679A1774D6C93EE8C9A4A35FEB95C?partnerref=HPMS>

Older adults who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid have higher rates of schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders than older adults with Medicare only.<sup>1</sup> In addition, older adults with schizophrenia are more likely to have co-occurring chronic physical health conditions, such as obesity, diabetes, and hyperlipidemia, compared to younger adults with schizophrenia.<sup>2</sup> Caring for older adults with schizophrenia requires special attention to how needs and treatments may change over time, as well as consideration of the impact of chronic physical health conditions, cognitive impairments, and changes to vision and hearing.<sup>3</sup> An individualized treatment approach is key.

This interactive webinar will discuss how to identify common symptoms of schizophrenia among older adults, identify promising practices related to treatment options and care coordination, and demonstrate practical strategies for meeting beneficiary needs. Speakers, including a family caregiver, will discuss firsthand experiences, lessons learned, and strategies to improve care for dually eligible older adults with schizophrenia.

By the end of this webinar, participants should be able to:

1. Identify common symptoms of schizophrenia in older adults
2. Recognize effective and appropriate treatment options for older adults with schizophrenia
3. Identify practical tips and strategies to improve care for older adults with schizophrenia based on real-life stories from the field
4. Identify opportunities to collaborate with clinicians, social workers, case managers, and caregivers to support older adults with schizophrenia

**Featured Speakers:**

- Naila Azhar, MD, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Connecticut School of Medicine

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<sup>1</sup> Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission. (2015). Chapter 4: Behavioral Health in the Medicaid Program – People, Use, and Expenditures.

<sup>2</sup> Desai, A. K. (2010). Schizophrenia in older adults. *Current Psychiatry*, 9(9), 23-A.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid.

- Tracy Beavers, BSN, RN, EMT-P, Case Manager, CareSource Ohio
- AnnMarie Luongo, LPC, Advanced Behavioral Health Connecticut
- Heidi, caregiver

**Intended Audience:**

This webinar is intended for providers, health care professionals and front-line staff of Medicare Advantage Plans, Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs), Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) and PACE Organizations, as well as other stakeholders interested in improving their ability to care for older adults.

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    - Read the learning objectives and faculty disclosures
    - Participate in the webinar
    - Complete the post-test and program evaluation form
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