

Dual Eligible Impact- Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey- Contract H 3154

Part C

The following is an overview of the impact of the Dual eligible population

In comparing the overall rates of our Medicare advantage members and those of the dual eligible population there are significant differences in multiple Part C Measures.

CMS technical specifications were used to determine if these differences in rates were significantly different.

The following measures are significantly lower for the dual eligible population compared with the non-dual eligible population:

- Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Cardiovascular Care – Cholesterol Screening
- Diabetes Care – Blood Sugar Controlled
- Diabetes Care – Cholesterol Controlled
- Plan All-Cause Readmissions

The following measures are significantly higher (better) for the dual eligible population compared with the non-dual eligible population:

- Osteoporosis Management in Women who had a Fracture
- Diabetes Care – Eye Exam
- Diabetes Care – Kidney Disease Monitoring

Overall the measures which are adversely affected have a higher weighting compared with the weight of the measures which are improved in the dual eligible population. The difference in weighting takes on added importance because the decrease in these measures taken as a group would result in a decrease in the Part C Improvement Measure.

As an example: a plan which had no significant change in measure scores aside from the measures which are significantly different within the dual eligible population would have a decrease from a 3-star score to a 1-star score in the Part C Improvement Measure, which has a weight of 5.

The combined decrease of the individual measures and the Part C Improvement Measure would result in a decrease of the equivalent of 18 individual single weighted Star measures. These results are a decided disadvantage for plans which include dual eligible populations when aiming for a 4 Star or higher rating.

Part D

For the Part D clinical measures when we exclude DSNP membership from the measure the rate results for measure showed:

- High Risk Meds- No Change
- Diabetes Treatment-Star rating drops
- Diabetes Adherence-No Change
- Hypertension Adherence-Star rating increases
- Cholesterol Adherence-Star Rating increases

Part C measure:

- Rheumatoid Arthritis-Star Rating increases