Chronic Conditions and Limitations in Activities of Daily Living Among Dually Eligible Medicare Beneficiaries Living in the Community

This infographic compares the number of chronic conditions and limitations in activities of daily living among Medicare beneficiaries who are dually eligible for Medicaid and those who are only eligible for Medicare.

Dually eligible beneficiaries are more likely to have more chronic conditions.

![Bar chart showing comparison of chronic conditions among dually eligible and Medicare-only beneficiaries.]

Dually eligible beneficiaries are more than twice as likely to have difficulty performing several activities of daily living.

- **Difficulty Walking**
  - Dually eligible: 36%
  - Medicare-only: 18%

- **Difficulty Bathing or Showering**
  - Dually eligible: 22%
  - Medicare-only: 7%

- **Difficulty Getting In or Out of Bed/Chairs**
  - Dually eligible: 22%
  - Medicare-only: 8%

- **Difficulty Dressing**
  - Dually eligible: 17%
  - Medicare-only: 5%

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11,751,799 Medicare beneficiaries were dually eligible for Medicaid in 2021, representing approximately 19% of all Medicare beneficiaries. Estimates are based on the 2021 MCBS Socio-demographic and Health Characteristics of Medicare Beneficiaries Living in the Community by Dual Eligibility Status Public Use File (PUF) and represent the population of beneficiaries who were ever enrolled in Medicare in 2021 and completed an interview in Fall 2021, Winter 2022, or Summer 2022. The dataset includes 12,740 beneficiaries (weighted N = 60,724,035). Estimates are based on survey data and may differ from claims and enrollment data, and percentages may not total to 100% due to rounding. Please refer to the PUF and technical documentation for further details: https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Research/MCBS/Data-Tables.

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