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SUBJECT: Medicare and Medicaid Integrated Care Website

CMS is pleased to announce a new web location that will serve as a resource for States, health plans and providers to use in the design and development of Medicare and Medicaid integrated care delivery systems. The new website contains an overview page and a road map that provides a summary of, and a link to, Medicare and Medicaid documents and tools instrumental to building integrated models of care for dually eligible beneficiaries. It includes recently released CMS guidance on an integrated Medicare and Medicaid appeals process for special needs plans (SNPs). There is also a mailbox for submitting questions or comments to CMS. CMS will continue to update this site with new materials as they are developed and approved.

The site can be accessed directly using the following URL:
www.cms.hhs.gov/integratedcareint/. On the left hand side of the page click on “Integrated Care Roadmap” where you will find a list of documents available for downloading and a short explanation applicable to each download. The site can also be accessed through a link from the Medicare home page at www.cms.hhs.gov/SpecialNeedsPlans/ and click on “Integrated Care Initiatives”.