



## MEDICAL POLICY STATEMENT GEORGIA MEDICARE DUAL ADVANTAGE

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Benefits Coordination	MM-1098	01/01/2021-09/30/2021
Policy Type		
<b>MEDICAL</b>	Administrative	Pharmacy
		Reimbursement

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According to the rules of Mental Health Parity Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA), coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of a behavioral health disorder will not be subject to any limitations that are less favorable than the limitations that apply to medical conditions as covered under this policy.

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A. Subject

**Benefits Coordination**

B. Background

Georgia Medicare Dual Advantage, also known as Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP), is a program designed for members in Georgia who receive both Medicaid and Medicare benefits. CareSource administers the member's Medicare benefits. This policy is developed to direct providers to the appropriate CareSource policies to follow for the D-SNP program.

C. Definitions

- **Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP)** - A member who has one health plan that administers their Medicare benefits and another health plan or fee for service Medicaid that manages their Medicaid benefits. CareSource administers the member's Medicare benefits.

D. Policy

- I. D-SNP members will follow the CareSource Georgia Medicare Dual Special Needs policies.

E. Conditions of Coverage

F. Related Policies/Rules

G. Review/Revision History

DATE		ACTION
<b>Date Issued</b>	10/14/2020	
<b>Date Revised</b>		
<b>Date Effective</b>	01/01/2021	
<b>Date Archived</b>	09/30/2021	This Policy is no longer active and has been archived. Please note that there could be other Policies that may have some of the same rules incorporated and CareSource reserves the right to follow CMS/State/NCCI guidelines without a formal documented Policy

H. References

1. Medicare.gov. (n.d.) How Medicare Special Needs Plans (SNPs) work. Retrieved September 23, 2020 from [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

**The Medical Policy Statement detailed above has received due consideration as defined in the Medical Policy Statement Policy and is approved.**