

# Dual-eligible populations in the Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP)

## Frequently asked questions

### Who is a “dual” or “dual-eligible” person?

These terms refer to people who qualify for both Medicaid and Medicare.

### Are duals counted toward project incentive payments and pay-for-performance (P4P) measurement for Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs)?

No. The reason is because of data availability and data consistency. The Health Care Authority (HCA) does not have access to the full breadth of Medicaid data for all P4P metrics. Counting data without seeing the whole picture would make it more difficult to track improvements under MTP. To maintain consistency in measurement, HCA determined that attribution for project incentives and P4P metrics would **not** include duals. (Attribution identifies how to “place by address” a beneficiary to a single ACH for a given performance period.)

### Are duals included in high-performance incentives?

Yes. Duals are included in six of the nine metrics connected to the high-performance incentives. High-performance incentives are on-going improvement on P4P metrics that overlap with statewide accountability quality metrics. (In early 2018, during design of these incentives, HCA wanted to capture the dual experience by including duals in a subset of high-performance metrics, where the data was robust.)

The metrics where duals are included are:

1. All-Cause Emergency Department Visits Per 1,000 Member Months
2. Mental Health Treatment Penetration (Broad Definition)
3. Percent Arrested
4. Percent Homeless (Narrow Definition)
5. Plan All-Cause Readmission Rate (30 Days)
6. Substance Use Disorder Treatment Penetration

### How does this affect earned incentives? How big is the impact of including duals in some measures?

High-performance incentive funds are made up of unearned ACH incentive funds (project and value-based purchasing incentives). High-performance incentives earned by an ACH are based on a quality improvement composite score across the metrics and adjusted for regional population.

### How does this affect how ACHs carry out their MTP projects?

It has always been the goal that ACHs’ regional health transformation projects reach beyond Medicaid enrollees to achieve true population health improvement. We anticipate that including duals in the high-performance incentives will help give a better sense of how ACH projects are reaching beyond Medicaid enrollees.

### Where can I find more information?

[Chapter 8](#) and [Appendix E](#) of the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Measurement Guide contains more information about how high-performance incentives are earned and distributed.