

# Innovations in Medicaid: Addressing the Care Fragmentation Crisis for Dually Eligible Individuals

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**NORC Managed Care  
Organization Learning Hub  
Webinar Series with Support  
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## ■ What is the NORC MCO Learning Hub?

- The NORC MCO Learning Hub is committed to providing information on ways to transform health equity and health care to key Medicaid and MCO leadership, consumer groups, and other key industry groups

## ■ Innovations in Medicaid Webinar Series

- Six-part quarterly webinar series through 2022, highlighting innovations in Medicaid
- First session focused on meeting the behavioral health needs of Medicaid members post-pandemic; the slides and recording are available on the Hub website:  
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# Webinar Logistics

- All attendees will remain in listen-only mode
- Please send any questions for presenters using the chat box at the bottom – we'll have a Q&A session at the end
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# Agenda

- Introduction
- Presentation from Tom Betlach with Facilitated Discussion
- Presentation from Carolyn Ingram with Facilitated Discussion
- Presentation from Jennifer Baron with Facilitated Discussion
- Open Q&A
- Conclude

# Speakers



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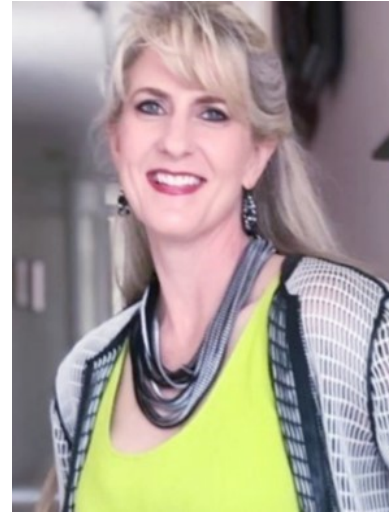
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**State Challenges and  
Opportunities to  
Integrate Care for Dually  
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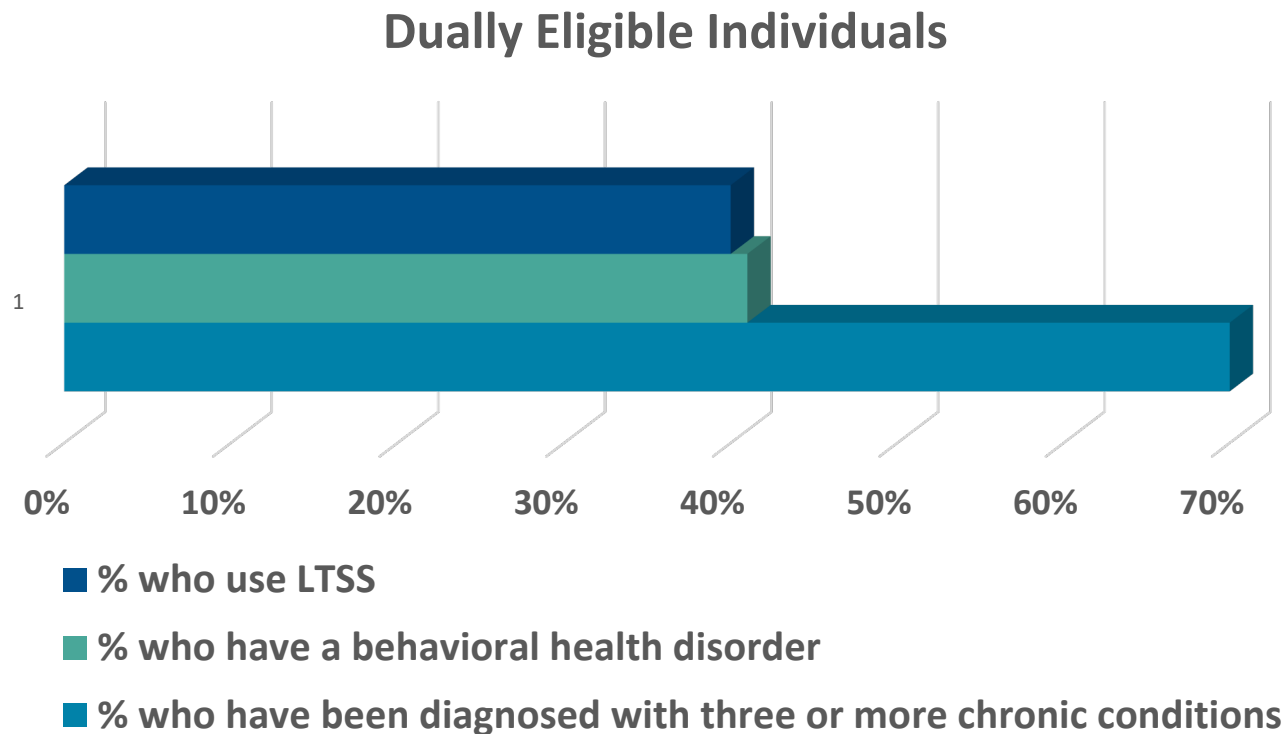
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# High Need Population

Dually eligible individuals are a higher need population than the general Medicare or Medicaid populations



# Dually Eligible Individuals Face Numerous Challenges, Exacerbated by COVID-19

## ■ Fragmented Care

- ✓ No financial alignment
- ✓ Uncoordinated care
- ✓ Limited alignment of incentives across Medicare and Medicaid

## ■ Integrated Care Models

- ✓ Financial alignment
- ✓ Coordinated care
- ✓ Align across Medicare and Medicaid through Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs)

## Key Issues during COVID-19 Crisis

### Structural

Caregiver Supports  
Higher Cost of Care

### Operational

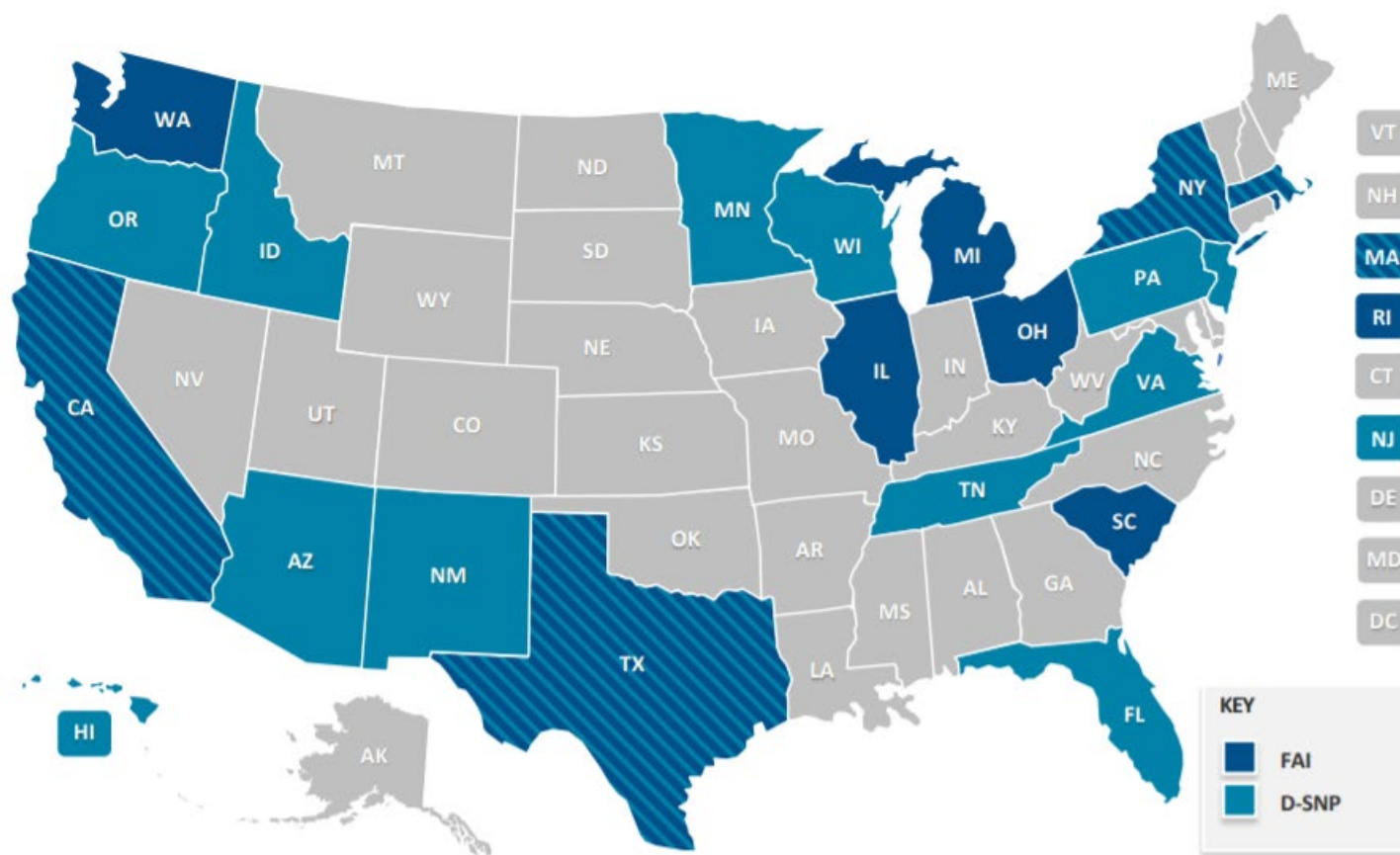
In-Home Care  
Maintaining Necessary Services  
Member and Family Communications  
Transitions of Care

### Services

Access to personal protective equipment (PPE) and Testing  
Behavioral Health Issues  
Meals  
Social Isolation  
Transportation



# Integrated Care Models



# Benefits of Duals Alignment

## Members

- ✓ Align enrollment
- ✓ Easier and less complicated access to care
- ✓ High satisfaction
- ✓ Likely one care manager with view of all services and ailments

## Providers

- ✓ Minimize provider abrasion
- ✓ Streamline claims

## States

- ✓ Increased use of primary care and home and community-based services (HCBS)
- ✓ Decreased use of nursing facility and avoidable hospital care
- ✓ States can leverage demonstration authority to generate savings

## Health Plans

- ✓ Integrated benefits under same entity
- ✓ Streamline utilization management – integrated review and provision of services
- ✓ Streamline claims adjudication and payment

# Facilitated Discussion



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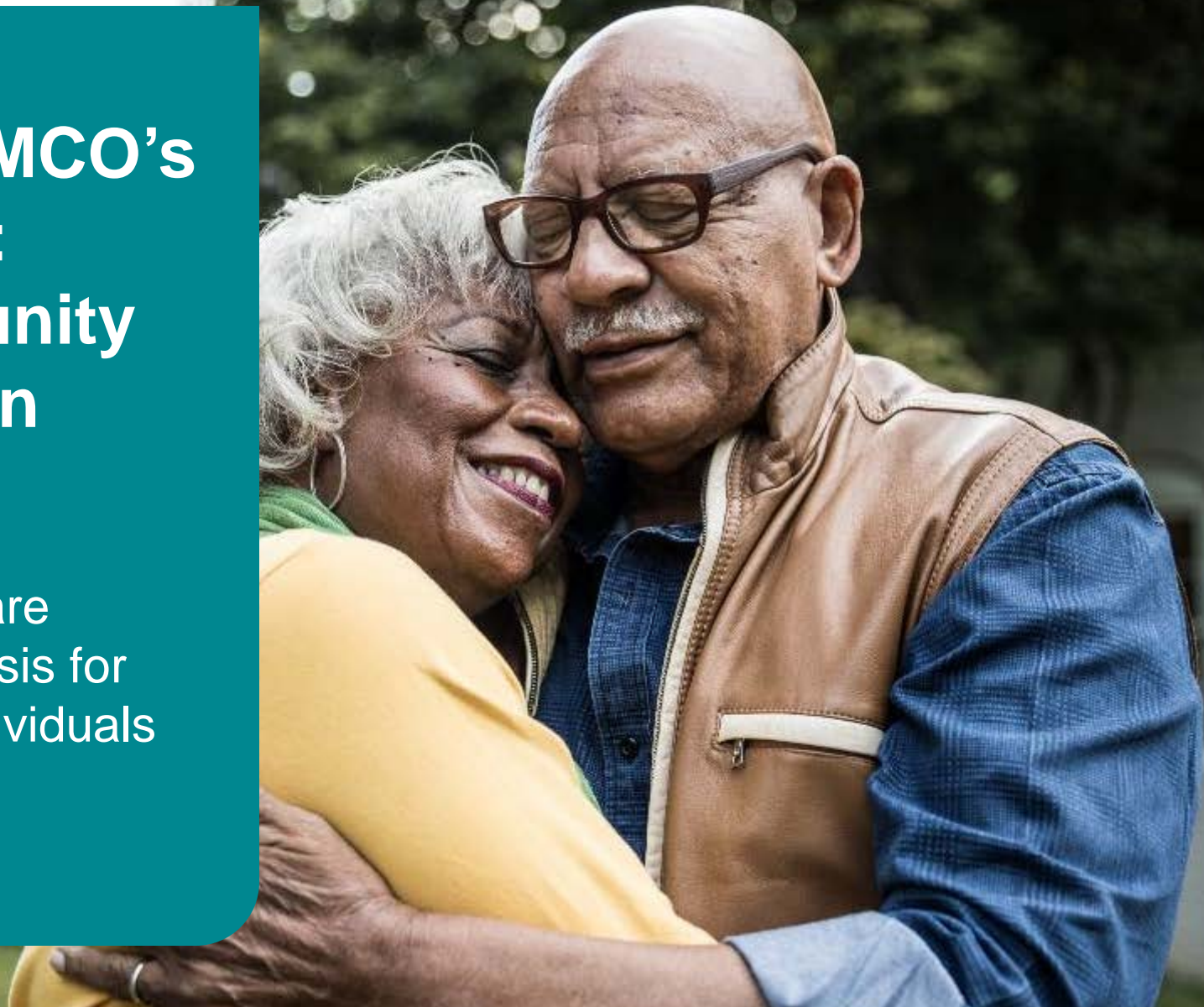
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# A Medicaid MCO's Perspective: The Opportunity of Integration

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# Operating in a Fragmented Delivery System

## Hard to address without integration

- Caregiver needs
- Developing comprehensive care plans
- Addressing social determinants of health

## None or limited notification for transitions of care

- Hospital discharge
- Skilled nursing facility entry
- Prescription changes

## Member Experience

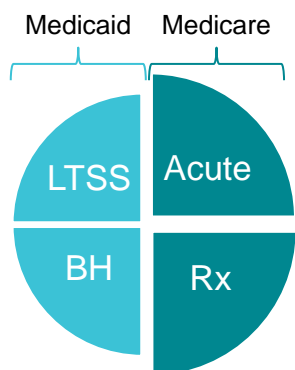
Fragmented delivery system

Challenging to navigate

Creates gaps for care management supports



# What Integration Delivers



## Fully Integrated Plan Experience

- ✓ Direct data exchange with providers
- ✓ Comprehensive care plans
- ✓ Caregiver needs
- ✓ In-home risks
- ✓ SDOH
- ✓ Transitions of care
  - ✓ Discharge from hospital
  - ✓ Skilled nursing facility entry
  - ✓ Nursing home entry
  - ✓ Community based care

## Outcomes of Transitions of Care Program

### SDOH Transitional Meals program

**Who:** High-risk members who lack access to nutritionally appropriate food

**What:** Provided medically tailored meals (2 meals/day)

**When:** For 4 weeks after hospital discharge

**Why:** Nutrition is a critical SDOH need that impacts post-discharge health outcomes

### Impact Over 6 Months

#### For participants pre- vs post-participation

Hospital 70% ↓ Medical Spend 39% ↓

#### Improving health equity among members with high food insecurity:

African Americans Hospital 85% ↓ Hispanic / Latino Hospital 85% ↓

## Member Experience

- ✓ Holistic
- ✓ Easier to navigate
- ✓ Better care management supports become possible

*"Impact" data come from affiliate health plans, members participating in Transitional Meals Program from January 2019 through September 2020, comparing 180 days pre- and post-intervention*

# Spotlight: Supporting Caregivers in Integrated Programs

## The Opportunity: Capitated Financial Alignment Demonstration

- Molina has participated in the FAD since its launch
- Demonstrations provide experience operating fully integrated Medicare/Medicaid programs, creating new opportunities



## Molina Caregiver Support Program

- Offered care management and evidence-based intervention programs to members' caregivers
- Gained insights from caregivers related to members' needs, helped ensure access to benefits across programs
- Caregiver support for populations for under 65
- Reduced caregiver stress and impacted downstream outcomes

**Key Takeaway:** By aligning Medicare and Medicaid for dually eligible enrollees, states empower plans to innovate. Innovations are helping advance our members' well-being.

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# Cityblock Health

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# Who we are

As a healthcare provider, Cityblock's mission is to rebuild trust, eliminate inequities, and **improve outcomes for marginalized communities**.

We've built a scalable care delivery model and technology stack that is a one-stop-shop for individuals with complex needs, **seamlessly integrating primary care, behavioral health, and social services**, 24/7 / 365, in a flexible, personalized model.

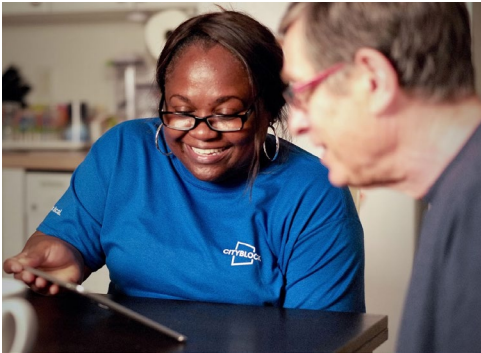
We take on **total cost of care risk on high-risk populations** in Medicaid, Medicare, and dual-eligible populations.



## Cityblock's care model captures value through personalized care teams, multi-modal community care, and technology designed to engage members and improve outcomes

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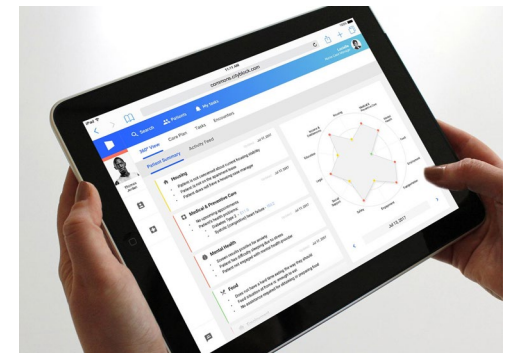
### PERSONALIZED CARE TEAMS AND PLANS

Multidisciplinary care teams with MD, NP, RN, BHS, LCSW, and Community Health Partners  
 Primary care and care management  
 Individualized care plans, with programs for focus areas like palliative care and End-Stage Renal Disease  
 Fully integrated behavioral health, with Psych and SUD programs, including Medication-Assisted Treatment  
 Direct social services delivery, CBO network build and management, and loop closure



### MULTI-MODAL COMMUNITY CARE

Strive to always meet members where they are  
 Neighborhood Hubs where our members live  
 24 / 7 / 365 clinical access with remote triage (voice / text / video)  
 In-home routine care, and urgent care via Community Rapid Response teams  
 Care transitions with facility rounding  
 Boots-on-the-ground outreach staffed with local teams who have deep community expertise



### CUSTOM TECHNOLOGY

Built-for-purpose digital care delivery platform serving as backbone of support  
 Enables scale / provides high-value care innovation to members  
 Real-time protocolized alerts, including live ADT feeds and workflows  
 Integrated reporting across all domains  
 360° member view informed by data feeds and care team input

## We deliver outcomes through advanced understanding of the heterogeneity of complex lower-income populations

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### Socially isolated & unmanaged

#### Care model interventions

**Non-clinical engagement** (CHPs) and connection to CBOs and community resources

#### Desired outcomes

Reduced **social admits** to the hospital

#### Prevalence in early cohorts

70% reporting social vulnerability



### Polychronic & undermanaged

Interdisciplinary team (MD, RN, CHP) providing **MTM, BH care, and social care**

Better **underlying health** and fewer acute events

69% with 3+ chronic conditions  
33% with 5+ chronic conditions



### Serious mental illness

High-quality primary care integrated with **accessible behavioral health**

Reduced inpatient **BH-driven admits**

30% with behavioral health diagnosis



### Approaching end-of-life

Advanced care planning with **aggressive home-based primary care** and palliative care

Reduced unnecessary **end-of-life utilization**

15% identified as eligible for palliative care

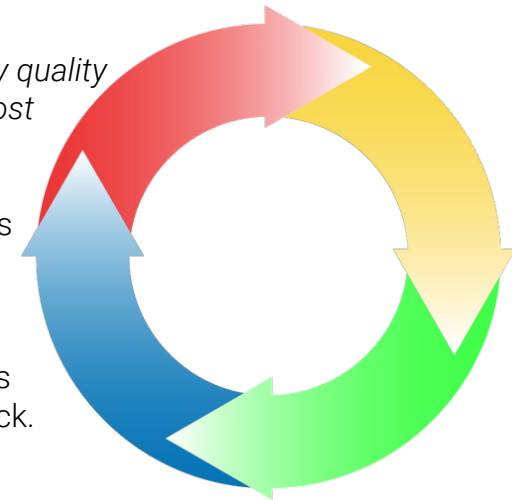
**Experience- and brand-driven retention captures recurring value over time**

## We see a powerful opportunity to partner with health plans on integrated models serving dually eligible individuals that deliver superior clinical, quality, and cost outcomes

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- Cityblock's model is ideally suited to **total cost of care risk** sharing arrangements for **complex, lower-income** populations
- Whole person care
  - Integrated plans are responsible for the **full set of Medicare and Medicaid services**. This sets the stage for payer-agnostic, whole-person care delivery and coordination that improves health outcomes and member experience
- Improved member **health outcomes and experience**
  - Trust-based, whole-person care is the foundation for improved outcomes and member experience
- Investing in **community health & social services**
  - ASPE 2016 Report: *"Beneficiaries with social risk factors had worse outcomes on many quality measures, regardless of the providers they saw, and dual enrollment status was the most powerful predictor of poor outcomes"*
  - Integration sets the stage for connecting members with social services as part of a comprehensive care plan reflecting all Medicare, Medicaid, and any additional services
- Financial alignment
  - Cityblock **increases investment** in primary, behavioral, and social care **to decrease avoidable hospital spend** and drive total cost of care savings. When Cityblock partners with integrated plans, savings from high-value care accrue to the plans and to Cityblock. This enables a virtuous circle of reinvestment in whole-person care



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