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**ACAP NAMED TO NATIONAL QUALITY FORUM MEASURE APPLICATIONS
PARTNERSHIP FOR DUAL ELIGIBLES**

WASHINGTON –The Association for Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP) was recently named by the National Quality Forum to the Measure Applications Partnership (MAP) for Dual Eligible Beneficiaries. MAP is a multistakeholder group -- including consumers, businesses and purchasers, labor, health plans, clinicians and providers, communities and states, and suppliers -- which reviews and makes recommendations on measures most appropriate for public reporting, performance-based payment, and other uses.

MAP provides input on several aspects of quality measurement, ranging from core quality measures for children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP to recommendations for measures on which plans offering coverage through Marketplaces must publicly report. ACAP will serve on a MAP that focuses on care for people dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid; the group will deliver guidance on measures of care for dual eligibles and consider approaches to bridging gaps in quality measurement.

Seventeen ACAP-member Safety Net Health Plans offer a Special Needs Plan for people eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid. Fourteen member plans participate in the duals demonstration as Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs), and a fifteenth intends to participate in 2016. Collectively, ACAP-member MMPs comprise 15 percent of all duals demonstration contracts but enroll more than 30 percent of all demonstration beneficiaries.

“The National Quality Forum MAPs serve a critical role in advancing quality measurement. We’re delighted to have the opportunity to serve with this group,” said ACAP CEO Margaret A. Murray. “Fair, accurate measures of quality of care for dually eligible beneficiaries is a complex proposition, and we look forward to sharing our views on the matter with the members of the MAP.”

For more information, visit the NQF Web site at qualityforum.org.

About ACAP

ACAP represents 60 nonprofit Safety Net Health Plans in 24 states, which collectively serve more nearly fifteen million people enrolled in Medicaid, Medicare, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and other public health programs. For more information, visit www.communityplans.net.

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