

Do you have Medicare and Medicaid?

If you have both Medicare and Medicaid, you should always choose physicians from your Medicare provider network, as you have done in the past, for all medically necessary services. To access health care services that Medicare does not cover, which are covered by NJ Medicaid (for example, dental care and hearing aids) you will now use your Medicaid HMO network.

Note for Medicare providers: The dual eligibles' enrollment in a Medicaid HMO will not have any effect on the Medicare payment that Medicare providers receive. There is no change in the Medicare fee-for-service billing process. Medicare providers will still bill Medicare (which is the primary payer), as they have done in the past, and they will receive the same Medicare payment that they have been receiving.

IF SERVICE IS	THEN	PROVIDER GUIDANCE
An approved, Medicare covered benefit (Examples: outpatient hospital service, primary care, specialists, lab tests, radiology)	Medicare is the primary payer and Medicaid Health Plan is the secondary payer.	Use a Medicare provider who does not need to be in your Medicaid Health Plan's provider network.
Inpatient hospital care	Medicare is the primary payer and Medicaid Health Plan is the secondary payer.	Use a hospital that is affiliated with Medicare. If possible, use a hospital that is also in your Medicaid Health Plan provider network.
Emergency care received at a hospital emergency department	Medicare is the primary payer and Medicaid Health Plan is the secondary payer.	Go to the nearest hospital.
A medically necessary service which is not covered by Medicare but is covered by your Medicaid Health Plan (Examples: dental services, hearing aids, personal care assistant services, medical day care services, incontinence supplies, family planning services)	Medicaid Health Plan is the only payer.	Use a provider in your Medicaid Health Plan provider network.