**Do you have Medicaid and Medicare in Colorado?**    If so, may have been getting a lot of mail or phone outreach asking you to join a dual eligible special needs plan.   They might offer some really good incentives like monthly payment cards to pay for food, utility bills, and other products.   There are pros and cons to these plans, and we’ve heard from the community that there are questions about navigating Medicare and Medicaid coverage.

Colorado Cross Disability Coalition is partnering with United Health Plans, who runs one of the large Medicare-Medicaid plans in Colorado.  Our ultimate goal is to create a member advisory council for their Medicare-Medicaid plan.   Before we do this however, we are hosting some educational meetings to help anyone understand enrollment options for people with Medicare and Medicaid, whether or not they are with United Health Plans or would like to join a United Health Medicare/Medicaid Plan. (Other plans in the area include Humana, and Elevate with Denver Health.)

We have two virtual meetings on Zoom (*before* Medicare enrollment begins starting Nov. 1):

* [Wednesday October 9th 1:30-3:30pm](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88143793160)
* [Wednesday October 30th 1:30-3:00pm](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88143793160)

You can join both meetings at this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88143793160>

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Meeting ID: 881 4379 3160

Accommodations:

We have arranged ASL interpretation and CART.  If you need anything else please let us know by emailing Mona Vyas, special project coordinator for Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition at mvyas@ccdconline.org

October 9th will feature guests from [Justice in Aging](https://justiceinaging.org/), a nationally recognized advocacy organization with deep expertise on these plans to teach our community what a Dual Special Needs Plan is (plans for people with Medicare *and* Medicaid) and how to determine if it is right for you. [Learn more about their work for people with Medicare and Medicaid](https://justiceinaging.org/issues/dual-eligibles/).

*In Colorado there are over 130,000 Coloradans on these plans. This is about 40% of all eligible people in Colorado who have both Medicare and Medicaid.*

**Some questions we have heard from Coloradans with Medicare andMedicaid coverage:**

-Should I join this or stick with regular Medicaid and Medicare?

-Are the monthly cards to help pay for food, utilities, and other things a scam?

-Will these plans restrict what doctor I can see?

-Will these plans cost me money or save me money?

-Will these plans be able to work with my disability?

-How are they regulated?

-Are their salespeople held to any standards or required to keep promises made?

-What if I join and then do not like it?

***What are your questions?*** *Join us and ask your questions to the experts at Justice in Aging with Colorado Cross Disability Coalition.*

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