

Overview

The US Medicare program provides health care coverage to over 50 million enrolled individuals age 65 and over, persons with disabilities, and those with end-stage renal disease. The program is complex, with different rules applying to Medicare fee-for-service coverage and the Medicare managed care and Part D prescription drug programs. Medicare is substantially impacted by the Affordable Care Act, as changes in the law effect industry participants through significant modifications in reimbursement and other program rules and encourage providers, health plans and others to gravitate towards new delivery models aimed at cost savings and collaboration.

Dentons lawyers and professionals have vast experience counseling hospitals, health systems, large physician practices, health plans, pharmacy chains, pharmacy benefit managers, drug manufacturers and others concerning Medicare program rules. We provide a full range of services to our clients, including regulatory and fraud and abuse counseling, compliance assistance, defense against CMS enforcement actions or litigation (including false claims act cases), and assistance in understanding innovative new programs affecting Medicare beneficiaries, including the capitated financial alignment demonstration program. Our lawyers and professionals have extensive contacts with regulators at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the agency that oversees this vast program, with many having previously served at senior levels within government.

When Medicare issues require a clear understanding of the complex legal requirements that apply to the provision of covered health care services to Medicare beneficiaries, Dentons can efficiently provide clear and knowledgeable guidance.