

Department Response to February 16 House Health and Social Services committee:

Representative Seaton asked how many Alaska Medicaid enrollees were dually enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare:

Taneeka, in response to your email below:

Currently, DHSS has 15,500 Medicaid enrollees who also have Medicare coverage (dually enrolled).

This overlap group doesn't contain any individuals newly covered through Medicaid expansion, because expansion was specifically for childless, *non-elderly* adults, whereas Medicare is for adults age 65+.

Medicare recipients may be considered for Medicaid eligibility if they meet Medicaid criteria for being considered disabled or blind.

Thank you.

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