

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Experts to discuss health care for elderly

BLUE BELL State, county, and local health-care leaders are scheduled to join an audience of nearly 100 service providers, insurance providers, and policy experts at the Blue Bell Country Club on Friday as the results of the report “Planning a Better Future for Dual-Eligible Elderly in Montgomery County” are released for discussion and debate.

The report examines how to best care for those who qualify for Medicare and Medicaid while also containing or reducing costs. Dual-eligible people represent 18 percent of the Medicaid population in Pennsylvania but 43 percent of total Medicaid spending.

Among those scheduled to attend are Brian Duke, Pennsylvania secretary of aging; Josh Shapiro, chairman of the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners; Russell Johnson, CEO of the North Penn Community Health Foundation; and Barbara O’Malley, acting director of the Montgomery County Department of Aging and Adult Services.

The report was developed by a workgroup of local experts led by the Polisher Research Institute and the Abramson Center for Jewish Life with grant support from the North Penn Community Health Foundation.

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