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George, I am still dealing with a draft contracted report that I feel is somewhat inaccurate involving the proportion of seniors in Medicaid in MN. Here are statements from the report that I feel are not quite on track:

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Not only are dual eligibles among the highest-risk, highest-utilization populations in Medicaid, but the competing federal program requirements, multiple providers, and complex payment arrangements involved in their care make care coordination and case management efforts for these individuals extremely challenging. This population appears to have had a larger influence on costs in Minnesota than in other states during the period.

The state's Medicaid program has a higher proportion of enrollees over 65 than most states, contributing to an above average population of dual eligibles.

Do you think it is true that we have more seniors enrolled in Medicaid and more dual eligibles than most states?

Can you give me numbers 2008-2012 on the total Medicaid population and the total seniors on Medicaid (average monthly enrollment). A Kaiser report I looked up shows that for 2009 the average proportion of Medicaid seniors in states was about 10%.

The report authors insist that they are talking about the proportion of Medicaid enrollees that are seniors vs the proportion of the overall senior population enrolled in Medicaid. I don't think it is really clear in their report what they are talking about and why they are talking about it!