

Updates on California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal

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CalAIM Stakeholder Update

Based upon the thoughtful discussions that have occurred through the CalAIM workgroups and stakeholder engagement process, below is a summary of recent changes and updates to the initiative's proposals:

- **California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM).** From this point forward, this initiative will be referred to as CalAIM.
- **Phased Approach for Enhanced Care Management Transition.** DHCS will offer a phased approach to give plans without Whole Person Care and Health Homes Programs experience additional time to prepare for the transition to enhanced care management. The implementation date for plans in counties with Whole Person Care pilots and/or Health Homes Programs is January 1, 2021; plans in counties without WPC or HHP will have until July 1, 2021 to implement, but may implement earlier.
- **Population Health Management.** DHCS has determined that managed care plans should have additional time to design and implement their Population Health Management Strategies, delaying the effective date to January 1, 2022.
- **Updated Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNP) Policy Proposal.** The CalAIM webpage has been updated, based upon stakeholder feedback, with a revised memo entitled, [Expanding Access to Integrated Care for Dual Eligible Californians](#). This memo outlines the Department's transition plan for dual eligibles and the Coordinated Care Initiative.

Stakeholder Engagement Updates and Next Steps

The CalAIM workgroup process has concluded, and the public comment period for the proposals is now closed. Thank you to everyone who submitted their thoughtful feedback and/or participated in the workgroup process over the last four months. DHCS will post a summary of key proposal improvements and updates to the CalAIM website in early April 2020.

DHCS intends to submit the 1115 waiver renewal and consolidated 1915(b) waiver applications to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in June 2020. Public comment and public hearings will occur in May 2020. Information on these hearings will be announced at a later date.

Technical Assistance

DHCS has scheduled a series of CalAIM Regional Meetings to provide technical assistance to health plans, counties, and community-based organizations as they prepare to implement the enhanced care management benefit and in lieu of services. These meetings are not open to the public. Health plans, lead entities for WPC, county behavioral health agencies, county public health agencies, and Tribal Health Programs will be invited to attend the meeting in their region. (Registration information will come in a formal invitation email tailored to each meeting).

Below is a table indicating which CalAIM Regional Meeting each health plan and county is assigned, as well as the dates and locations for the meetings. Health plans that participate in multiple counties may need to attend more than one Regional Meeting.

Partnership HealthPlan Counties (Fairfield, 4/16)	Southern California (Riverside, 4/21)	Bay Area and Central California (Oakland, 5/1)	Northern California (Chico, 5/4)
Del Norte	Imperial	Alameda	Alpine
Humboldt	Los Angeles	Contra Costa	Amador
Lake	Orange	Fresno	Butte
Lassen	Riverside	Kings	Calaveras
Marin	San Bernardino	Madera	Colusa
Mendocino	San Diego	Mariposa	El Dorado
Modoc	San Luis Obispo	Merced	Glenn
Napa	Ventura	Mono	Inyo
Shasta	Kern	Monterey	Nevada
Siskiyou	Santa Barbara	Sacramento	Placer
Solano	Imperial	San Benito	Plumas
Sonoma		San Francisco	Sierra
Trinity		San Mateo	Sutter
Yolo		Santa Clara	Tehama
		Santa Cruz	Yuba
		Stanislaus	
		Tulare	
		Tuolumne	

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