

DHCS Medi-Cal Child Health Sprint Collaborative



About the Sprint Collaborative

The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) is partnering with California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to continue the work already started by the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM). Together, IHI and DHCS have designed a 12-month Child Health Sprint Collaborative that focuses on supporting Managed Care Plans (MCPs) to implement best practices in children's preventive services with their network providers and plan-based teams to provide effective, equitable whole-person pediatric care. Specifically, the collaborative is focused on:

- Non-aged school infants/children
- School-aged children/adolescents

The Sprint design allows for wide scale implementation of proven and tested interventions aimed at well-visit completion for the two populations. Every 1-2 months, MCPs will be implementing easily accessible, high-impact interventions and measuring the results. Throughout each testing period, IHI and leading subject matter experts will provide virtual group training, coaching and support for the MCPs as they adapt and navigate each idea.

Who Should Participate

All 26 MCPs in the state of CA will be expected to participate. MCP teams should be comprised of 4-7 individuals who are ready to improve child health. We recommend that your team includes members who have a lens or role in quality improvement, data, population health, equity, provider relations, and community partnerships. You will also engage with additional colleagues from your MCP depending on the specific intervention of focus. More specific guidance on building your team is coming soon.



Fully virtual format

All 26 managed care plans in CA will participate.

Collaborative begins:
February 2024

More information coming in the new year.