



Financial Solvency Standards Board

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Medi Cal Budget

CalAIM Relaunch

First CalAIM proposal released in October 2019 with initial implementation dates planned for January 1, 2021.

Extensive CalAIM stakeholder workgroup process (November 2019 – February 2020).

- 20 in-person workgroup meetings across five workgroups
- Written and in-person public comment opportunities

Due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency's impact in the state's budget and health care infrastructure, CalAIM was put on hold for the duration of 2020.

DHCS has revised the original CalAIM proposal to reflect learnings from the workgroup process, stakeholder input, ongoing policy development, and new implementation dates.

On January 8, 2021, DHCS published a revised CalAIM proposal along with an Executive Summary that also outlines key changes.

- CalAIM Webpage:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/CalAIM.aspx>

On January 28, 2021, DHCS hosted a public webinar to walk through the revised proposal, highlight key changes, and provide additional detail on upcoming CalAIM activities.

CalAIM Relaunch - 2021

Key Implementation Milestones	
Jan – March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch first Managed Long-Term Services and Supports and Duals Integration workgroup • Release draft ECM/ILOS Model of Care (including WPC/HH Transition Plan) and ECM/ILOS DHCS to MCP contract language and MCP to provider standard terms and conditions for comment and begin technical assistance efforts • Release final ECM/ILOS Model of Care and ECM/ILOS DHCS to MCP contract language and MCP to provider standard terms and conditions • Section 1115 and 1915(b) waiver public comment period begins
Apr – June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release draft MCP rates for ECM • Release of additional ECM/ILOS materials, including ILOS pricing guidance • Conclude Foster Care Model of Care workgroup • Form county oversight and monitoring workgroup • Develop auditing tools for oversight of CCS and CHDP
July – Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCPs submit ECM/ILOS Model of Care for WPC/HHP counties, for review/approval by DHCS • Begin stakeholder process for county inmate pre-release application process • Publish an updated process for monitoring and reporting of County Performance Standards • Anticipated approval of 1115 and 1915(b) waiver/renewal requests

CalAIM Relaunch - 2022

Key Implementation Milestones- January 1, 2022

Enhanced Care Management

In Lieu of Services

Managed Care Plan Incentives

Mandatory MCP Enrollment for Non-Duals

Mandatory FFS for OBRA and Share of Cost beneficiaries

Major Organ Transplant Carve-In

MSSP Carve-Out in CCI Counties

Specialty Mental Health Carve-Out in Solano and Sacramento Counties

Cal MediConnect to D-SNP Aligned Enrollment Transition Preparation

D-SNP “Look-Alike” Enrollee Transitions Begin in CCI Counties

Phase I – Regional MCP Capitation Rates

Phase I – Improving Beneficiary Contact Information

DMC-ODS Renewal

Behavioral Health Medical Necessity Criteria



Medi-Cal Rx Update



COVID-19 Updates

Medi-Cal COVID-19 Update

The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE):

- On January 7, 2021, HHS issued a renewal of the PHE for a full 90-day extension through April 20, 2021.
- The Biden Administration announced that it intends to renew the PHE throughout 2021, and that HHS will provide states with a 60-day notice prior to the end of the PHE.
- DHCS continues to partner with CMS to obtain federal flexibilities necessary for Medi-Cal to adapt to the ongoing pandemic.

Medi-Cal COVID-19 Update

Recent Federal Flexibilities:

- DHCS requested federal approval to provide COVID-19 testing for Medi-Cal children in schools, effective February 1, 2021. (pending CMS approval)
- DHCS requested federal approval to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine benefit exclusively through the Medi-Cal fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system. (pending CMS approval)
- DHCS requested federal approval to extend coverage of the COVID-19 vaccines to Medi-Cal limited-scope benefit populations. (pending CMS approval)
- CMS approved flexibilities for the reinstatement of benefits for Medi-Cal beneficiaries following a request for an appeal or state fair hearing. (Approved)

CalHOPE

- **Media campaign:** outreach to diverse groups with messages about managing stress and anxiety during the COVID-19 emergency.
- **San Francisco 49ers partnership:** messages from coaches and players on staying safe and healthy and options for mental health and emotional support.
- **Los Angeles Kings partnership:** first-ever official helmet partner and extensive digital branding -- embracing the CalHOPE message from the executive level to the ice.
- **Coming soon:**
 - CalHOPE support (virtual crisis counseling sessions from local partners),
 - CalHOPE student support (social and emotional learning support in school),
 - Expansion of the CalHOPE Warm Line to 24/7

COVID-19 Resources/Links

- CA COVID-19 webpage: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>
- DHCS COVID-19 webpage:
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/DHCS-COVID%E2%80%9119-Response.aspx>
- California Department of Public Health COVID-19 webpage:
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>



Thank you!