



Updates on Medi-Cal Healthier California for All

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Medi-Cal Healthier California for All: Updates and Announcements

Based upon the thoughtful discussions occurring through the [Medi-Cal Healthier California for All Workgroups](#), DHCS has made the following changes to the proposals under consideration:

- **Annual Health Plan Open Enrollment.** The state has decided not to continue to pursue the Annual Health Plan Open Enrollment policy. This proposal will no longer be a topic of discussion in the Population Health Management workgroup meetings.
- **Targeted Case Management.** DHCS has clarified its policy regarding the proposal to discontinue Targeted Case Management for Medi-Cal managed care members. The state will no longer pursue the policy change, but will be asking managed care plans to take steps to ensure that enrollees do not simultaneously receive Targeted Case Management and Enhanced Care Management services.
- **[Frequently Asked Questions.](#)** A Frequently Asked Questions document has been released to address questions regarding the Long-Term Care Carve-In. Topics include:
 - Medi-Cal Benefits
 - Long-Term Care Carve-In Transition
 - Rates
 - Quality Improvement
 - Oversight and Monitoring

Foster Care Model of Care Workgroup

In assessing the challenges faced by foster children and youth, DHCS and the Department of Social Services (DSS) this year will convene a Foster Care Model of Care workgroup of key stakeholders. The workgroup will consider whether California should develop a different model of care for children and youth in foster care, including the former foster youth program and transitions out of foster care programs and services for individuals up to age 26.

The workgroup will engage in collaborative discussions to develop short- and long-term policy recommendations and operationally achievable timelines for implementing a new or modified model of care for children and youth in foster care.

The workgroup will include representatives from DHCS, DSS, Department of Developmental Services, Department of Education, state and county child welfare associations, health plans, behavioral health entities, juvenile justice and probation advocates, judicial entities, foster care consumer advocates, current or former foster youth, and parent and caregiver representatives.

DHCS and DSS will solicit for workgroup members in March 2020 and convene the first workgroup meeting in April 2020. The workgroup will meet bimonthly throughout 2020 to formulate policy recommendations for the state to consider for implementation.

There are several Medi-Cal Healthier California for All workgroups that have concepts that overlap with the foster youth population. In order for DHCS to have adequate time to incorporate feedback into final proposals, we continue to encourage workgroup members to provide any feedback regarding the foster care populations in these existing workgroups.