



California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Milestones Calendar as of February 2023

CONTEXT:

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal, or CalAIM, is a transformational plan to modernize the State's Medicaid program. It will improve the quality of life and health outcomes of Medi-Cal beneficiaries, including those with the most complex health and social needs. CalAIM includes a series of far-reaching initiatives that together represent broad reforms of Medi-Cal's programs and systems. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is implementing CalAIM in partnership with Medi-Cal providers, Managed Care Plans (MCPs), Counties, Community-Based Organizations and other stakeholders. These changes will span a multi-year period, with the first reforms already underway effective January 1, 2022, and subsequent reforms to be phased in through 2027.¹

This CalAIM Milestones Calendar is a dynamic document that reflects DHCS' expected timing of upcoming milestones through the second quarter of 2023 for CalAIM and key related initiatives. In some instances, program launch dates are contingent upon timely Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval. Because dates may shift as policies are finalized, the document will be updated regularly to reflect any changes. Stakeholders are encouraged to check the [DHCS CalAIM website](#) for updates to ensure access to the most up-to-date information.

¹ See resources on the [DHCS CalAIM Webpage](#) and the [Section 1115 Demonstration Application and 1915\(b\) Waiver Webpage](#) for additional details.



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Population Health Management (including Service)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Population Health Management (PHM) Program Go-Live+ Retirement of All Plan Letters (APLs) 17-012 and 17-013* 	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 PHM Monitoring approach for MCPs released* Updated guidance on the Population Needs Assessment (PNA) and PHM Strategy* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised PHM Policy Guide Published* 	--	--
Enhanced Care Management (ECM)/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All counties: ECM (Adults Living in the Community who are at Risk for Long 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 Q4 ECM & Community Supports Quarterly Implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Supports Member Information Sharing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated ECM and Community Supports Data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MOC Questions for Birth Equity Population of Focus Expansion, 	--

² Includes CalAIM proposal initiatives and key related initiatives. In some instances, program launch dates and related milestones are contingent upon timely CMS approval. Initiatives for which no major public-facing milestones are anticipated during the time period in this table have been excluded. These include: NCQA Accreditation, Full Integration Plans, Behavioral Health No Wrong Door, Behavioral Health Documentation Redesign, DMC-ODS Natural Healers and Traditional Helpers, and Behavioral Health Regional Contracting. For a timeline of implementation dates for all CalAIM initiatives showing when programs will go live, please see the CalAIM Initiatives Launch Timeline available on the [DHCS CalAIM Webpage](#).



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Community Supports	Term Care [LTC] Institutionalization, Adult Nursing Facility Residents Transitioning to the Community) Populations of Focus Go-Live+ • Additional Community Supports Elections+	Monitoring Report Due from MCPs^ • Model of Care (MOC) Template Addendum Questions for Children & Youth Populations of Focus Due from MCPs^	Guidance Released to MCPs*	Guidance Released* • Final Community Supports Data Sharing Guidance Released to MCPs and Association Partners*	Individuals Transitioning from Incarceration Population of Focus Released to MCPs • 2023 Q1 ECM & Community Supports Quarterly Implementation Monitoring Report Due from MCPs^	--
Incentive Payments	• Program Year 2 goes live+ • Submission 3 measurement period begins~	• Submission 2B (tentative)*	--	--	--	• Payment 2 issued (tentative)~
Benefits Standardization	LTC SNF Carve-In: • MCPs/DHCS conduct Post Transitional	LTC SNF Carve-In: • All MCP Transition Deliverables	LTC SNF Carve-In: • MCPs/DHCS conduct Post Transitional	LTC SNF Carve-In: • MCPs/DHCS conduct Post Transitional	LTC SNF Carve-In: • DHCS' ongoing Quarterly Monitoring begins~	LTC SNF Carve-In: • Automatic continuity of care (CoC) for SNF placement for



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<p>Long Term Care (LTC) Carve-In: Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)</p> <p>LTC Carve-In: ICF-DD Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD, ICF/DD-H, and ICF/DD-N, excluding beneficiaries in an ICF-DD Waiver center); Subacute Care Services (Adult and Pediatric)</p>	<p>Monitoring for Technical/Access to Care Issues for LTC transition~</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiaries can be enrolled in a MCP as early as January 2023 for LTC transition+ • Health Care Options completed Outbound Calls to impacted beneficiaries~ 	<p>approved by DHCS~</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCPs/DHCS conduct Post Transitional Monitoring for Technical/Access to Care Issues for LTC transition~ • Beneficiaries default into a MCP if they do not select a plan by the default date listed in their Medi-Cal Choice Packet for the LTC transition~ <p>LTC ICF/DD & Subacute Carve-In:</p>	<p>Monitoring for Technical/Access to Care Issues for LTC transition~</p> <p>LTC ICF/DD & Subacute Carve-In:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release ICF/DD & Subacute Network Readiness Guidance to MCPs* • Release draft ICF/DD & Subacute APLs for public comment* 	<p>Monitoring for Technical/Access to Care Issues for LTC transition~</p> <p>LTC ICF/DD & Subacute Carve-In:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHCS to begin ICF/DD educational webinars~ • DHCS develops ICF/DD & Subacute Facility Network Readiness Requirements and payment policy~ <p>SMH Carve-out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCPs complete and submit 	<p>SMH Carve-out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHCS finalizes Post Transitional Monitoring Plan & releases to MCPs/MHPs* • DHCS publishes Provider Bulletin~ • Beneficiaries receive SMH 60-day notices in hand by 5/1~ 	<p>members residing in SNF transitioning from FFS to Medi-Cal managed care ends June 30, 2023~</p> <p>LTC ICF/DD & Subacute Carve-In:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release Planning Data - Estimate of population transitioning and population utilization data~ <p>SMH Carve-out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiaries receive SMH 30



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Specialty Mental Health (SMH) Carve-Out		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release LTC Subacute/ICF Notices to stakeholders for two-week review* • ICF/DD: Research and work with internal and external stakeholders to draft, vet, and revise billing/invoicing guidance, sample provider contract language, and Promising Practice~ <p>SMH Carve-Out:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deliverables to DHCS^ • DHCS publishes Provider Bulletin~ 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • day notices in hand by 6/1~ • MCPs conduct outbound call campaign~ • DHCS publishes Provider Bulletin~ • DHCS publishes weekly newsflashes in the month of June~



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHCS releases final SMHS beneficiary notice templates to Kaiser/Partnership Health Plan and Sacramento and Solano MHPs* MCPs/MHPs submit Transition Plan to DHCS^ 				
Mandatory Managed Care Enrollment (MMCE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCPs/DHCS conduct Post Transitional Monitoring for Technical/Access to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All MCP Transition Deliverables approved by DHCS~ MCPs/DHCS conducts Post 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCPs/DHCS conduct Post Transitional Monitoring for Technical/Access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCPs/DHCS conduct Post Transitional Monitoring for Technical/Access to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MCPs/DHCS conduct Post Transitional Monitoring for Technical/Access to 	--



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Serious Mental Illness/Serious Emotional Disturbance (SMI/SED) Waiver (CalBH-CBC)	--	--	--	• 30-day public comment period on waiver application~	--	--



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Behavioral Health Payment Reform	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publish Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) on Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) to Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) transition* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rate methodologies State Plan Amendment (SPA) submission to CMS^ 	--	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amend Mental Health, Drug Medi-Cal (DMC), DMC ODS IA, and Partnership Contracts~
Recovery Incentives: California's Contingency Management (CM) Program	--	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch CM services in participating counties+ 	--	--	--
Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Renewal and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to BHIN 21-075 posted* 	--	--	--	--	--



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Policy Improvements						
Administrative Integration of SMH and Substance Use Disorder (SUD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish behavioral health administrative integration concept paper for public comment* 	--	--	--	--	--
Transition to Statewide Managed Long-Term Services & Supports (MLTSS) and Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNP) (Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) ends)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare and Medi-Cal Plans (MMP) as of January 2023+ • MMPs/DHCS conduct Post Transitional Monitoring for Technical/Access to Care Issues for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MMPs/DHCS conduct Post Transitional Monitoring for Technical/Access to Care Issues for CMC/D-SNP Transition~ • D-SNP Model of Care and state- 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MMPs/DHCS conduct Post Transitional Monitoring for Technical/Access to Care Issues for CMC/D-SNP Transition~ • Off-cycle D-SNP Model of Care and 	--	--	--



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	CMC/D-SNP Transition~ • Updated release of the 2023 D-SNP Policy Guide* • Release of the 2024 D-SNP Policy Guide Care Coordination Chapter*	specific matrix due to DHCS^	state-specific matrix due to DHCS^			
County California Children's Services (CCS) Oversight	--	• Finalize Grievance Process Numbered Letter (NL)* • Design process for informing counties of compliance standards and requirements~	• Finalize and release Survey NL* • Finalize and release Training NL* • Finalize and release Appeals and State Fair Hearing NL* • Finalize compliance metrics and standards~	• Finalize and release Enforcement and Corrective Action NLs* • Finalize and release Performance Measures NL* • Finalize and release Information Notice to inform counties of upcoming MOU and	--	--



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Improving Beneficiary Contact & Demographic Data	--	--	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beneficiary Contact and Demographic Information Roadmap released for public comment* 	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Beneficiary Contact and Demographic Information Roadmap released*
Providing Access and Supporting Health (PATH) Initiatives (ECM, Community)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of TA Marketplace+ • First meetings of Collaborative Planning and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding disbursed for Justice-Involved Initiative Round 2+ • Application window for CITED Round 2 opens~ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application window for Justice Involved Capacity Building Round 2 closes^ • Funds disbursed for Capacity and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application window for CITED round 2 closes^ • PATH JI Round 2 Funding Disbursed on rolling basis+ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review begins of CITED round 2 applications~ • PATH JI Round 2 Funding Disbursed on rolling basis+ 	--



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Supports, Justice-Involved)	Implementation Groups ⁺ • Application window for Justice Involved Initiative Capacity Building Round 2 re-opens~		Infrastructure Transition, Expansion and Development (CITED) Round 1 ⁺³			
Regional Capitation Rates and Shared Savings/Risk	• Blended Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (SPD)/LTC and SPD Dual/LTC Dual rates implementation for County Organized Health System (COHS) counties ⁺	--	--	--	--	--

³ Round 1 CITED funding will be disbursed in Q1 2023.



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