

CalAIM Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) and Duals Integration Workgroup

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California Department of Health Care Services



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Workgroup Purpose and Structure

- Serve as stakeholder collaboration hub for CalAIM MLTSS and integrated care for dual eligible beneficiaries, including the transition of the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) and Cal MediConnect.
- Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to give feedback and share information about policy, operations, and strategy for upcoming changes for Medicare and Medi-Cal.
- Open to the public. Charter posted on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website.
- We value our partnership with plans, providers, advocates, beneficiaries, caregivers, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in developing and implementing this work.



Agenda

11:30 – 11:35 Welcome and Introductions

Dementia Care

| 11:35 - 11:40 | Dementia Care and CalAIM (DHCS) |
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| 11:40 - 12:00 | Dementia Care Coordination (Alzheimer's Los Angeles) |
| 12:00 - 12:10 | Health Plan Perspective on Dementia Care Coordination (Molina Healthcare) |
| 12:10 - 12:55 | Discussion |

Cal MediConnect Enrollment Policy

| 12:55 - 1:00 | Cal MediConnect (CMC) Enrollment Moratorium (DHCS) |
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| 1:00 - 1:10 | Discussion |
| 1:10 - 1:15 | Current Matching Plan Policy (DHCS) |
| 1:15 – 1:25 | Discussion |
| 1:25 - 1:30 | Upcoming Meeting Topics and Next Steps (DHCS) |
| 1:30 | Close Meeting |



Dementia Care & CalAlM



Dementia Care and CalAIM

- DHCS will leverage lessons learned from successful Medi-Cal programs for beneficiaries experiencing cognitive impairment, traumatic brain injury, Alzheimer's disease, and related dementias through CalAIM.
- For duals eligible beneficiaries, DHCS will require that D-SNPs use a model of care that includes dementia specialists in their care coordination efforts.
- DHCS is reviewing other elements of CalAIM and how they relate to supporting beneficiaries with dementia, such as Enhanced Care Management (ECM), performance measures, and Population Health Management.
- DHCS values stakeholder feedback on these issues.



Alzheimer's Los Angeles



Dementia-Capable Care: An Inflection Point for the State of California

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- The Case for Improving Dementia Healthcare
- Dementia Care in the United States: Current State
 & Inequities
- What We've Done in Cal MediConnect
- Where We Need to Go: Making California a Leader in Dementia Care

The Case for Improving Dementia

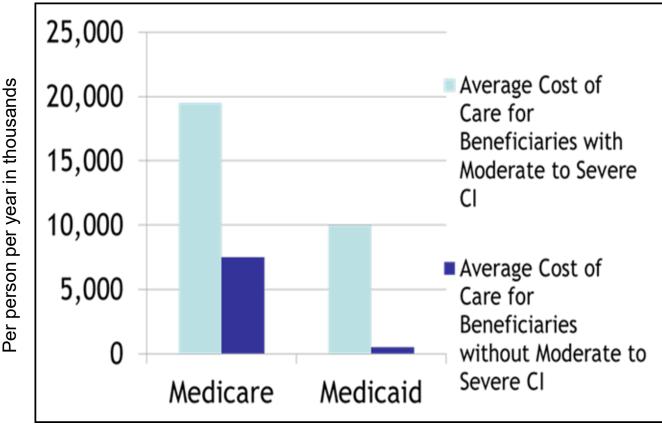
Healthcare

 Increasing prevalence

 High cost of care in U.S.

 Multiple quality challenges

Equity



Alzheimer's Association. 2015 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures. Bynum ,J. (2011) Unpublished data from the Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey for 2008.

Tools for Making the Case: www.alzheimersla.org/professionals



Inequities

African American/ Blacks are:

- 2X more likely than older Whites to have Alzheimer's/dementia
- More likely to be diagnosed later in disease
- Higher caregiver strain & depression

Hispanic/Latinos are:

- 1.5X more likely than older Whites to have Alzheimer's/dementia
- More likely to be diagnosed later in disease
- Less caregiver support
- Greater care demands
- Higher rates of depression

Alzheimer's Association. 2021 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures. Alzheimers Dement 2021;17(3).



Dementia Care in the United States

- Nearly ½ of all CA nursing home residents have Alzheimer's or dementia¹
- Rates of nursing home placement have increased dramatically for people from communities of color²



¹Alzheimer's Association. 2021 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures. Alzheimers Dement 2021;17(3).

²Zhanlian Feng, Mary L. Fennell, Denisa A. Tyler, Melissa Clark and Vincent Mor. "Growth of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in US Nursing Homes Driven by Demographics and Possible Disparities in Options", Health Affairs, Vol. 30 No. 7.



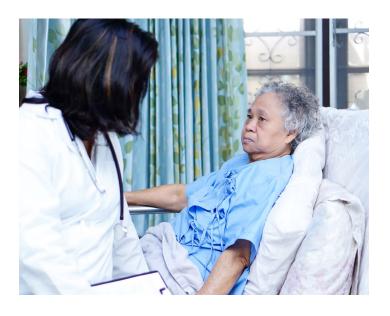
Adjusting Healthcare Systems to Make Them More Family-Centered

- Minimal caregiver focus
- Assessment of caregivers' needs is not formalized
- Lack of non-medical/social support focus
- Insufficient coordination
 between healthcare system and
 community-based organizations



Rationale: Why is a Dementia-Capable System of Care Needed?

- Equity
- Quality of life
- Quality care
- Cost of care



Components of a Dementia-Capable System of Care

Early Detection, Documentation, & Diagnosis

Caregiver Identification, Assessment, Support, & Engagement

Partnerships with CBOs for Social Determinants of Health (Support & Education)



The Dementia Cal MediConnect Project



Advocacy



Technical
Assistance
to
Change
Systems of
Care



Dementia
Care
Management
Training
Program



Caregiver Education and Support

Much Has Been Done, Yet...

- How will promising practices be embedded into CalAIM?
 - √ SMAC language
 - ✓ CalAIM assessments
 - ✓ Health plan processes
- How will systems changes be operationalized?
 - ✓ How will diagnostic and care pathways be implemented?





Master Plan on Aging

- Goal 2- Health Reimagined
 - Be a leader in improving the lives of Californians living with dementia
 - Develop standard of care for dementia
- Goal 4- Caregiving that Works
 - Improving training and support for family caregivers



Population Health Management: Risk Stratification

Beneficiary is diagnosed with dementia or a cognitive impairment

AND

2+ co-morbid chronic conditions

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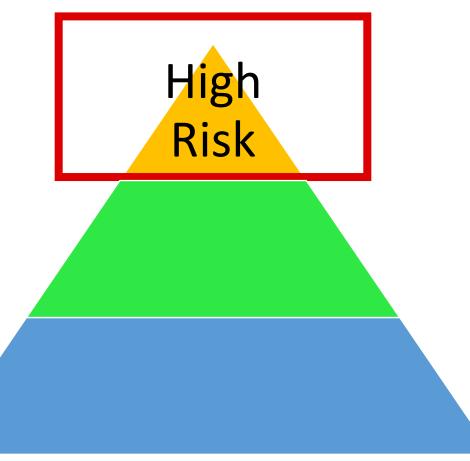
 2+ unplanned hospitalizations or visits to ED w/in past 12 months

OR

A psychiatric hospitalization w/in past 12 months

AND

 Insufficient caregiver resources (caregiver unable or unwilling to provide care)



Population Health Management: Initial Health Assessment

At least 2 necessary questions:

- Cognitive trigger question
- Caregiver availability and willingness to provide care/support



Population Health Management: Plan Screening & Service Delivery

DIAGNOSTIC PATHWAY

- Cognitive trigger question
- Validated cognitive screening tool & documentation
- Diagnostic workup & documentation

CARE PATHWAY

- Family caregiver identification
 & documentation
 - Caregiver availability & willingness to provide care/support
- Validated caregiver assessment (unmet need & stress)
- Provision of support

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Enhanced Care Management

Dementia Care Specialists

- ✓ High risk members with enhanced care management should be assigned to a Dementia Care Specialist
- ✓ Clearly defined roles/responsibilities for Dementia Care Specialists
- ✓ Specialized training



Enhanced Care Management

- Caregiver Assessment & Support
- ✓ Family caregiver(s) identified & documented
- ✓ Validated caregiver assessment tools
- ✓ Support to caregivers



Enhanced Care Management

- Collaboration with Alzheimer's Organizations & Other CBOs
- ✓ Dementia Education
- ✓ Caregiver Education
- ✓ Caregiver Support



In Lieu of Services

Ensuring Access

- ✓ Personal care services
- ✓ Respite
- ✓ Caregiver education & support should be on the list of ILOS

There need to be workflows and processes to get to these services



Summary

- From promise to practice
 - Build on existing requirements using best practices in dementia care
 - Ensure current dementia-focused requirements are properly, equitably, and systematically implemented



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Molina Healthcare

Molina Healthcare of California

Dementia Model of Care



Molina Healthcare of California





Molina's Dementia Model of Care

Case Manager Trainings

Member Cognitive Screenings

Caregiver Screenings

Referrals to Community
Resources



Case Manager Trainings

Case Manager Training

- Fundamentals of Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer's Disease, and Related Dementias
- Practical Dementia Care Management (role of CM, Mandatory Reporting/Elder Abuse, Elder Driving, Medication Management, Co-Existing Conditions, Safety, Managing Behavioral Symptoms)
- Cognitive screening tool administration
- Caring for the Caregiver
- Recommended care plan interventions
- Resources/Tools/ Support Services in the Community

Dementia Care Specialist Training

- More in-depth coverage of topics covered in full day training
- Caregiver assessment



Case Manager Trainings

- Alzheimer's and Dementia Training Bundles
 - Online Modules included in the bundle are:
 - Fundamentals of Alzheimer's Disease
 - Effective Strategies for Managing Behavior Symptoms of Persons with Dementia
 - Caring for the Caregivers
 - Effective Communication Strategies for Caring for People with Dementia



Member Cognitive Screenings

- Health Risk Assessment (HRA) identifies member's memory concerns and recent changes in cognition
- Molina added a validated tool (AD-8) into the clinical software to screen members for dementia
 - Case Managers utilize screening based on responses in the HRA
- Creation of PCP Notification of AD-8 score
 - Letter to PCP shares score
 - Recommends that the PCP complete dementia diagnostic evaluation



Caregiver Screenings

- Health Risk Assessment (HRA) and other methods identify caregivers of individuals with dementia
- AMA Caregiver Self-Report Questionnaire was added to the clinical system as a method to assess the stress levels of family caregivers
 - Case Managers utilize tool when interacting with caregivers
- Caregivers are identified in the clinical system and engaged in the care planning process
 - Identification of goals, interventions and preferences



Referrals to Community Resources

- Case Managers link members and their caregivers to appropriate resources based on identified needs
 - Alzheimer's organizations
 - Long Term Service and Supports (LTSS)
- Alz Direct Connect Referral Form streamlines referrals and communication with Alzheimer's Los Angeles
- Molina has implemented various pilots to assist in increasing the identification of members in need of assistance and/or referrals related to dementia



Best Practices

- Dementia Model of Care interventions were incorporated for all Molina members and not just Cal MediConnect
- Screening tools were incorporated into Case Management trainings, workflows, and case audit tools
- Willingness to attempt different pilots to increase identification of members / caregivers in need of education and support
- The partnership with Alzheimer's Los Angeles has been extremely beneficial
 - Molina leadership / Case Managers have direct access to their expertise to discuss resources, tools, and workflows
 - Case Management staff have benefited from the ongoing training from experts in dementia care









Discussion and Input

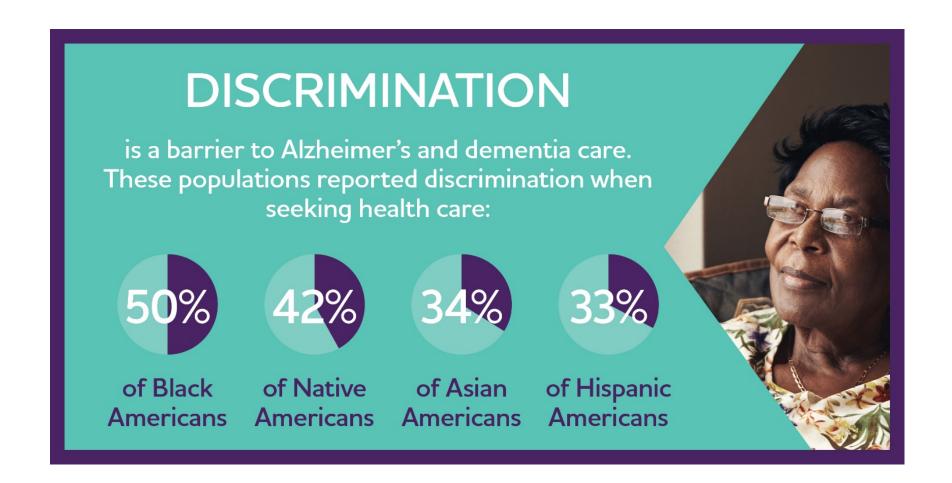
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California by the Numbers

- 1.8 million Californians are living with or caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's or dementia
- \$4.2 billion annual Medi-Cal spending -- projected to grow 25% by 2025
- Annual per capita Medicare spending on California beneficiaries with dementia = \$35,364
- Californians with dementia average 1.5 annual ER visits = 1 million+ annually
- Nearly 1:4 are readmitted to the hospital within 30 days
- 27% with subjective cognitive decline live alone



CONTINUUM OF COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT

Impairment does not interfere with activities of daily living

Impairment in two or more cognitive functions that interfere with activities of daily living

Cognitively Unimpaired

Mild Cognitive Impairment

Mild Dementia

Moderate Dementia

Severe Dementia

MCI is a known risk factor for dementia

Everyone who experiences dementia passes through MCI

Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia (60-80%)

California at the Forefront









for Alzheimer's Disease



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DISCUSSING THE DIAGNOSIS OF DEMENTIA

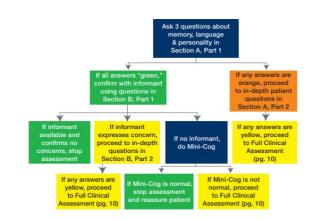
First, it's useful to start with an introduction and to assess the patient and family's goals and expectations. The bullet points below identify key components of the discussion.

- Ask patient and family their impression of the cause of problem and goals of appointment
- · Explain dementia syndrome
- . Explain components of work up/ruling out non-neurodegenerative causes
- Describe and discuss clinical diagnosis and syndrome of Alzheimer's disease

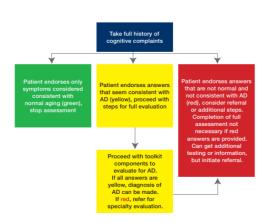
Thanks so much for your patience as we have collected all the information we need to assess your complaint. Now that we have gotten a full description of the problem, and we have gotten results on the blood tests and brain imaging results [can refer to MRI or CT scan, as appropriate], this is a good time to review what we've found and discuss what is causing these problems.

Before I give you my impression, I think it would be good for you to tell me what you are hoping for in this discussion. Do you have own theories about what's causing the problem that you would like me to address? Are there specific diseases that you are worried about? Are there other specific questions that you would like me to answer if I can?

WELLNESS VISIT INTERVIEW



FULL CLINICAL ASSESSMENT



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Alzheimer's Clinical Care Guideline

ASSESSMENT

Address the Patient Directly

- Confirm, disclose and document the diagnosis in the patient record.
- Identify the patient's culture, values, primary language, literacy level, and decision-making process.
- Identify the primary caregiver and assess the adequacy of family and other support systems, paying attention to the caregiver's own mental and physical health.

Understand (or Know) the Patient

Monitor and Reassess Changes

Upon sudden changes or significant decline, and at least annually, conduct and document the following:

- Ability to manage finances and medications, as well as daily functions, including feeding, bathing, dressing, mobility, toileting and continence:
- Cognitive status, using a valid and reliable instrument, e.g., MoCA (Montreal Cognitive Assessment), AD8 (Ascertian Dementia 8) or other tool;
- Comorbid medical conditions, which may present with sudden worsening in cognition and function or changes in behavior, and could complicate management of dementia;
- · Emotional, behavioral and/or mood symptoms;
- Medications, both prescription and non-prescription, for appropriate use and contraindications; and
- Adequacy of home environment, including safety, care needs, and <u>abuse and/or</u> <u>neglect.</u>

Beneficial Interventions

Disease Management

CARE PLAN

- Discuss the progression and stages of the disease.
- Evaluate and manage comorbidities in context of dementia and prognosis.
- Consider use of cholinesterase inhibitors, N-Methyl-D-aspartate antagonist, and other medications, if clinically indicated, to slow cognitive decline.
- Promote and refer to social services and community support.

Treat Emotional, Behavioral and/or Mood Symptoms

 First consider non-pharmacologic approaches such as counseling, environmental modification, task simplification activities etc.

- Consult with or refer to mental health professionals as needed.
- IF non-pharmacological approaches prove unsuccessful, THEN use medications targeted to specific emotions, behaviors or moods, if clinically indicated. Note, many medications carry an FDA black box warning and side effects may be serious, significant or fatal.

Evaluate Safety Issues

 Discuss driving, wandering, firearms, fire hazards, etc. Recommend <u>medical</u> <u>identification for patients who wander.</u>

Document Goals of Care

- Explore preferred intensity of care to include palliative care and end-of-life options such as hospice.
- Provide information and education on advance health care directives, Do Not Resuscitate Orders, <u>Physicians Orders for Life Sustaining</u> <u>Treatment</u>, <u>Durable Power of Attorney and other</u> documents.

Promote Healthy Living

 Discuss evidence in support of modifiable risk factors, e.g., regular physical activity and diet/ nutrition.

Refer to Clinical Studies

 If interested, advise patient and family of opportunities to participate in research.

EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

Engage with the Community

Connect with Social and Community Support

- Involve the patient directly in care planning, treatment decisions and referrals to community resources.
- As the disease progresses, suggest appropriate home and community-based programs and services.
- Link the patient and caregiver to support organizations for culturally appropriate educational materials and referrals to community and government resources.

For statewide patient and family resources,

California Department of Public Health, Alzheimer's Disease Program

(916) 552-9900

Alzheimer's Disease Program

Check for local services in your area.

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

Advance Planning

 Discuss the importance of basic legal and financial planning as part of the care plan and refer for assistance.

Capacity Evaluations

- Assess the patient's decision-making capacity and determine whether a legal surrogate has been or can be identified.
- Consider literacy, language and culture in assessing capacity.

Time Sensitive Issues

 Monitor for evidence of and report all suspicions of abuse (physical, financial, sexual, neglect, isolation, abandonment and/or abduction) to Adult Protective Services, Long-Term Care Ombudsman or the local police department, as required by law

Driving

 Report the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in accordance with California law.

Eligibility for Benefits

- Patients diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer's disease may be eligible for Social Security compassionate allowance.
- Other benefits may include Department of Veterans Affairs or long-term care insurance coverage under existing policies.

1017, rev. 4 *This guidance may apply to other forms of dementia as well as mild cognitive impairment.

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Model Dementia Standard of Care to the Nation

UCLA Alzheimer's and Dementia Care Program for Comprehensive, Coordinated, Patient-centered Care

- 1. Patient recruitment and a dementia registry
- 2. Structured needs assessments of patients in the registry and their caregivers
- 3. Creation and implementation of individualized dementia care plans based on needs assessments and input from the primary care physicians
- 4. Monitoring and revising care plans, as needed
- 5. Access 24/7, 365 days a year for assistance and advice. The program uses a co-management model with a nurse practitioner Dementia Care Manager working with primary care physicians and CBOs.

Model Dementia Standard of Care to the Nation

Figure 1. The Care Ecosystem Core Elements



- The Dyad: A PWD and a Caregiver. Caregiver can be a family member or friend, paid staff, or other combination of people who support the PWD.
- Care Team Navigator: actively supports the Dyad, empowers the CG to be the advocate for the PWD and leverages the protocols, resources, and clinical resources available. The Care Team Navigator receives training, has access to resources, and receives ongoing consultative support from licensed clinical experts.
- 3. The Care Ecosystem model is built around clinical expertise in dementia.
- The Care Ecosystem has evidence-based protocols designed to support a PWD and the needs of the CG. The protocols address: medications, safety, behaviors, caregiver support, and advance care planning.
- The Care Ecosystem model is person-centered and customized. Its resources are provided on an as-needed basis that is proactive and responsive, rather than in a prescribed order.
- A distinctive part of the Care Ecosystem model is its
 focus on both the PWD and the Caregiver. The Care
 Team Navigator provides curated resources to alleviate
 caregiver burden in addition to addressing the needs of
 the PWD.

UCSF Dementia Care Ecosystem

Promising Models of Care



Screen Treat Heal About

GET TRAINED

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Medi-Cal providers have conducted 155,000 ACE screenings.

Learn more in our March 2021 Data Update



- Focuses on early intervention
- Relies on provider incentives
- Builds primary care capacity

- Hub & Spoke model
- Builds primary care capacity & competency
- Leverages telehealth allowable cost

What Is Project ECHO?

Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes), launched in 2003, by Dr. Sanjeev Arora at the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, was originally developed to address the need for better Hepatitis C care. Now, more than 130 academic organizations lead ECHO projects in 30-plus states and 23 countries to address more than 65 complex medical



conditions. The ECHO model is designed to enhance the health care workforce in underserved areas by providing community-based primary care providers with knowledge and support to manage

Case Study: EHR Integration

- ✓ Direct referral to
 Alzheimer's
 Association at point of care
- High patient and family satisfaction

Access to suite of services:

- Care consultations by licensed professionals
- Peer support groups
- Caregiver education
- Patient education
- 24/7 access to licensed professionals in language
- Referrals for local, long-term services and supports

 Community Resource Finder
 SARP





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Discussion and Input

 What are best practices and lessons learned from the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI)/ Cal MediConnect and other work on supporting beneficiaries with Alzheimer's and related dementias?

 What are key considerations in developing requirements for specialized dementia care coordinators in the D-SNP model of care?



CMC Enrollment Moratorium Policy Options



Background on Enrollment Moratorium

- Cal MediConnect (CMC) will sunset on December 31, 2022, and plans will transition members from CMC plans into D-SNPs with aligned MCPs on January 1, 2023.
- According to the CMC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the last effective date for new enrollment into a CMC plan is July 1, 2022 (known as the enrollment moratorium).
- With certain exceptions, dual eligible beneficiaries are not eligible for new enrollment into a D-SNP until 2023 in CCI counties.



Policy Considerations

- DHCS and CMS are considering shortening the sixmonth enrollment moratorium, subject to enrollment transition decisions and timeline.
- Shortening the enrollment moratorium would minimize the length of time in 2022 that beneficiaries would not have access to an integrated Medicare enrollment option, helping avoid more enrollment in nonintegrated Medicare plans.



CMC Moratorium Options

 Option 1 – Last new enrollment effective date into CMC is July 1, 2022 (per the current 3-way contract/MOU)

 Option 2 – Last new enrollment effective date into CMC is August or September 1, 2022



Discussion and Input

 Should DHCS reduce the CMC enrollment moratorium by 1 to 2 months?



DHCS Current Matching Plan Policy



Existing "Matching Plan" Policy

- DHCS currently operates under a "matching plan policy" that requires dual eligible beneficiaries enrolling in a Medicare product to enroll in the matching Medi-Cal plan if one is available and if they are mandatory in Medi-Cal managed care.
 - The current matching plan policy was established prior to 2014 CCI implementation and applies.
 - This enrollment process applies to the Prime Plan operating in the county. DHCS does not enroll beneficiaries into delegate plans.
 - Health Care Options supports an opt-in choice process to help beneficiaries select the Medi-Cal managed care plan that matches their Medicare plan choice.
 - In County Organized Health System (COHS) counties, all Medi-Cal beneficiaries in managed care are enrolled in the COHS plan.



Questions?



Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Future topics may include, but not limited to:

- Care coordination, including:
 - Building on the lessons learned from CMC
 - Coordination across aligned D-SNPs and MCPs
 - Coordination with carved-out benefits and delivery systems, including behavioral health and long-term services and supports programs
- Beneficiary communications and integrated member materials
- Data sharing
- Quality reporting
- Cal MediConnect Transition
- Enrollment policies



Next Steps

Next MLTSS & Duals Integration Stakeholder
 Workgroup meeting: Thursday, June 10, at 10 a.m.