



## **March MLTSS and Duals Integration Workgroup Meeting Summary**

On March 24, 2022, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) hosted the March Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) & Duals Integration Workgroup.

The meeting began with Kerry Branick and Marla Rothhouse of the Medicare Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) presenting on Medicare Advantage network requirements at the federal level.

Following the CMS presentation, Anastasia Dodson, Deputy Director of the Office of Medicare Innovation and Integration (OMII) at DHCS, shared the proposed state-specific Medicare Continuity of Care requirements for 2023 Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs).

Next, there was a panel discussion about continuity of care issues during the Cal MediConnect (CMC) demonstration and considerations for the upcoming 2023 CMC to D-SNP transition. Pat Curran, Chief Executive Officer of the Health Plan San Mateo; Jack Dailey, CMC Ombudsman, Health Consumer Alliance, Legal Aid Society of San Diego; and Tiffany Huyenh-Cho, Senior Staff Attorney at Justice in Aging provided high-level presentations on the importance of continuity of care for dual eligible beneficiaries, as well as lessons learned during CMC and the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI). Following the panel presentation, workgroup participants were encouraged to ask questions and share their comments about CMS, DHCS, and the panel presentations on continuity of care.

During the next portion of the workgroup, Anastasia presented an update on the Public Health Emergency (PHE) unwinding, and shared resources for stakeholders to connect with DHCS to learn more. Then Anastasia provided a background overview on the 2023 CMC to Exclusively Aligned Enrollment (EAE) D-SNP transition, aligned enrollment in non-CCI Counties, and the D-SNP “look-alike” transition.

Finally, Cassidy Acosta, Deputy Outreach Director with Aurrera Health Group, shared an overview of the 2023 CMC to EAE D-SNP outreach efforts, highlighting ways that lessons learned from CMC will be applied to the CMC to EAE D-SNP transition as well as planned outreach activities and materials.



Following each topic section, stakeholders were given the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments. The recording and transcript of the March [MLTSS and Duals Integration Workgroup](#) meeting contains additional information about the presentation and discussion.

The next MLTSS and Duals Integration Workgroup will take place on [Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 10 AM](#).