



July MLTSS and Duals Integration Workgroup Meeting Summary

On July 20, 2022, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) hosted the July Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) & Duals Integration Workgroup.

The meeting began with Anastasia Dodson, Deputy Director of the Office of Medicare Innovation and Integration (OMII) announcing an update on the California-specific program name, Medicare Medi-Cal Plans (MMPs or Medi-Medi plans), for Exclusively Aligned Enrollment Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (EAE D-SNPs). After the announcement, Anastasia reviewed several policies that affect dual-eligible beneficiaries, such as the 2023 transition from Cal MediConnect (CMC) to MMPs, D-SNP Look-alike Transition, and CalAIM Medi-Cal Managed Care for Dual Eligible Beneficiaries. Anastasia then discussed the State Medicaid Agency Contract (SMAC) boilerplate language and upcoming 2023 D-SNP Policy Guide chapters that will be released.

The meeting then transitioned to a presentation on D-SNP Care Coordination Policy Guide Chapter in Practice. Barbara McLendon, Director of Public Policy and Advocacy, and Jennifer Schlesinger, Vice President of Healthcare Services and Professional Training at Alzheimer's Los Angeles joined the workgroup to share the best dementia care practices in California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM). In addition to sharing information about best practices and advocacy efforts around CalAIM, Alzheimer's Los Angeles also offered information about the importance of caregivers and dementia care in the Policy Guide along with important tools and resources. At the end of the presentation, Alzheimer's Los Angeles shared information about its upcoming Dementia Care Specialist Training. Stakeholders were informed on how to take part in the training, taking place in Fall 2022.

Following the Alzheimer's Los Angeles presentation, Anastasia shared information on the Public Health Emergency (PHE) unwinding, including resources for stakeholders to connect with DHCS to learn more. Participants asked questions regarding (TOPIC) beneficiaries being notified about the transition, which beneficiaries will be impacted by the transition, program eligibility, and dementia prevalence data during the question-and-answer period.



At the end of the presentation, Anastasia covered upcoming topics for upcoming MLTSS & Duals Integration meetings and shared information about the next workgroup meeting date.

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

The next MLTSS and Duals Integration Workgroup will take place on [Thursday, August 18th at 10 AM](#).