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# Medi-Cal 2020 News



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News and notes about California's Medicaid demonstration programs

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## General Updates

### **DHCS Proposal to Amend Health Homes Program Special Terms and Conditions**

After consulting with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), DHCS is proposing to amend the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) of the Medi-Cal 2020 demonstration waiver to implement the Health Homes Program (HHP) in the Medi-Cal managed care delivery system. HHP is currently planned in 29 counties. Additional counties may be added at a later date. The first 11 counties are scheduled to begin implementation in July 2017, and the remaining 18 counties will implement over the following 18 months.

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Assembly Bill 361 (Chapter 642, Statutes of 2013) authorizes DHCS to implement the HHP, with specific conditions on populations to be served and limits on state General Fund impact. HHP services include:

- comprehensive care management;
- care coordination;
- health promotion;
- comprehensive transitional care;
- individual and family support; and
- referral to community and social supports.

The program assigns care managers, such as nurses or other trained professionals, to help members find the right health care or other services in their communities.

DHCS will waive Freedom of Choice for HHP under the waiver amendment. The HHP services will be provided to members enrolled in the Medi-Cal managed care delivery system. Fee-for-service (FFS) members who meet HHP eligibility criteria may choose to enroll in a Medi-Cal managed care plan to receive HHP services as well as all other state plan services. HHP services will not be provided through the FFS delivery system.

Additional information about the HHP is available on the [DHCS website](#).

If you have general questions or comments, please email us at [hhp@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:hhp@dhcs.ca.gov).