



CalAIM Skilled Nursing Facility Long-Term Care Carve-In Fact Sheet

What is the Long-Term Care (LTC) Carve-In?

The [California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal \(CalAIM\)](#) initiative makes coverage of institutional long-term care (LTC) a benefit in Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCP) statewide. This means that you will get your institutional LTC through your Medi-Cal MCP, instead of through Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS). The goal of CalAIM is to better integrate care across institutional and home- and community-based settings through Medi-Cal MCPs. With Medi-Cal managed care, the Medi-Cal MCP coordinates Medi-Cal benefits and has a network of Medi-Cal providers.

LTC includes services provided in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF), Intermediate Care Facility for Developmentally Disabled (ICF-DD), ICF-DD/Habilitative, ICF-DD/Nursing, Subacute Care Facility, or a Pediatric Subacute Facility.

Starting in 2023, LTC services will be covered by Medi-Cal MCPs in phases by LTC facility or provider type:

- » On **January 1, 2023**, Medi-Cal MCPs in all counties began covering the LTC benefit in SNFs.
- » On **January 1, 2024**, Medi-Cal MCPs in all counties will cover the LTC benefit in ICF/DDs, ICF/DD-Hs, ICF/DD-Ns, Subacute Care Facilities, and Pediatric Subacute Facilities.

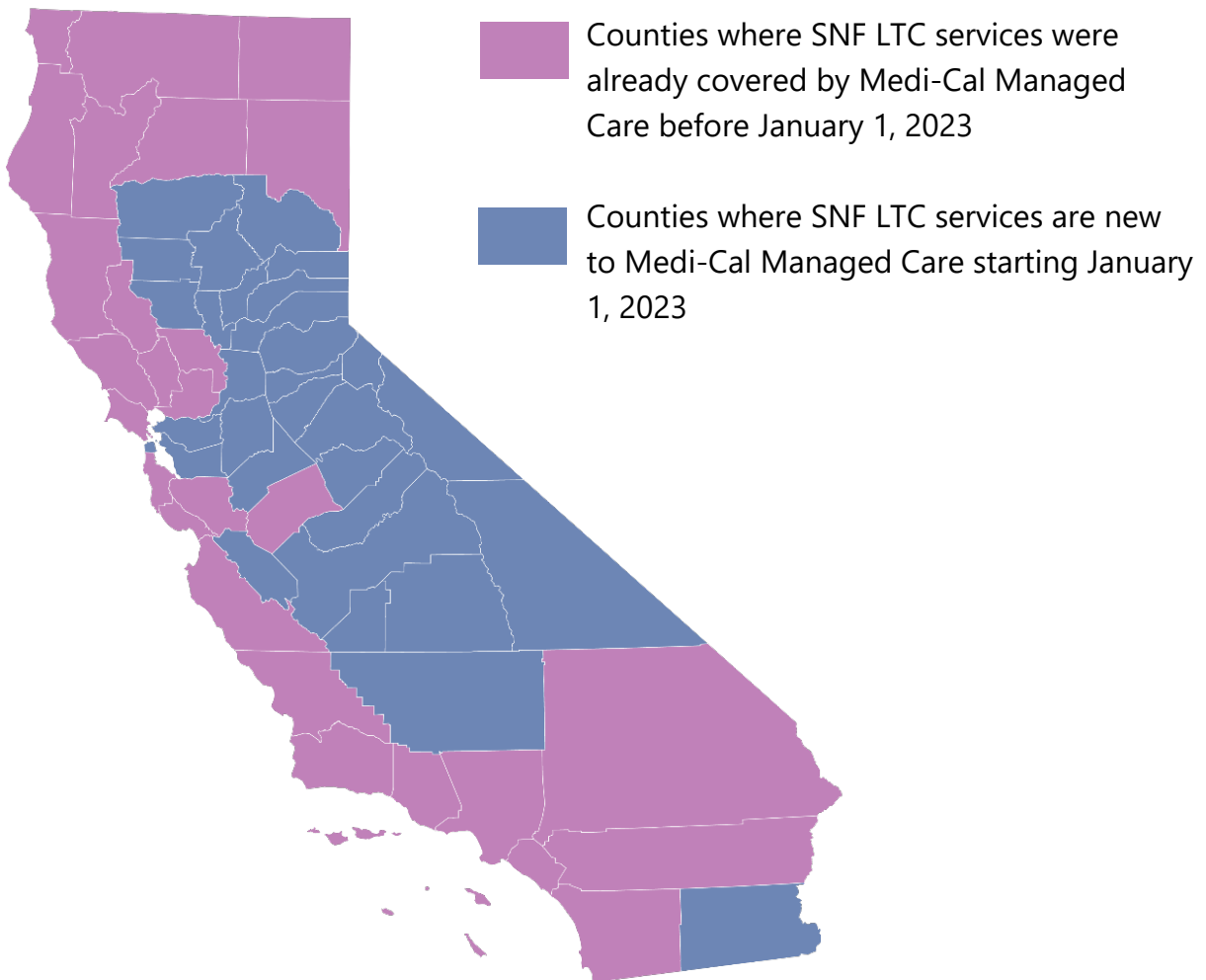
The focus of this fact sheet is the SNF Carve-In, or the transition of SNF services from Medi-Cal FFS to Medi-Cal managed care.

What are the benefits of the SNF LTC Carve-In?

The transition of SNF services to Medi-Cal managed care will help you:

- » Access comprehensive care coordination and care management with Medi-Cal MCPs
- » Maintain Medi-Cal MCP enrollment and eligibility for longer SNF stays
- » Access specialty providers and programs
- » Maintain services with current LTC facilities or providers

How will this change SNF services?



Counties where SNF LTC services are already covered by Medi-Cal Managed Care

Before January 1, 2023, Medi-Cal MCPs covered the Medi-Cal LTC benefit for SNF services in counties shown in purple in the map above. In these counties, Medi-Cal MCP members requiring long-term stays at nursing facilities stayed enrolled in their Medi-Cal MCP. These counties included:

Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Monterey, Napa, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Shasta, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Trinity, Ventura, Yolo

Counties where SNF LTC services are new to Medi-Cal Managed Care

In all other counties in California (shown in blue in the map above), you would have been disenrolled to Medi-Cal FFS for a long-term SNF stay. These counties include:

Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Benito, San Francisco, San Joaquin, Sierra, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.

What is changing January 1, 2023?

Starting January 1, 2023, all Medi-Cal MCPs in California are responsible for the full SNF benefit. You will not have to move if you receive care in a SNF now. You can keep getting care in your current SNF for at least 12 months. Your Medi-Cal MCP will contact you. They will work with you, the skilled nursing home, your care manager, and your caregivers. They will discuss your care needs and how you will keep getting the care you need.

If you are in one of the counties where the SNF LTC services will be new to Medi-Cal managed care, you received a notice of the change. Member notices can be found [here](#). Your Medi-Cal eligibility and covered services will not change with this transition. Your Medicare benefits and providers will also not change with this transition.

Resources

- » Additional information on this policy and beneficiary notices are available on the DHCS website: [Long-Term Care \(LTC\) Carve-In Transition](#)
- » To learn more about health plan and provider choices:
 - » Call Health Care Options Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 1-800-430-4263 (TTY: 1-800-430-7077) for more on plan choices and doctor or clinic choices. Or go to our website at www.healthcareoptions.dhcs.ca.gov .
- » For questions about why your Medi-Cal services are changing:
 - » Call the DHCS Ombudsman Office Monday- Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (excluding holidays) at 1-888-452-8609 (TTY State Relay: 711). The call is free. You can also email MMCDOmbudsmanOffice@dhcs.ca.gov. The Ombudsman Office helps people with Medi-Cal use their benefits and know their rights and responsibilities.
- » For assistance to residents in long-term care facilities with issues related to day-to-day care, health, safety, and personal preferences, call the Long-Term Care Ombudsman at 1-800-231-4024. The line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The call is free. The Long-Term Care Ombudsman helps people who reside in a LTC facility with complaints and with knowing their rights and responsibilities.
- » To contact your Medi-Cal MCP in your county, please visit the [Medi-Cal MCP Health Plan Directory](#)