



## August MLTSS and Duals Integration Workgroup Meeting Summary

On August 18, 2022, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) hosted the August Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) & Duals Integration Workgroup.

The meeting began with Anastasia Dodson, Deputy Director of the DHCS Office of Medicare Innovation and Integration (OMII) reviewing a number of policies that affect dual-eligible beneficiaries, such as the January 2023 transition from Cal MediConnect (CMC) to Medicare Medi-Cal Plans (MMPs), the Dual Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Look-alike Transition, and CalAIM Medi-Cal Managed Care for Dual Eligible Beneficiaries.

In the next section of the meeting, Dr. Karen Mark, Medical Director at DHCS presented an update on the [Dementia Care Aware program](#). The presentation provided information on Dementia Care Aware Training and a brief overview of cognitive assessment. Dr. Mark also provided information on Senate Bill 48 (SB 48), which allows Medi-Cal providers to be paid for cognitive assessments for patients over 65 not otherwise eligible for an assessment in a Medicare Annual Wellness visit, beginning July 1, 2022. After the presentation, stakeholders asked about which providers are qualified to perform Dementia Care Aware screenings, what assessments are available for caregivers, and where more information is available.

In the next section of the meeting, Stephanie Conde, Branch Chief in the Managed Care Operations Division (MCO) at DHCS, and Anna Williams from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicare Medicaid Coordination Office (MMCO) discussed the transitions impacting dual eligible beneficiaries in January 2023. This included beneficiary notices, the noticing timeline, and DHCS monitoring of the transition. Stakeholders asked questions regarding who will receive notices, how the transition will affect them, and when automatic enrollment will be used.

At the end of the meeting, Anastasia covered 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 August [MLTSS and Duals](#)



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[Integration Workgroup](#) meeting contain additional information about the presentation and discussion.

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