



February MLTSS and Duals Integration Workgroup Meeting Summary

On February 23, 2023, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) hosted the February 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) at DHCS, sharing an update on the [Continuous Coverage Unwinding](#). Anastasia provided updates and reminders about various components of the January 2023 transitions that impacted dual eligible beneficiaries, including the [transition from Cal MediConnect \(CMC\) to Medi-Medi Plans \(MMP\)](#) and [Medi-Cal Managed Care for Dual Eligible Beneficiaries](#). Additionally, Anastasia provided updates on Medicare Advantage (MA) enrollment among dual eligible beneficiaries in California and [balance billing](#).

In the next section of the workgroup, a panel presented on the January 2023 CMC transition from an on-the-ground advocate and health plan perspective. Jack Dailey, Director of Policy and Training with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego provided the advocate perspective. Jack discussed both positives and challenges of the transition, and what he and other advocate partners will focus on moving forward. Julianne Holloway, Director of Medicare Dual Eligibles with Blue Shield of California provided the health plan perspective. Julianne also shared the highlights and challenges of the transition, as well as beneficiary and provider retention information for the Blue Shield of California Health Plan after the transition. Meeting attendees were encouraged to ask questions and share comments following the panel presentations.

During the final section of the workgroup, Karl Calhoun, Director of Community Health, Caroline Chung, Manager of Community Health, and Alison Klurfeld with L.A. Care Health Plan presented on the [California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal \(CalAIM\) Community Supports](#) Housing Related Services. L.A. Care shared their approach and experience with offering housing-related Community Supports, as well as information about their Homeless and Housing Support Services (HHSS) available to their dual eligible members. Once the presentation concluded, there was an open discussion period with stakeholders.

Each presentation topic was followed by an opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions. During the discussion periods, stakeholders asked questions about the



Continuous Coverage Unwinding timeline, different transition scenarios, and Community Supports eligibility.

Anastasia concluded the meeting by sharing information about the upcoming topics and dates for the MLTSS & Duals Integration Workgroup meetings. The recording and transcript of the February [MLTSS and Duals Integration Workgroup](#) meeting contain additional information about the presentation and discussion.

The April MLTSS and Duals Integration Workgroup will take place on [Wednesday, April 19th at 10:30 a.m.](#)