

Follow-Up Items from October 21, 2021, SAC Webinar

Director's Update

1. *Janice Rocco, California Medical Association:* The DHCS vaccination rate information demonstrates that some of the largest national health insurers may be least effective in getting enrollees vaccinated. Are the vaccination incentive program plans submitted to DHCS publicly available so we might help with additional suggestions?

DHCS Response: *Jacey Cooper, DHCS:* I will check with the team to see if we are able to make the plans available and follow up as quickly as possible.

DHCS Follow-Up: The vaccine response plans that all health plans submitted in order to participate in the Vaccination Incentive Program are posted on the [DHCS website](#).

2. *Linda Nguy, Western Center on Law and Poverty:* On health plan procurement, can you share any major changes from the draft that you are making based on stakeholder input? On the model changes for counties, do you expect those that are conditionally approved to become final? Are there any you do not expect to move forward?

DHCS Response: *Jacey Cooper, DHCS:* We are not ready to walk through the procurement changes today. We can flag that for early 2022 to highlight the changes. We are still reviewing the documents for the conditionally approved counties, but there is a high likelihood most will move forward to the readiness criteria stage and will file additional information with DHCS. Final notice of approvals will be provided at the end of this month.

DHCS Follow-Up: DHCS is hosting a webinar on February 15 for members, advocates, providers, health plans, and other stakeholders. DHCS will share how the Department will leverage the Medi-Cal managed care plan (MCP) Request for Proposal (RFP) and managed care contracts to further DHCS' goals to enhance how care is delivered to Medi-Cal enrollees by advancing health equity, quality, access, accountability, and transparency of the health care delivery system. DHCS will also share information about all things related to enhancements and efficiencies in 2024. Additionally, a pre-proposers webinar will be held on February 24. More information is available on the [DHCS website](#).

The [DHCS website](#) includes a list of the county model change conditional approvals, posted on December 7. The update indicates that a conditional approval allows the county and MCP to move on to the next phase in the MCP County Model Change process, which is the Plan Operational Readiness Assessment.

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3. *Kiran Savage-Sangwan, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network*: On CHWs, can you clarify the timelines for when a draft SPA will be submitted? Is that still planned? Also, is DHCS planning to do a separate SPA on asthma preventive services?

DHCS Response: *Jacey Cooper, DHCS*: On CHWs, we heard that more stakeholder work is needed so the timing of the SPA submission will be dependent on finalizing the input to get language right prior to SPA. That is part of the reason the go-live moved to July 2022. I will need to follow up later on asthma.

DHCS Follow-Up: The February 4 CHW stakeholder meeting provided an update on the second draft of the State Plan Amendment (SPA). The SPA will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in spring 2022.

DHCS is planning to submit a separate SPA for asthma preventive services.