

Home and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) Waiver

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HCBA Waiver Overview

- The HCBA Waiver is a Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver program authorized under §1915(c) of the Social Security Act
- 1915(c) Waivers manage the provision of HCBS to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries who would otherwise receive care in a facility if not for the nursing and support services they receive in the community setting of their choice

HCBA Waiver

Authority	1915(c)	Operated By	DHCS
Service Area	Statewide	Program Term	Waiver term ends 12/31/2021
Target Population/Eligibility	Full-Scope Medi-Cal; Aged, Disabled, all ages, Nursing Facility (NF) Level of Care (LOC)		
Setting Where Services Are Provided	In the home, Congregate Living Health Facility, and Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities-Continuous Nursing Care (ICF/DD-CNC) settings.		
Current Enrollment / Capacity	Enrollment: 4,000 <u>Capacity</u> Waiver Year (WY) 1: 5,500, WY 2: 6,500, WY 3: 7,500, WY 4: 8,500, WY 5: 8,974		

Recent Actions

DHCS submitted a waiver renewal to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in September 2016. CMS approved the HCBA Waiver in May 2017, with a retroactive effective date of January 1, 2017. As part of the renewal process, DHCS engaged in an extensive stakeholder engagement process to identify changes/improvements to be made to the waiver.

Major changes to the HCBA Waiver:

- Delegated the administration of the Waiver, within defined service areas, through a contract with local HCBA Waiver Agencies (Waiver Agencies); aimed to launch in July 2018
- Increased the overall waiver capacity
- Revised the reserve capacity and waitlist criteria
- Changed the name of the Nursing Facility/Acute Hospital (NF/AH) Waiver to Home and Community-Based (HCB) Alternatives Waiver
- Consolidated the Levels of Care (LOC)

Waiver Agency Timeline

Solicitation for Applications (SFA) Released	October 4, 2017
Applications Due	December 15, 2017
Award Notices Released	February 2018
60 - Day HCBA Participant & Provider Notification	April 2018
Training & Tools	April 2018 - Current
30 - Day HCBA Provider Notification	June 2018
Readiness Review	June – July 2018
Proposed Contract Start Date	July 2018

SFA Results

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- 17 applications Received
- All applications went through initial pass/fail review of minimum required elements
- All applications that included minimum required elements went through rigorous scoring process
- 9 Waiver Agencies were awarded by county or zip code

Estimated % coverage of state

- Percent of geographic coverage: 89.7%
- Percent of combined Waiver + waitlist population coverage: 99%

HCBA Waiver Agency Awardees

Waiver Agency	Service Area(s)
Access TLC	Santa Barbara County, and sections of Los Angeles* and Orange counties*
Centers for Elders' Independence	Alameda and Contra Costa Counties
Home Health Care Management	Butte, Glenn, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, Yuba, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Siskiyou, and Trinity counties

*For service providers serving participants in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, please refer to the HCBA Waiver webpage for a break out of Waiver Agency coverage by zip code at: [http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/Home-and-Community-Based-\(HCB\)-Alternatives-Waiver.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/Home-and-Community-Based-(HCB)-Alternatives-Waiver.aspx)

HCBA Waiver Agency Awardees (Cont.)

Libertana Home Health	Kern, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, San Luis Obispo, Amador, Calaveras, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, and sections of Los Angeles and Orange counties
Institute on Aging	San Francisco, San Mateo, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties
San Ysidro Health	San Diego County
Partners in Care Foundation	Sections of Los Angeles County*
Ventura County	Ventura County
Sonoma County	Sonoma County

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Waiver Agency Readiness

The purpose of the readiness review is to validate that the organization is able to meet Waiver and Contract requirements, as detailed in their HCBA Waiver Application. DHCS will review/verify the Waiver Agencies':

- Policies and Procedures for all Administrative and Comprehensive Care Management responsibilities
 - Staffing capacity to serve their geographical service area
 - Provider Network subcontracts covering all direct waiver services
 - Provider training materials/plans
 - Marketing and outreach materials
- IT systems
 - MedCompass
- Adjudication and Claims
 - 30-day provider notice
- Onsite Visits

MedCompass

MedCompass is the State's Management Information System that has been created to support DHCS Waiver programs. MedCompass assists case managers, support staff, and management to oversee and manage cases covered under the HCBA Waiver.

The MedCompass tool will provide automation that will facilitate reporting, the creation of letters and forms, secure messaging and email between Waiver Agencies and DHCS staff, as well as capabilities for alerts, task assignments and queues that will provide immediate notifications between Waiver Agencies and DHCS.

Information and Questions

- For HCBA information, please visit:
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- For questions, please email to:
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