
Palliative Care/SB 1004

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DHCS and Palliative Care

- DHCS, in accordance with SB 1004, our Strategic Plan, our Quality Strategy, and the principles of the Triple Aim, is developing a plan for palliative care service delivery for Medi-Cal consumers, including standards and technical assistance for health plans and providers.
- Palliative Care services will be choice-focused and person-centered.
- DHCS will coordinate SB 1004 palliative care efforts with the Coordinated Care Initiative, CalSIM, and Section 2703 Health Home efforts.



SB 1004 (Hernandez, Ch 574, Stats 2014),

- SB 1004 requires DHCS to:
 - “establish standards and provide technical assistance for Medi-Cal managed care plans to ensure delivery of palliative care services.”
 - “establish guidance on the medical conditions and prognoses that render a beneficiary eligible for the palliative care services.”



SB 1004 Stakeholder Efforts

- DHCS will work with Medi-Cal consumer representatives, subject matter experts, providers, and managed care plans, to provide initial guidance on SB 1004 in the spring of 2015.



Palliative Care & Health Plans

- Recognize palliative care efforts are already underway at health plans, and encourage plans to continue improving and expanding access to those options for consumers.
- DHCS is also looking at ways to collect information about current efforts, to assess current capacity and share information across plans and providers.



Coordination Efforts

- DHCS is partnering with other palliative care efforts, beyond SB 1004, such as coordinating our efforts with CCI, Health Homes and the CalSIM grant proposal, as well as partnership with CHCF.
- DHCS will partner with CHCF to leverage expertise and maintain consumer choice with Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) program.
- Palliative care and end of life care planning are being discussed in DSRIP 2.0 proposal.



Thank you!

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