



# Stakeholder Advisory Committee

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# **Proposition 56 Payments and Loan Program Update**

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# **Pediatric Palliative Care (PPC) Waiver**

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# Pediatric Palliative Care (PPC) Waiver Overview

- The PPC Waiver was first approved by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in December 2008.
- Began as a three-year demonstration pilot program April 1, 2009.
- Renewed for additional five-year waiver terms in 2012 and 2017.



# Pediatric Palliative Care (PPC) Waiver Overview

- The PPC Waiver was approved for 1,800 slots and approved to operate within 12 counties.
- There are currently eight participating counties, with four active providers.
  - Participating counties: Alameda, Los Angeles, Marin, Orange, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Sonoma
- Enrollment historically has been low.
  - Currently 228 enrolled beneficiaries



# PPC Waiver Transition

- The PPC Waiver is ending January 1, 2019.
- Beginning January 1, 2019, children currently enrolled in the PPC Waiver will receive pediatric palliative care services through Managed Care Plans (MCPs) or Fee-For-Service (FFS).
- A majority of these children are already enrolled in managed care.
- Most services delivered through the PPC Waiver are covered under Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT).



# Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT)

- EPSDT services are a benefit of the State's Medicaid program (Medi-Cal) that provides comprehensive preventive, diagnostic, and treatment services to eligible children under the age of 21, as specified in Section 1905(r) of the Social Security Act.
- Medi-Cal covers medically necessary pediatric palliative care services for all Medi-Cal members under age 21 through EPSDT.



# PPC Waiver Transition (cont.)

## Seven basic services:

- Advance Care Planning
- Palliative Care Assessment and Consultation
- Plan of Care
- Palliative Care Team
- Care Coordination
- Pain and Symptom Management
- Mental Health and Medical Social Services
  - Includes psychotherapy, bereavement counseling, medical social services, and discharge planning





# PPC Waiver Transition Plan

- **Transition Work Group:**
  - DHCS, Counties and Providers continue to work together throughout the transition.
- **Notices:**
  - DHCS will send a notice 60 days prior to the transition date informing beneficiaries of the waiver ending (11/1).
  - Managed Care Health Plans will send a notice 30 days prior to the transition date (12/1).
  - Notices will include:
    - Informing members of the pending transition
    - How services will be delivered
    - Continuity of care requirements



# PPC Waiver Transition Plan (cont.)

- **Data Sharing:**
  - DHCS will share enrollment files and utilization data for these children with Managed Care Plans (MCPs) prior to transition date.
  
- **Monitoring:**
  - Palliative care reporting template will be updated for post-transition operations.
  - Daily check-ins with the Plans will occur after the transition for two weeks.
  - Weekly and monthly monitoring will occur as needed.



# PPC Waiver Transition Plan (cont.)

- **Materials:**

- Updates are being made to the following All Plan Letters (APLs) and Numbered Letters (NLs)
  - California Children's Services (CCS) Eligibility NL
  - EPSDT NL
  - Continuity of Care APL
  - Palliative Care APL



# Questions?



# **Network Adequacy Compliance for MCPs and MHPs**



# Care Coordination Advisory Committee



# AB 340 Trauma Screening Workgroup Updates

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# Background

AB 340 (Chapter 700, Statutes 2017) requires DHCS in consultation with the California Department of Social Services to convene an advisory group to update, amend, or develop child trauma screening tools and protocols within the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit.





# Workgroup Meetings

- The workgroup convened on the following dates:
  - April 20, 2018
  - June 21, 2018
  - September 13, 2018
- Previous meeting materials and minutes are available on the DHCS website:  
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/AB340.aspx>



# Workgroup Discussions

- The workgroup explored the following topics:
  - Screenings vs. assessments
  - Categories of trauma exposures
  - Review of various tools currently being used to screen for trauma exposure
  - Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) in a rural community
  - Trauma in the school setting



# Next Steps

- Develop recommendations to DHCS and the Legislature on which trauma screening tool would be most effective within the EPSDT benefit, including a cost estimate.
- By May 1, 2019, develop a report to the Legislature outlining the proposed recommendations and select an existing advisory working group to periodically review and consider the protocols for trauma screening.
- By December 31, 2019, the workgroup will disband.