

# Mendocino County FY 21-22 Proposed CalAIM Presentation

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# California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) – What is it?

Multi-year initiative by DHCS to improve the quality of life and health outcomes of our population by implementing broad delivery system, program and payment reform across the Medi-Cal program.

Allows the state to take a population health, person-centered approach to providing services and puts the focus on improving outcomes for all Californians.

# CalAIM Primary Long-Term Goals

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*Identify and manage member risk and need through whole person care approaches and addressing Social Determinants of Health*

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*Move Medi-Cal to a more consistent and seamless system by reducing complexity and increasing flexibility*

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*Improve quality outcomes, reduce health disparities, and drive delivery system transformation and innovation through value-based initiatives, modernization of systems, and payment reform*

# CalAIM – The Year Ahead

*What impact will CalAIM have in Mendocino County in the near future?*

In January 2022,

- ✓ Partnership HealthPlan will implement a new countywide Enhanced Care Management (ECM) benefit that will provide care management to Whole Person Care enrollees AND potentially hundreds of additional beneficiaries
- ✓ Partnership HealthPlan will implement “in lieu of services” (ILOS) countywide

# CalAIM – The Next Five Years

*What impact will CalAIM have in Mendocino County within the next five years?*

By January 2027, CalAIM may promote major changes to the Behavioral Health Care System -

- ✓ Behavioral Health Payment Reform - DHCS will transition counties from a cost-based reimbursement methodology to a structure more consistent with incentivizing outcomes and quality over volume and cost.
- ✓ Revisions to Behavioral Health Medical Necessity - Update behavioral health medical necessity criteria to more clearly delineate and standardize requirements and to improve access for beneficiaries to appropriate services statewide
- ✓ Regional Rates - DHCS proposes to shift the development of Medi-Cal rates from a county-based model to a regional rate model.

# Enhanced Care Management – Target Populations

- ✓ Children or youth with complex physical, behavioral, or developmental health needs
- ✓ Individual experiencing homelessness who are experiencing complex health and/or behavioral health conditions
- ✓ High utilizers with frequent hospital admissions, short-term skilled nursing facility stays, or emergency room visits
- ✓ Individuals at risk of institutionalization who have co-occurring chronic health conditions and Serious Mental Illness, Serious Emotional Disturbance, or Substance Use Disorder
- ✓ Nursing facility residents who want to transition to the community
- ✓ Individuals at risk for institutionalization who are eligible for long-term care services
- ✓ Individuals transitioning from incarceration with complex physical or behavioral health needs

# “In Lieu of” Services

In Lieu of Services & Incentive Payments - Flexible wrap-around services that a Medi-Cal managed care plan will integrate into its population health strategy. These services are provided as a substitute to, or to avoid, other covered services, such as a hospital or skilled nursing facility admission or a discharge delay.

Housing Transition/Navigation	Recuperative Care (Medical Respite)	Meals/Medically Tailored Meals	Sobering Centers
Housing Deposits	Respite Services	Personal Care & Homemaker Services	Asthma Remediation
Housing Tenancy & Sustaining Services	Day Habilitation Programs	Environmental Accessibility Adaptations	
Short-term Post-Hospitalization Housing	Nursing Facility Transition/Diversion to Assisted Living Facilities	Community Transition Services/Nursing Facility Transition to Home	

# CalAIM – Major Unanswered Questions

- \* How much funding will be provided to providers of Enhanced Care Management?
- \* How many Medi-Cal beneficiaries will be eligible for Enhanced Care Management?
- \* What role will the County play in managing and/or providing Enhanced Care Management services?
- \* What impact will CalAIM have on the Behavioral Health Care budget and operations in both the near-term and the long-term?



# CalAIM – the Takeaways

- ✓ CalAIM offers a major opportunity for our most vulnerable community members to receive coordinated care that can potentially change the trajectory of their lives.
- ✓ The financial and operational impact to Mendocino County HHSA programs is still unknown. These impacts could be positive or negative.
- ✓ HHSA leadership must play an intensive hands-on role in shaping the local implementation of CalAIM in order to make sure that we maximize opportunities and minimize risk to the people we serve.