

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

1

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

2

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

3

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.