



## Stakeholder Communication Update

### California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Updates

#### Mandatory Managed Care Enrollment

Mandatory managed care enrollment will standardize enrollment processes to help ensure populations moving between counties are subject to the same requirements, thereby eliminating variances in benefits according to aid code, population, and geographic location. There are two phases to mandatory managed care enrollment:

- For Phase I, DHCS mailed the first beneficiary notices and a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document in October to impacted beneficiaries regarding their transition into either the managed care or fee-for-service (FFS) delivery system, effective January 1, 2022.
- For Phase II, DHCS mailed the second beneficiary notices and FAQs in November regarding their transition. DHCS also mailed Medi-Cal Managed Care Choice Packets to beneficiaries eligible for managed care plan (MCP) enrollment at the end of November.

#### Managed Care Benefit Standardization

Managed care benefit standardization will help ensure consistency in the benefits delivered by managed care and FFS statewide, reducing complexity and county-to-county differences. Under benefit standardization, major organ transplants (currently only a covered benefit in County Organized Health Systems (COHS) counties) will be carved in to Medi-Cal MCPs statewide for all Medi-Cal members enrolled in a MCP, effective January 1, 2022. Additionally, the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) will be carved out to FFS and operate as a 1915(c) MSSP waiver benefit in all Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) demonstration counties, effective January 1, 2022. In November, MCPs in CCI counties mailed beneficiary notices and a Notice of Additional Information document to impacted beneficiaries regarding the carve out of MSSP services.

## **Dental Initiatives**

On September 28, DHCS submitted [State Plan Amendment \(SPA\) 21-0019](#) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for federal approval of CalAIM dental initiatives. The SPA is under review; the public comment period ended on September 6. The FFS and safety net clinic (SNC) provider bulletins are published on the [Medi-Cal](#) and [Medi-Cal Dental](#) websites. Please visit the [DHCS website](#) for more information about each CalAIM dental initiative, including required forms and SNC billing requirements.