

Benefit Design and Reimbursement Strategies to Incentivize Community Placement

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Proposed Enhanced Care Management Benefit



New, statewide enhanced care management (ECM) benefit would be added to Medi-Cal health plan covered services



Replacement for current Whole Person Care (WPC) pilots and Health Homes Program (HHP)



Targets Medi-Cal high-utilizers (top 5%) including:

Individuals at-risk for institutionalization, LTC eligible NF residents who want to transition back to the community, homeless individuals and/or individuals with complex co-occurring behavioral health and medical issues



Provides whole person approach to care to address clinical, non-clinical needs



Implementation date: January 1, 2021 for counties with WPC or HHP and July 1, 2021 for other counties

Governor's January Budget Release

- ► The proposed January Budget includes \$695 million (\$348 million General Fund) for implementation of the Medi-Cal Healthier California for All Initiative
- ► The budget expands to 1.4 billion (\$695 million General Fund) in 2021-22 and 2022-23
- ► This funding is for implementation of the following:
 - ► Enhanced Care Management
 - ► In Lieu of Services
 - ► Infrastructure to expand Whole Person Care approaches statewide
 - ▶ To build upon existing dental initiatives

In Lieu of Services (ILOS) are flexible, wrap-around services provided in lieu of traditional Medi-Cal benefits

ILOS would be optional for MCOs to offer and for members to use

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Housing transition/ navigation services

Housing deposits

Housing tenancy and sustaining services

Short-term posthospitalization

Respite care

Recuperative care

Day habilitation programs

NF transition or diversion to assisted living facilities

NF transition to home

Personal care/ homemaker services

Environmental accessibility adaptations (home modifications)

Meals/medicallytailored meals

Sobering centers

Proposed In Lieu of Services

- ► What is the biggest opportunity for using ECM and ILOS to promote community placements?
- ► How does your plan/organization intend to use ECM/ILOS in order to design a benefit structure that will allow Medi-Cal beneficiaries to remain in the community?
- ► What are the 2 biggest barriers or challenges to implementing this type of benefit based on your current experience?
- ► How could the state and federal government support the effective implementation of this new benefit structure?
- ► How would your organization prioritize the use of funding for infrastructure in the Governor's proposed budget?
- ► What should stakeholders be thinking about and advocating for as this benefit is implemented?

Panel Discussion

Question and Answer Session