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Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans Making Significant Progress Addressing Health-Related Social Needs of Enrollees During Cal-AIM's First Year

The California Association of Health Plans released the following statement addressing the recent release of the first CalAIM Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports Services (CS) enrollment report by the California Department of Health Care Services.

“California’s Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans are already making a difference for thousands of enrollees through Cal-AIM, in partnership with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Teaming with providers and community groups, health plans are helping guide Medi-Cal to be more equitable and streamlined through innovative efforts such as ‘Enhanced Care Management’ (ECM), where plans focus on Medi-Cal enrollees with the greatest need. Efforts also include ‘Community Supports Services,’ (CS) where plans make services available to address health-related social needs in the least restrictive possible setting.

Health plans have stepped up in significant ways and have already taken important actions to help improve the lives of Medi-Cal enrollees. However, transforming the Medi-Cal system is a multi-year effort that will take time to be fully implemented and enrollment is expected to continue to increase. The Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports initiatives are in their infancy having just taken effect in 2022 for a portion of Medi-Cal members and will continue to be implemented through 2024 incorporating new populations of focus. Managed Care Plans are using this implementation phase to educate a new provider workforce on the complicated landscape of Managed Care and to promote awareness in communities across the state.

Health plans are continuously working together with DHCS on additional changes and improvements to the program to continue its successful growth and reach its full potential in the coming years. We stand ready to continue working in partnership with DHCS on this innovative and transformational initiative to improve the livelihoods and overall health of the enrollees we serve. Read more about Managed Care Plans efforts to support CalAIM [here](#).”

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