



PATH Collaborative Planning & Implementation (CPI)

Welcome! The CPI convening will begin shortly.

July 21, 2026 | 1:00-3:00 pm



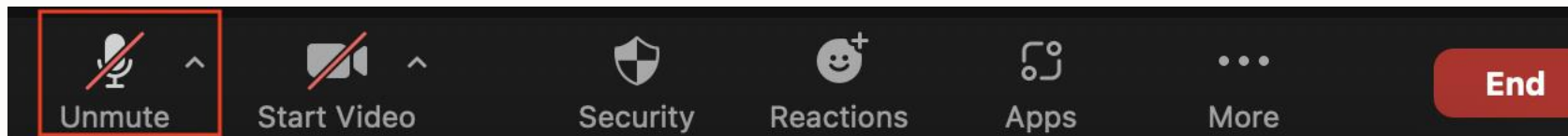


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PATH Collaborative Planning & Implementation (CPI)

Practical Tools & Planning for Service Sustainability

July 21, 2026 | 1:00-3:00 pm





Land Acknowledgment

The Population Health Innovation Lab team respectfully acknowledges that we live and operate on the unceded land of Indigenous peoples throughout the U.S.

We acknowledge the land and country we are on today as the traditional and treaty territory of the Native American, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, and Tribal nations who have lived here and cared for the Land since time immemorial. We further acknowledge the role Native American, Alaska Native, and Tribal nations have today in taking care of these lands, as well as the sacrifices they have endured to survive to this day.



Welcome & Housekeeping



Roll Call

Please share your name, location, and organization in the chat.



Request for Vendors

Vendors and salespeople should recuse themselves from soliciting during this collaborative convening.



Agenda for Today

- Welcome & Framing
- Sustainability Toolkit in Practice: CalAIM Budget Estimator Tool Walkthrough
- CPI Upcoming Events
- Additional Service Sustainability Considerations & Resources
- Service-Based Small Group Connection
- Managed Care Plan Announcements & Updates: Kaiser Permanente & Partnership HealthPlan
- CalAIM Announcements
- Evaluation & Closing



Sustainability Toolkit in Practice: CalAIM Budget Estimator Tool Walkthrough

Guest Speaker:

Carter Wilson

Director, Camden Coalition's National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs and Technical Assistance



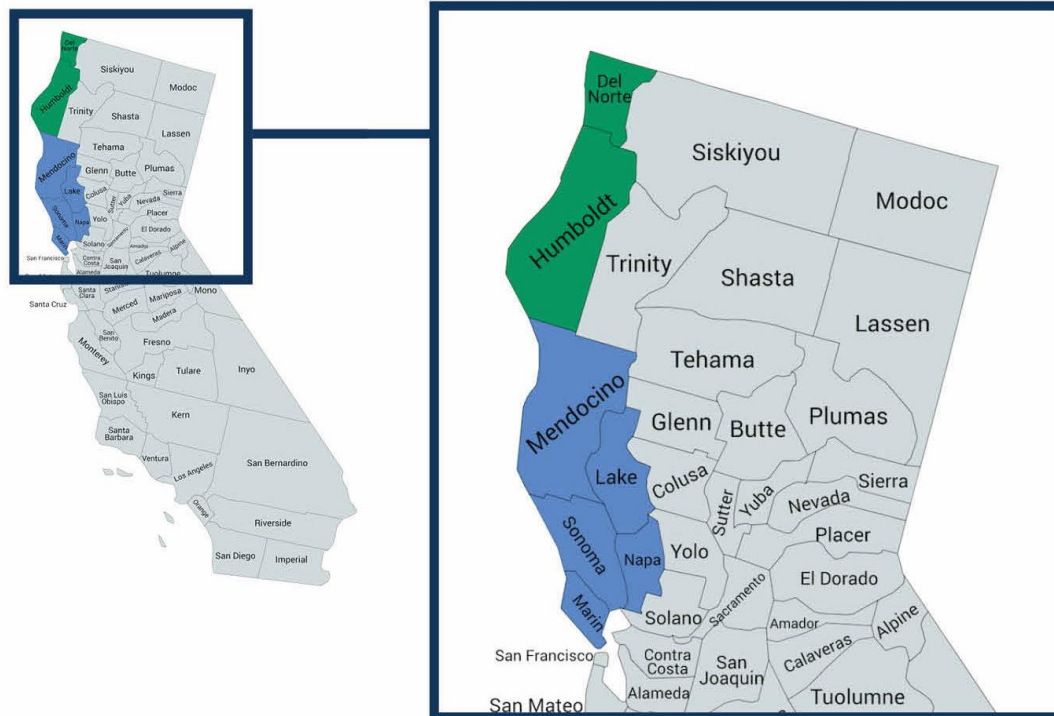
Camden Coalition

CPI Facilitator for the Merced, Southeast (Solano, Yolo), and Coastal (Monterey, San Benito) PATH CPI Regions



Collaborative Planning & Implementation Overview

Region Counties Supported by PHIL



CPI collaboratives work together to identify, discuss, and resolve CalAIM implementation issues.

- Learn more about the PATH CPI initiative [here](#).
- Catch up with us! Find meeting materials, Readiness Roadmap Resources, and registration links on the [PHIL website](#).
- Find all the specific resources for today's meeting on our [Joint CPI Resource Hub](#).

Official Joint Meeting Time:
The third Tuesday of the
month from 1:00-2:30 pm PT

Scan QR code for
Joint Resource
Hub (NW + SW)





PATH NW + SW CPI Meeting Plans

- **June 16** | Considerations for Planning: The Future of Services, a CalAIM Myths vs. Facts Session
- July 21 | Virtual Tribal Roundtable
- **July 21** | Practical Tools & Planning for Service Sustainability
- **August/September** | In-person Gatherings
 - [Lake & Mendocino](#): August 27 | Nice, CA
 - [Humboldt & Del Norte](#): August 31 | Loleta, CA
 - [Marin, Napa, & Sonoma](#): September 2 | Santa Rosa, CA



PATH NW + SW CPI Meeting Plans

- September 15 | Connect & Continue Conversations from In-Person Meeting
- October 20 | TBD
- October 27 | Pop-up: Supports & Vendors in CalAIM Space
- November 17 | TBD
- December 15 | Recognition of Our Collective Achievements & Sharing Gratitude





Reminder: Register on the DHCS PATH CPI Website

Why Register?

Receive regular policy and implementation updates directly from DHCS related to ECM and Community Supports.

[Link to Register on DHCS PATH CPI site](#)





Commitments to Community Inclusivity

Be Present, Brave, and Curious

- Encourage different opinions and respectful disagreement
- Embrace conflict which can deepen our understanding
- **Acknowledge the risk speakers take, and value the privilege to learn from one another**
- Make use of opportunities to connect person-to-person

Create An Inclusive Space

- Invite the unheard voices
- **Take responsibility for our own voices (make space)**
- Resist the temptation to only witness the dialogue (take space)

Invite Anti-Racist Dialogue

- Be aware we all have a bias that may impact action; biases are learned and can be unlearned
- Address racially biased systems and norms
- **Recognize the vast and varied lived experiences participants have with racism**
- Be intentional about power dynamics and how you exercise your privilege
- Avoid defensive responses when people speak from lived experiences with racism

Be Accountable

- Foster awareness of unrepresented community members not “in the room”
- Respect each other’s time - participate fully and prepare for each activity
- Commit to actions that move items beyond discussion
- **Practice patience and persistence – we cannot solve everything in a single conversation and will revisit topics that require additional discussion**



Service Sustainability: Considerations and Resources

*All links and resources can be
found in the Joint CPI Resource
Hub*





Defining Sustainability

The ability of organizations and the broader Medi-Cal Transformation ecosystem to **maintain, grow, adapt, and scale effective implementation** of ECM and Community Supports over time, **even as circumstances change**.

Factors include:

- 1. Organizational capacity and partnerships** to sustain programs and their outcomes as the funding ecosystems shift;
- 2. Adaptability** to policy changes;
- 3. Long-term viability** of service delivery models;
- 4. The infrastructure** necessary to support coordination, growth, and system-wide view of expanding networks of community partners; and
- 5. Resilience** in the face of challenges or disruptions.



PATH Sustainability Toolkits

WHY THESE TOOLKITS MATTER



Field-Tested, Not Theoretical

Built from what PATH facilitators across California learned by supporting providers to implement ECM and Community Supports.



Two Levels, One Strategy

Provider-level and community-level to build durable, connected, local ecosystems of care.



Ready to Use Today

Practical templates and real-world guidance help you skip the guesswork and sidestep common pitfalls.

INSIDE THE TOOLKITS



PART 1

Provider Organization Level

Sustainability planning tools, templates, and guidance for individual provider organizations.



PART 2

Community Level

Resources for aligning partners and building durable, local networks of care.

[Access the Toolkits on the TA On-Demand Resource Library](https://ca-path.com/on-demand-resource-library)

ca-path.com/on-demand-resource-library →



CHW's Integration with CalAIM & Medi-Cal



“Providers cannot submit claims for the CHW billing codes for Medi-Cal members who are actively receiving ECM...but they can (and many do) bill for CHW services for Medi-Cal members before they are authorized for ECM, after they graduate from the ECM program, and for members who may refuse or otherwise be ineligible for ECM.”

DHCS,
“Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for Medi-Cal Community-Health Worker (CHW) Services”

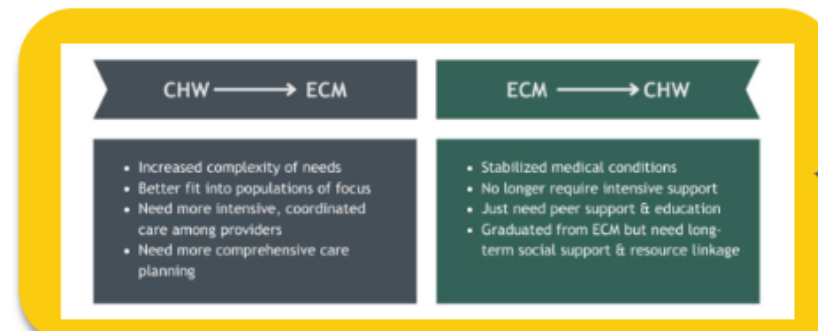


Contra Costa PATH CPI ECM & CHW Step Up / Step Down Toolkit

- » Contra Costa ECM & CHW Workgroup explored service overlaps and connection points between providers.
- » Step Up / Step Down Toolkit published in February 2026 to support care coordination and warm handoffs.
- » Many MCPs are encouraging ECM providers contract as CHW providers and vice versa.



*Scan this QR
code to access
the toolkit!*





Alignment Opportunity: Medi-Cal Community Reinvestment

Medi-Cal contract requirements for managed care plans to allocate part of their net income to community health in collaboration with local agencies and community-based organizations.

 **Catalyst**
COMMUNITY-LED REINVESTMENT

Your 2026 Engagement Checklist

Humboldt

Five moves to shape your county's reinvestment. Check them off as you go.

- ☐ **Identify local multi-sector collaboratives**
Partner on a shared engagement strategy
- ☐ **Connect with MCP contacts**
Ask about their reinvestment planning process
- ☐ **Connect with County PH/BH offices**
Advocate for reinvestment in shared priorities
- ☐ **Participate in CAC and (if public) board meetings**
Share priorities and engagement recommendations
- ☐ **Recommend engagement processes to MCPs**
Share how the MCP should collaborate with community

Check out more on the [Catalyst for Community-Led Reinvestment](#) website



Alignment Opportunity: Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) Integrated Plan

- Recall our [April 2026 CPI convening](#)
- These BHSA Plans, required by June 30, serve as multi-year funding vehicles by county, now available online.
- Integrated Plan services and populations served have overlap with ECM and Community Supports:
 - housing
 - early intervention
 - crisis services
 - workforce



Get integrated with local planning as counties are actively standing up new spending categories and partnerships



Service-Based Small Group Conversations

Self-Directed Time to Connect with Other Regional Providers on Sustaining Your
CalAIM Services



Breakout Room Overview

Service-Based Breakouts (~25 Minutes in Breakouts)

1. **Enhanced Care Management (General)**: *Partnership HealthPlan will be present in the room to engage in dialogue*
2. **Community Supports (General)**: *Partnership HealthPlan will be present in the room to engage in dialogue*
3. **[Share Your Topic of Preference]**: *Is there anything more specific you'd like to discuss with other providers? Name it down and we can create a room for that conversation.*
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Instructions

- Self-select into the room of your choice.
- Once in the room, introduce yourself (size permitting) and share a question or topic you want to discuss with your colleagues.



Instructions

Go to

www.menti.com

Enter the code

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Or use QR code



Menti Results



Share a reflection about service sustainability using one of the following starters: "I learned...", "I was surprised by..." or "I plan to..."

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I plan to zip through the updates

I learned about the potential shift to a fee-for-service model.

Ready to learn more

I plan to seek contract adjustments for our cs rate

I plan to review and use the CalAIM program budget calculator

Really loved the detailed walkthrough with the CalAIM Budget Tool Estimator. TY!

I learned that we are learning together and that makes me feel better.

I learned that adding recuperative care is just an admendment noy a whole new process

I plan to explore the sustainability toolkits

I like the meals going through pcp and can assist clients to get them to their pcp

I learned about the utility of the updated Camden Coalition budeting tool and how to use it to assess the client/service volume needed for sustainability

I was surprised to hear ECM may change to fee for service! This sounds like documentation and claims processes would be more compkex. Would reimbursement be higher?

Hmmmm....

I plan to zip through all the DCHS updates and we've already submitted our application to add Recuperative Care to our MCP contracts!

I was surprized by all the CalAIM program changes that are antocipated in 2027



Kaiser Permanente

Managed Care Plan CalAIM Updates

July 2026

Tamar Kurlaender



Southwest PATH CPI Marin, Napa and Sonoma Counties

Tamar Kurlaender, Medi-Cal Local Engagement

July 2026

Topics Covered

- 1 **JI ECM Trainings**

- 2 **Closed Loop Referrals**

- 3 **Summer EBT**

CalAIM Justice Involved Trainings

COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS OF CALAIM

One Day Training

May 28 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
May 29 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
June 4 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
June 5 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

WHAT IS CALAIM & WHO IS ELIGIBLE

One Day Training

May 12 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
May 13 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
May 14 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

REENTRY PLANS AND TRANSITION PLANNING

One Day Training

September 15 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
September 16 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
September 17 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
September 18 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

ENHANCED CARE MANAGEMENT (ECM) – ADULT

Option 1 – 2 Day Course

June 16 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
June 17 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Option 2 – 2 Day Course

June 16 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
June 17 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Option 3 – 2 Day Course

June 23 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
June 24 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Option 4 – 2 Day Course

June 23 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
June 24 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Option 5 – 2 Day Course

June 30 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
July 1 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Option 6 – 2 Day Course

June 30 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
July 1 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

ENHANCED CARE MANAGEMENT (ECM) – JUVENILE

Option 1 – 2 Day Course

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July 29 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Option 2 – 2 Day Course

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August 12 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
August 13 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Option 6 – 2 Day Course

August 12 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
August 13 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

This training is offered in partnership with and funded by Health Net Community Solutions, Blue Cross of California Partnership, Molina Healthcare of California, and Kaiser Permanente.



CalAIM Justice Involved Training | Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Juvenile

Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Juvenile PoF: is a cohort session to support ECM provider capacity building, implementation learning, collaboration and peer connection across California probation departments, health partners, ECM programs, managed care health plans, and other stakeholders.

Option 1 – 2 Day Course

July 28 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

July 29 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[Registration link here](#)

Option 2 – 2 Day Course

July 28 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

July 29 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

[Registration link here](#)

Option 3 – 2 Day Course

August 5 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

August 6 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[Registration link here](#)

Option 4 – 2 Day Course

August 5 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

August 6 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

[Registration link here](#)

Option 5 – 2 Day Course

August 12 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

August 13 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[Registration link here](#)

Option 6 – 2 Day Course

August 12 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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Referral Loop Closure Electronic Notification to Referring Entities

Closed Loop Referral Electronic Notifications | Key Takeaways

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has issued regulatory guidance for all Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans to comply with [Closed Loop Referral \(CLR\)](#) requirements **for all Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports (CS) referrals**.

What Is Happening?



- KP will begin to send Referral Loop Closure notifications directly to Referring Entities **no later than July 1, 2026**, as required by DHCS Closed Loop Referral (CLR) guidance.
- **Referring Entities** may include service providers or any organization that refer a member to KP for ECM/CS.
- Notifications are sent via **secure email** within 7 business days after KP receives member's referral loop closure status from the Network Lead Entity (NLE) / service provider through the Return Transmissions File (RTF), and are sent to Referring Entities with a valid email address as provided to KP.

What Is the Impact?



- Referral Loop Closure Reason & Closure Date is intended to inform the Referring Entity when the referral loop was closed as determined by a **known outcome** ending member engagement to enroll in services.
- This may be information that you, as **both** the referring entity and service provider at times, had reported to KP or NLE through existing data sharing channels. In that case, it is duplicative information.
- The intent of this DHCS requirement is to **enhance transparency** of referral status information and communication between all parties involved in supporting effective care coordination for members.

What are Key Takeaways?



- The notification is being provided as **information only per regulatory requirement**. No additional responses or actions are being requested.
- The **notification file** will contain minimally necessary information and will be provided in .csv (Comma-Separated Values) format which can be easily opened as spreadsheets in programs such as Microsoft Excel, Google Sheets.
- For questions or additional updates related to the service status, please contact the member's **assigned NLE** as indicated in the notification file.

Summer EBT (SUN Bucks)

You or someone you know might be eligible for Summer EBT, a grocery benefit program that helps combat childhood hunger by covering the costs of food for children during the summer. The program provides \$120 for groceries for each eligible school-aged child during the summer.

Learn more and apply: <https://k-p.li/49HonfA>.

WHAT IT IS?

- Summer EBT (SUN Bucks) is federal nutrition benefit providing income-eligible families with school-age children \$40/month/child for supplemental grocery benefits over the summer months, roughly \$120/child for the summer months, while school is not in session.
- Funds are delivered on an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card that recipients use to purchase groceries.
- Kaiser Permanente began texting members who may be eligible June of this year. Texts were translated in English and Spanish.



**Grocery benefits are available
for eligible school-age children
during summer break.**

Appendix

ILS Contact Info

Kaiser Permanente Referral Forms

Key Contact Information

ILS PROVIDER RELATIONS

EMAIL:

ILSCAProviderRelations@ilshealth.com

PHONE: [1-833-462-8500](tel:1-833-462-8500)

General Inquiries · Eligibility

ILS TOWNHALLS & TRAININGS

EMAIL: ILSCAProviderTrainings@ilshealth.com

General Inquiries · Request to Attend trainings

ILS REFERRALS & AUTHORIZATIONS

EMAIL: ILS-CalAIM@ilshealth.com

All member referral questions

CLAIMS ASSISTANCE

PHONE: [1-833-462-8500](tel:1-833-462-8500) Option 2

Claims submission · Processing · Payment reconciliation · Clearinghouse support

CREDENTIALING & CONTRACTING

EMAIL: CAProviderCredentialing@ilshealth.com

Questions regarding credentialing or contracting status

ILS HOUSING DEPOSITS

EMAIL: ilshousingdeposits@ilshealth.com

SDS PORTAL SUPPORT

EMAIL: stream.support@sdata.us

PHONE: [855-297-4436](tel:855-297-4436)

REMINDER: Kaiser Permanente Referral Forms

Kaiser Permanente has CalAIM referral forms. These referral forms aim to improve successful linkages and enhance information collected, thereby reducing authorization delays.

1. [Enhanced Care Management, Complex Care Management \(CCM\), California Integrated Care Management \(CICM\), and Community Health Workers Referral Form](#)
2. [Community Supports – Referral Form Housing Insecurities](#)
3. [Community Supports – Referral Form Keeping Members at the Home and Chronic Conditions](#)



More information available at [Provider Information | Community Provider Portal | Kaiser Permanente](#)



Questions?



Reflections?



Ideas?

Contact your Medi-Cal Local Engagement Representative!

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Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC)

Managed Care Plan CalAIM Updates
July 2026

Selene Sanchez-Avila

PARTNERSHIP



HEALTHPLAN
of CALIFORNIA
A Public Agency



MCP CalAIM Updates July 2026



Agenda

Changes to ECM

Changes to CS

DHCS Updates





ECM Referral Form & TARs

Beginning July 1, 2026, providers will be required to attach an ECM Referral Form with each ECM TAR submission.

Any TAR submission that does not include an ECM Referral Form will be “Pended” for 14 days. Providers will be required to attach a referral form to the TAR. If a referral form is not received within 14 days, the TAR will be voided.

[ECM Referral Form – Adult Members](#)

[ECM Referral Form – Youth Members](#)

[Provider Relations: Authorization Module](#)





Sunset of Short-Term Post Hospitalization (STPHH)

Per DHCS:

- As of July 1, 2026, no STPHH TARs will be approved past December 31, 2026.
- Partnership will stop authorizing new STPHH requests after December 1, 2026.
- Discontinuation verbiage will be shared with Managed Care Plans so they can notify members. Partnership will send member letters once DHCS has sent approved language.

[CMS Waiver Document](#)



Room and Board TAR Requirements

- Effective July 1, 2026, providers will be required to add STPHH and Recuperative Care (RC) housing address in the *Additional Notes* section when submitting a TAR for the member
- The [CS TAR Flyer](#) has been updated to reflect these changes for RC and STPHH

Service Details & Additional Notes

Service Code	Service Description	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Modifier 3	Units	Quantity	Charges	
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[Add New Service Code](#)

ADDITIONAL NOTES: (MAX CHARACTER LIMIT IS 700 CHARACTERS)

Member will be residing at: 123 Mickey Mouse Ave Fairfield, CA 98888 for Recuperative Care (RC).

DHCS Updates

[Governor's Budget 2026-27 | DHCS: Refinements and Efficiencies for Community Supports and Enhanced Care Management Fact Sheet](#)

[DHCS 1115 Waiver Letter to CMS](#)

[DHCS 1915B Waiver Overview for CMS](#)

Questions

Contacts:

- ECM@partnershiphp.org
- CommunitySupports@partnershiphp.org
- ClaimsECMhelpdesk@partnershiphp.org
- CHWS@partnershiphp.org

Register for upcoming CalAIM Office Hours [here](#)



Joint CPI Resource Hub (Zoom Docs)

[←](#)
[Event Details](#)
Beyond Land Acknowledged...
Links from Monthly Meet...
August 19, 2025
Upcoming Events
Stay in Touch with PHIL ...

Welcome to the resource page for our monthly CPI Meeting!

Meetings Occur the Third Tuesday of the Month | 1-2:30 pm PT

Our Sponsors:



Event Details

A monthly event is hosted by the [Population Health Innovation Lab](#) (PHIL) for the [PATH Northwest Collaborative Implementation and Planning \(CPI\) Region](#) which includes two California counties: Del Norte and Humboldt.





CalAIM Announcements

*All event registration links and
resources can be found in the Joint
CPI Resource Hub*





Partnership HealthPlan Supportive Resources

Partnership's July 1 Community Supports Roundtable provided updates and great information from several subject matter experts on the Partnership team. Helpful "Proof of Payment" workflows were provided to be Audit Ready.

- [Slides](#)
- [Q&A](#)
- [ECM Care Plan](#) (updated June 2026)
- [ECM Care Plan Training](#)



Updated Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports Data

DHCS recently released the latest Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports quarterly report, covering July to September 2025 (Q3 2025) and highlighting statewide trends since January 2022. DHCS also released this related Fact Sheet.

PHIL recently updated the County-Level Dashboard for ECM and Community Supports for the NW and SW regions with DHCS data through September 2025 (Q3 2025).

DHCS CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
MEDI-CAL COMMUNITY SUPPORTS: DELIVERING ON THEIR PROMISE
Data Show Community Supports Remain Cost-Effective, While Addressing Medi-Cal Member Needs

California's Community Supports, a key component of the [CalAIM](#) initiative, aim to address Medi-Cal member needs cost-effectively. The 2025 [Community Supports Annual Report](#) confirms **Community Supports continue to be associated with meaningful cost savings and reductions in avoidable emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and institutional care.**

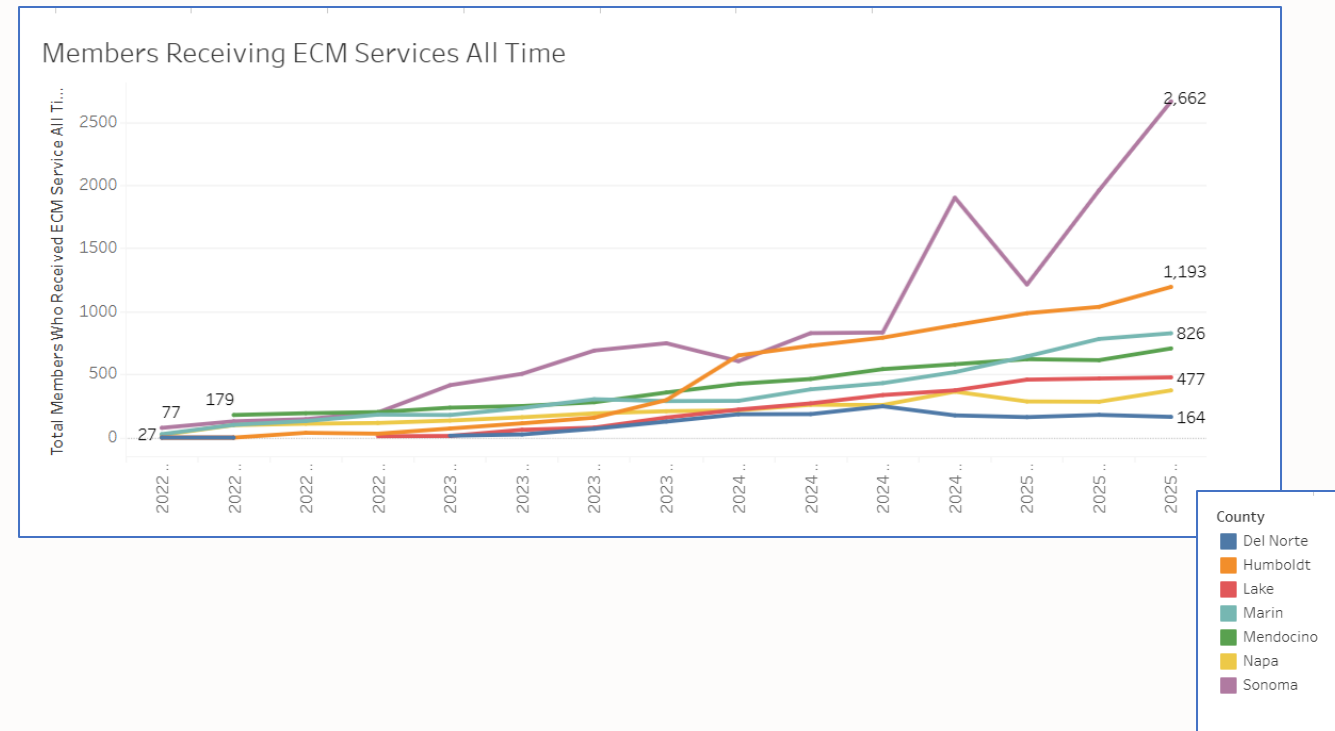
Context

- Community Supports are services provided by Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCP) to help Medi-Cal members live healthier lives and avoid higher, costlier levels of care.
- Fourteen Community Supports were introduced as elective services in January 2022. In addition, Transitional Rent was launched as a **mandatory benefit for qualifying Medi-Cal members** as of January 1, 2026.
- As required by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the University of California, Los Angeles and RAND Corporation will complete a rigorous **independent evaluation** of Community Supports by 2028 that will examine whether receipt of these services resulted in lower costs and better care.

Participants and Scope

- MCPs in all **38 counties** offer Community Supports. All Community Supports are available in 28 counties, while at least nine are available in every county.
- More than **798,000 Community Supports** services were delivered to more than **357,000 Medi-Cal members** in 2025.
- Medically Tailored Meals/Medically Supportive Food, the most-utilized Community Support in 2025, **served more than 156,000 members**.

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Updates from Last Month's Myth vs. Fact Resources



Community Supports Elections by MCP and County - July 1



CalAIM 1115 Waiver Renewal Fact Sheet

New updates: Explanations of STPHH to Recuperative Care changes mentioned in the Partnership presentation



Updated Community Supports Policy Guidance RELEASED July 20th



Policy Expectations & DHCS Considerations

DHCS Expectations in 2026

- » **Improved delivery of ECM:** Appropriate Service Dosage (3+ encounters per month).
- » **Tailored, value-based payment to providers:** MCPs' payments for ECM align with each provider's care model and services—not a one-size-fits-all rate.
- » **Service quality and member outcomes:** Enhanced service quality that improves member outcomes.

What are we considering in 2026?

- » **Harnessing technology to drive program improvement:** Using tools such as Medi-Cal Connect to deepen understanding of ECM implementation and improvement priorities
- » **Data transparency:** Providing MCPs and other stakeholders additional data on ECM implementation and performance to improve shared understanding and accountability
- » **Financial incentives:** Exploring options to reward service quality and improved outcomes

Federal Policy Changes: What CalHHS Shared

July 9 webinar: “How Federal Policy Changes are Impacting a Healthy California for All”

Hosted by the California Health and Human Services (CalHHS) Secretary Kim Johnson, Department of Health Care Services Director Michelle Baass, and California Department of Social Services Director Jennifer Troia



HR 1's Effects on Medi-Cal

Impacts on California's health care programs, plus CalHHS mitigation efforts



New Medi-Cal Requirements

Upcoming work and community engagement requirements requirements



2026-27 State Budget

Key HR 1 changes reflected in the state budget



CalFresh Changes

Important updates covered for the CalFresh program

What This Means for You



Watch for forthcoming state guidance



Prepare for operational adjustments



CalHHS reaffirmed its commitment to protecting Californians and sustaining health and social services programs



[View the Full Presentation](#)



Transitioning Medi-Cal Members with Unsatisfactory Immigration Status (UIS) from Managed Care to Fee-for-Service

DHCS is hosting a **Coverage Ambassador Webinar** focusing on transitioning members with UIS to fee-for-service.

July 30th 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

[Register Now](#)



**Get and Keep Your
Community Covered**



First 5 Network: Medi-Cal Contracting Journey Learnings

Medi-Cal Contracting Journey: Considerations and Learnings from the First 5 Network

BRIEF • JUN 12, 2026



FIRST 5 CENTER FOR
CHILDREN'S POLICY

- **July 29th:** First 5 Network is hosting a webinar highlighting key features of the brief. 10-11:30 a.m. PT - [Register here.](#)



Doula Resources

First 5 Napa County - FREE Doula Training Program

- Eight-month workforce development program that includes mentorship, business development, and Medi-Cal enrollment support in addition to the doula training
- **Deadline to apply: August 14**

Medi-Cal Doula Benefit Townhall Meeting

- DHCS is hosting a Medi-Cal doula benefit townhall meeting for Medi-Cal members, providers, community partners, and stakeholders (virtual via [Microsoft Teams](#))
- **Date: August 7, 9-10:30 am PT**



FREE Mental Health First Aid Certification – *New Training Dates*

- **Host:** Public Health Institute's Cypress Resilience Project
- **Purpose:** Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges.
- **When:**
 - **Option 1: Must attend both half-day sessions | [Register Here](#)**
 - August 4, 2026 2:00-4:30 pm PT + August 11, 2026 2:00-5:00 pm PT
 - **Option 2: Must attend both half-day sessions | [Register Here](#)**
 - August 26, 2026 9:00-11:30 am PT + September 2, 2026 9:00 am-12:00 pm PT

**Use Promo Code at Checkout
for All Courses: PATH26**



FREE Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Certification - *NEW Training Dates*

- **Host:** Public Health Institute's Cypress Resilience Project
- **Purpose:** Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) teaches you to recognize the warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide, offer hope, and connect that person to help.
- **When:**
 - August 19, 2026 | 9:00 – 10:30 am PT
- [Register Here](#) + **Use Promo Code at Checkout: PATH26**



Early Registration Open: THREADS 2026 Symposium

Second Annual Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Collaborative Symposium

- **Focus:** Strengthen the fabric of care for individuals experiencing homelessness with serious mental illness (SMI) and/or substance use disorder (SUD)
- **Date:** November 16-18, 2026
- **Location:** Luther Burbank Center for the Arts, Santa Rosa, CA
- **Cost:** FREE
- [Register Here](#)



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