



Keeping You Informed About Medicare / Medi-Cal Integration

Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) ***Monthly Update: December 2018***

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Announcements and Updates

CCI Health Plan Name Changes

Two CCI health plans will change their names for 2019. Effective January 1, 2019 Care1st Health Plan's name is changing to Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan. Also, effective January 1, CareMore is changing its name to Anthem Blue Cross.

CMS Cal MediConnect Evaluation Report

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released its first formal evaluation report of the Cal MediConnect (CMC) demonstration. The report examines the CMC demonstration's implementation and analyzes the program's impact on beneficiary experience, quality, utilization and cost from April 1, 2014 through December 2016. [Click here to read the entire Cal MediConnect demonstration report.](#)

CMC Focus Group Findings

In July 2018, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) conducted 10 targeted focus groups of Cal MediConnect enrollees. Researchers interviewed 68 participants from Los Angeles and San Mateo counties, including Spanish-language beneficiaries and beneficiaries who use Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS). [Click here to read the Cal MediConnect focus groups summary report.](#)

CMS Flu Campaign

On December 5, 2018, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) promoted the Flu Day of Action. Share the message that getting an annual flu vaccination is important for beneficiaries and their families, care providers, and community members. [Read more on the Flu Day of Action here.](#)

Enrollment and Performance Data

Review the monthly Cal MediConnect enrollment data and quarterly performance dashboards [here](#).

CCI Outreach

Recent Outreach Events

[Click here for a full list of other outreach events.](#)

Upcoming Events

[To view the calendar of future outreach events, please click here.](#)

Provider Webinars



the program.

Please join us for free CCI webinars designed for providers. These recurring webinars provide an overview of the program and key information for providers, including details about beneficiary and provider protections, care coordination, billing, contracting, and how beneficiaries and providers can benefit from

We're hitting pause on our monthly webinars for December and will resume them in 2019. Our December newsletter will have registration links for 2019.

Request a Presentation

If you would like a free presentation or training about the CCI for you, your staff, or anyone else interested in learning about the program, [click here to fill out a request form](#).

Resources & Links

Information for Beneficiaries and Caregivers

If you want more details about the CCI, click the link on the right to review the Beneficiary Toolkit. To request that a toolkit be mailed to you, email info@calduals.org.

**Beneficiary
Toolkit**

Information for Physicians

If you are a provider, click the link on the right to access the Physician Toolkit. The toolkit is a series of fact sheets that describe the CCI in detail as it pertains to providers. To request that a toolkit be mailed to you, email info@calduals.org.

**Physician
Toolkit**

Information for Case Managers

The Cal MediConnect Hospital Case Manager Toolkit provides guidance, answers to common questions, and important information about Cal MediConnect for hospital case managers and discharge planners.

**Case
Manager
Toolkit**

Information for Social Workers

Information for social workers and county case managers about the basics of Cal MediConnect health plans, help identifying their clients' options, and guidance in coordinating their clients' care can be found in the Social Workers Resource Guide, available through the link on the right.

**Social
Worker
Resource
Guide**

Contact

For contact information on health plans, Health Care Options, and the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program, click the link on the right.

**Contact
Information**

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