

Medi-Cal 1115 Waiver



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Key Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Programmatic Goals: Bridge to Health Care Reform



- **Mandatory managed care for senior and people with disabilities : Care coordination for vulnerable populations**
- **Expanded coverage to uninsured, particularly childless adults, including people with HIV (LIHPs)**
- **Preserve the safety net**
- **Secure and improve the public hospital system**

Mandatory Managed Care for Seniors and People with Disabilities (SPDs)

- **Mandatory enrollment of all SPDs into Medi-Cal managed care except for:**
 - Dual Eligibles, or those with Medicare
 - Foster Children
 - Identified as Long Term Care (LTC)
 - Those with Other Health Insurance
 - Share of Cost (SOC) Medi-Cal
 - California Children's Services (CCS) - Although currently excluded, this group may become mandatory in the future
- **Marin, Mendocino, and Ventura counties are excluded for now**
 - Some rural counties may also be excluded

Mandatory Managed Care



- **Started on June 1, 2011 for people with May birthdays; rolling enrollment based on birth month**
 - Enrollees will have choice of plans and if they don't chose by the date provided in their letter, they will be auto-assigned; the intent is to ensure continuity with provider
 - ✦ In first month the state reported a 69% default rate with a 8% match rate
 - ✦ May be due to confusion or missing the rolling due by date
- **Issue for people with HIV is whether their provider is contracted with a Medi-Cal Managed Care Organization (MCO)**
 - In San Francisco we believe all providers are signed up with managed care
 - Providers can only contract within their own county

Mandatory Managed Care



- **People with HIV can continue to see their current provider in one of two ways:**
 - **Medical Exemption Request (MER) – exemption from Managed Care system for one year**
 - ✦ **Provider is not contracted with local MCO**
 - ✦ **Provided care in the last 12 months**
 - ✦ **Has a complicated health condition; HIV is a listed condition**
 - ✦ **Have been verbally told “is not stable enough for transfer to MCO”**
 - **Do not believe this is a legal interpretation of the statute**
 - ✦ **For the time being providers must submit supporting evidence because “the reviewers are not familiar with HIV”**
 - ✦ **Unfortunately no clarity on what the evidence must be**
 - ✦ **We are continuing to work with the state on interpretation of the statute**
 - **Renewed annually**

Mandatory Managed care



- **Continuity of care request**
 - ✦ Client enrolled in plan
 - ✦ Provider giving care in last 12 months
 - ✦ Provider willing to take payment from plan: fee-for-service or managed care rate whichever is higher
 - ✦ Plan must attempt to contract with provider
 - ✦ Extension on continuity of care request unclear but no obligation to continue past 12 months
- **For people who seek their care out of their own counties:**
 - ✦ Advocates working with DHCS on solutions
 - ✦ For time being, the only solution is to file an MER with supporting evidence

Next Steps for Current Medi-Cal Beneficiaries with HIV

- All Medi-Cal clients should receive a 90 day notice, a 60 day enrollment packet and a 30 day reminder notice as well as a call from DHCS
- Once you receive your packet you should act as quickly as possible
- Are you a mandatory Medi-Cal managed care enrollee?
 - Or is it a mistake? – Call Health Care Options 1-800-430-4263
- Is your current provider contracted with a MCO?
 - If so, you should sign up with that MCO
 - If not, check with the provider as to whether you should apply for a MER or join a plan and ask for continuity of care.
- If you are seeing a provider outside the county of residence, currently the best option is submitting a MER and presenting supporting information

Resources



- <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/pages/waiverr renewal.aspx>
- <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Pages/MMCDS PDEnrollment.aspx>
- <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/lihp.aspx>
- http://www.disabilityrightsca.org/issues/health_publications.html *Mandatory Enrollment of Seniors and People with Disabilities in Medi-Cal Managed Care*
- <http://www.healthcareoptions.dhcs.ca.gov/HCOCSPP/Home/default.aspx>



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