

What's Happening

A SHATTERED SYSTEM: REFORMING LONG-TERM CARE IN CALIFORNIA (CA)

Envisioning and Implementing an IDEAL Long-Term Care System in CA
State Senator Carol Liu, Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care, led a comprehensive effort in 2014 to identify the structural, policy, and administrative changes necessary to realize an "ideal" long-term care delivery system. There are 30 recommendations presented in this [report](#) to achieve that vision.

CALIFORNIA'S LEGISLATIVE ACTION ON AGING AND LONG TERM SERVICES & SUPPORTS (LTSS) IN 2015

30+ LTSS measures introduced in the 2015-2016 CA Legislative session
About 40% of bills related to aging and LTSS system transformation passed. This [fact sheet](#) provides an update on 33 legislative measures relating to aging and LTSS reforms, and action taken by the legislature and governor in 2015.

CA STATEWIDE TRANSITION PLAN (STP) FOR HOME & COMMUNITY BASED (HCB) SETTING RULES

CA strongly emphasizes stakeholder engagement in STP implementation
This [STP](#) identifies the framework and strategies for achieving and maintaining compliance with the federal requirements for HCB settings in California.

DEMENTIA CARE COORDINATION

Care coordinators are often unprepared to meet dementia patients' needs
[This report](#) by the University of California, San Francisco's *Health Workforce Research Center on Long Term Care* analyzes the dementia care coordination workforce and its practices in seven dual demonstration states (CA, IL, MI, NY, OH, SC and VA).

CALIFORNIA TO PAY OVERTIME TO HOME-CARE WORKERS

Nearly 400,000 CA home-care service workers help about 1.5 million people
California will begin to pay overtime to hundreds of thousands of home care service providers beginning [February 1, 2016](#).

NCQA to Pilot Standards that Support Coordination of LTSS and Medical Care

Aging and Independence Services (AIS) was selected to participate in an 18-month project being conducted by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) titled "Piloting Standards to Support Coordination of Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) and General Medical Care" to refine and test standards for accreditation of organizations responsible for coordinating LTSS. AIS is one of a total of 10 CBOs and managed care organizations selected from across the country to work with the NCQA to test and update standards of their Health Plan and Case Management Accreditation programs to reflect more patient-centered care planning and coordination of health care for LTSS vulnerable populations. AIS will assess its performance against a set of standards provided by NCQA and will have the opportunity to influence their refinement. Through feedback received from the members of the learning collaborative, the NCQA will evaluate the effort required to achieve accreditation. The tools and resources utilized by members to meet the standards will be utilized to develop an implementation guide that will help other organizations improve their ability to meet the new NCQA standards for patient-centered, goal-based, coordinated LTSS.

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Alzheimer's SAN DIEGO

In San Diego County more than 60,000 people are living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias (ADRD). Research indicates that leading a healthy lifestyle, staying physically active, mentally stimulated and socially engaged can be helpful in reducing the risk of developing Alzheimer's as well as enhancing the overall wellbeing of someone living with the disease. As a *Live Well San Diego* partner, Alzheimer's San Diego (formerly known as The Alzheimer's Association) promotes a brain healthy lifestyle by providing *free* comprehensive education, activities and resources to those living with Alzheimer's (and other related dementias) and their families. In an effort to return to its community-based roots, Alzheimer's San Diego recently decided to separate from the national Alzheimer's Association. As an independent organization, Alzheimer's San Diego will now have the freedom to innovate and grow its compliment of programs and services, the majority of which have been locally developed to meet the specific needs of the San Diego community. Alzheimer's San Diego will continue to advocate at the state and federal level as well as collaborate with the County and City of San Diego to further advance research towards a cure for Alzheimer's disease.

COORDINATED CARE INITIATIVE (CCI) UPDATES

- The Field Research Corporation is using campaign-style polling to understand the experience of people enrolling in and opting out of Cal MediConnect. The information produced is being delivered to state departments and health plans responsible for continuous quality improvement for the demonstration. Read the findings [here](#).
- Community Catalyst (a national consumer health advocacy organization) and the Association for Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP) released a new report, "[Key Consumer Provisions in the Dual Demonstrations: Findings from a Survey of ACAP Plans](#)" that summarizes the findings from a survey of a number of dual demonstration plans operating across the country. Their research outlined numerous policy and operational recommendations that could help dual demonstration projects deliver coordinated, person-centered care.
- California's Legislative Analyst's Office report - "[The 2016-17 Budget: California's Fiscal Outlook](#)" provides projections for the state budget through 2016-17 as well as some insight into the future of CCI.
- The Community Living Policy Center at the University of California, San Francisco and the UC Berkeley Health Research for Action Center are conducting a three-year evaluation of Cal MediConnect. The project will document experiences with care and will be examining service delivery system response to the initiative. Preliminary results can be viewed [here](#).
- Harbage Consulting, Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) contractor assisting with CCI stakeholder engagement, policy development and program operations, has developed a draft Cal MediConnect Beneficiary Toolkit as part of its commitment to ensuring that beneficiaries currently enrolled in Cal MediConnect and Medi-Cal Managed Care plans have the information they need to access quality health services. The toolkit will also help beneficiaries eligible to enroll in CMC understand their options and how the program may benefit them. DHCS has received stakeholder input on the draft toolkit and plans to release the final version in the near future on its website www.calduals.org.
- **New Duals Plan Letter 15-006: Crossover Claiming Responsibility for Mental Health Services Provided to Cal MediConnect beneficiaries** – supersedes DUALS PLAN LETTER 14-003. Read new DPL [here](#).

UPDATE

LONG TERM CARE INTEGRATION PROJECT

The next LTCIP meeting will be held on Friday, March 11, 2016 at the County Operations Center - AIS 5560 Overland Ave., 3rd Floor



CONTINUING EDUCATION



- | Health Management Associates Webinar: [Are You Ready for the Age Wave in Social Programs?](#)
- | Kaiser Family Foundation issue brief: [Beyond Health Care: The Role of Social Determinants in Promoting Health and Health Equity](#)
- | *Health Affairs* and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Policy Brief: [Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Initiative](#)
- | [CMS Updates its Quality Strategy to Build a Better, Smarter, and Healthier Health Care Delivery System](#)
- | [Integrating Housing Strategies with Health](#) An Opportunity to Advance Whole-Person Care in California
- | Kaiser Family Foundation fact sheet: [The California Health Care Landscape](#)