



AGING & INDEPENDENCE SERVICES

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO ■ HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

LONG TERM CARE INTEGRATION PROJECT

Aging & Independence Services (AIS) San Diego Long Term Care Integration Project (LTCIP) Update for the Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB) September 2013

The goal of the Long Term Care Integration Project (LTCIP) is to improve service delivery for older adults and persons with disabilities. To achieve this goal, three incremental strategies were established: (1) The Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) (2) TEAM SAN DIEGO and (3) An Integrated Acute and Long Term Care Service Delivery Model (Coordinated Care Initiative which includes Cal MediConnect).

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)

The Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP)

The Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Aging & Independence Services (AIS) entered into a Program Agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to implement CCTP in partnership with Palomar Health, Scripps Health, Sharp HealthCare, and the University of California San Diego (UCSD) Health System. CCTP is funded under Section 3026 of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). CCTP will target up to 21,390 high-risk, fee-for-service Medicare patients each year in 13 hospitals. The term of the Program Agreement is from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015, and the agreement can be extended if performance targets set by CMS are met.

Since CCTP began on January 22, 2013, AIS invoiced CMS for 3,378 fee-for-service Medicare patients who received one or more interventions through August 31, 2013 to reduce their risk for a readmission. Enrollment continues to climb, and all partners are focused on enrolling more patients into CCTP. As of August 31, 2013, AIS enrolled 380 UCSD Health System and Palomar Health patients into the Care Transitions Intervention (CTI) Program and 282 patients into the CTI Care Enhancement Program across the partnering hospitals.

ADRC Designation Application

San Diego County's ADRC was one of the first in California and the nation. Established in 2004, San Diego County's ADRC was built on the foundation of the AIS Call Center with Access to Independence joining AIS as a full partner in the ADRC in 2006. San Diego was the first ADRC to partner an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and an Independent Living Center (ILC). This partnership enhanced both agencies' effectiveness to serve younger disabled individuals and older adults, improved their ability to make referrals to programs and services, and strengthened their assessment capabilities that has facilitated enrollment of consumers in entitlement programs. AIS and Access to Independence have served as trailblazers and provided the Country with a replicable ADRC model that successfully serves thousands of individuals each year.

As California's ADRC network has grown, the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) developed a set of ADRC designation criteria that closely aligns with federal requirements. California's ADRC criteria serve to establish fair and consistent standards for designating networks of organizations as ADRC partnerships and to help these organizations implement system improvements by expanding their partnerships, developing their infrastructure, and enhancing their capacity to meet state standards while also accommodating the needs of the local community. All new and established ADRC's operating in California are required to submit a designation application.

On the behalf of the ADRC's core partners, Aging and Independence Services and Access to Independence, and its formal and informal extended partners, San Diego County's ADRC application for State designation was submitted to CHHS on July 31st. The application is being reviewed by a panel of state department representatives

that includes Aging, Rehabilitation and Health Care Services. We expect to receive feedback from CHHS on our application by the end of September. We are confident that we have met all application requirements and that San Diego County's ADRC will receive full designation status.

TEAM SAN DIEGO

No updates at this time.

Demonstration to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals

On April 14, 2012 San Diego County was selected as one of eight counties in California to implement the State's new Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI), an improved delivery system that will provide coordinated health care and long term services and supports (LTSS) to approximately 41,000 seniors and people with disabilities in the county who are dually eligible for both Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits. CCI consists of two parts: the mandatory enrollment of Medi-Cal recipients into Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) for their health coverage and access to long term services and supports (LTSS) including Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS), nursing home care, and County operated programs, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), services provided by the IHSS Public Authority, and the Multi-purpose Senior Services Case Management Program (MSSP); and Cal MediConnect, a three-year demonstration that will provide coverage for all medical and behavioral health services (including Medicare Parts A, B, C and D) and access to all State Plan benefits and services covered by Medi-Cal for San Diego's dual eligible beneficiaries.

Four Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), Care1st, Community Health Group, Health Net and Molina were approved to provide coverage for dual eligible beneficiaries through Cal MediConnect. Kaiser Permanente will provide Medi-Cal benefits including LTSS to dual eligible beneficiaries but will not participate in Cal MediConnect. Agreements were executed between the County and the MCOs to formalize the partnership for behavioral health services, IHSS, and IHSS Public Authority. A contract between the MCOs and the County for MSSP is being negotiated and will likely be executed within the next couple of months.

CCI and Cal MediConnect, is now scheduled to begin no sooner than April 1, 2014. Legislation permits the mandatory enrollment of dual eligible beneficiaries into Medi-Cal managed care and the integration of Long-Term Supports and Services (LTSS) into managed care plans operating in the eight CCI counties to proceed separately from the Cal MediConnect. The State's amendment to the 1115 waiver was submitted to CMS and must be approved before dual eligible beneficiaries can be mandated to enroll in managed care for LTSS.

The CCI Advisory Committee held its monthly meeting on September 4th, and the CCI Communication Workgroup met on August 28th. The focus of the CCI Communication Workgroup continues to be on crafting an outreach and education strategy to ensure that outreach to impacted individuals is done in a comprehensive consumer-centered fashion, utilizing communication channels already in place within our county.

To support outreach and education efforts, the San Diego Senior Alliance hosted a CCI/Cal MediConnect presentation by Amber Cutler from the National Senior Citizens Law Center on August 28th. The event was well-attended by healthcare and home-and-community-based service providers (HCBS) providers. In addition, the next Long Term Care Integration Project (LTCIP) Quarterly Stakeholder meeting that will be held on Monday, September 30, 2013 from 9:30am to 12:00pm in the Campus Center Chambers located in the County Operations Center at 5520 Overland Ave., San Diego will feature a presentation on CCI/Cal MediConnect by Jaime Mulligan from Harbage Consulting, the lead consultant for the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), supporting stakeholder engagement around the policy design and implementation for California's dual demonstration. Following the latest updates from the State on the CCI and Cal MediConnect, Greg Knoll, the CCI Advisory Committee and Communication Workgroup Chair, will provide the local perspective on the CCI and Cal MediConnect implementation. Both Ms. Mulligan and Mr. Knoll will be on hand to answer questions about the implementation of CCI/Cal MediConnect in San Diego County following

the presentations. Additionally, registration has opened for the November 19, 2013, Learning and Action Network (LAN) that will be held at the Scottish Rite Center. Jane Olge, DHCS Deputy Director, will be one of the keynote speakers for the event.

SCAN Grant-Regional Aging and Disability Service and Advocacy Coalition

At the request of the SCAN Foundation, on August 26th AIS submitted an application for the LTCIP to serve as a Regional Aging and Disability Service and Advocacy Coalition for San Diego County. Through this grant, the LTCIP would work with other regional coalitions as well as with the CA Collaborative to develop a shared vision and forge a united voice for the transformation of California's system of LTSS. This unique forum would provide the LTCIP the opportunity to leverage resources and enhance our capacity to influence transformation. If our proposal is approved, the LTCIP will play a pivotal role in supporting the implementation of CCI/Cal MediConnect in San Diego County. A response to our grant proposal is anticipated by mid-December.

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