

**Aging & Independence Services (AIS)
Long Term Care Integration Project (LTCIP)
Update for the Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB)
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The goal of the Long Term Care Integration Project (LTCIP) is to improve the delivery of health care and long term services and supports for older adults and persons with disabilities. This month's report includes key updates:

Duals Demonstration / Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) – County prepares for changes:

Updates: The governor's "May Revise" indicates less-bad-than-previously-feared reductions in financing for Counties that impacts IHSS and other HHS programs. AIS is working with HHS finance officials to determine program impacts.

United Health Care will begin serving dual eligible Medi-Cal/Medicare beneficiaries "no sooner than July 1, 2017" and Aetna will begin serving duals "no sooner than January 1, 2018." AIS will work with the State regarding development of the necessary legal agreements between the County and these new health plans.

Background: San Diego County is one of seven counties in California selected to implement the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI), an improved delivery system that provides coordinated health care and long term services and supports (LTSS) to dual eligible and Medi-Cal only beneficiaries in the county. Begun in 2014, CCI consists of two components: 1) mandatory enrollment of dual eligible beneficiaries into managed care for all of their Medi-Cal benefits, including LTSS, and 2) the dual demonstration project, Cal MediConnect (CMC), which provides dual eligible beneficiaries the option of selecting one managed care plan to administer and coordinate both their Medicare (acute medical care and hospitalizations) and Medi-Cal benefits. Those duals who do not choose this option continue to receive fee-for-service Medicare. CCI health plans are required to offer four types of LTSS: MSSP, IHSS, adult day healthcare and skilled nursing care. In San Diego County, health plans must partner with AIS for the administration of MSSP and IHSS. CMC health plans may offer other discretionary LTSS known as Care Plan Options (CPO), which include a wide array of a la carte services and support, and also offer transportation and vision benefits. According to the recent enrollment figures published by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), there were 14,626 San Diego County duals actively enrolled in Cal MediConnect (CMC) as of February 1, 2017. However, CMC enrollment in San Diego County continues to hold at 33%, meaning that 67% of have either opted-out or have disenrolled from CMC.

The California Department of Finance determined that the CCI program is not cost effective, prompting a process that ceases all statutory provisions related to CCI as of January 1, 2018. This year DHCS will be restructuring parts of the program in an effort to make it cost effective. While the CCI has been technically "discontinued," most components remain the same and beneficiaries will not experience changes in service. The main changes are the following:

- The cost of the In-Home Supportive Services program will be removed from the Health Plans' bundled, capitation rates and will be reverted back to prior state-county share of cost arrangements and IHSS will also return to being a fee-for service benefit.
- Although the funding for IHSS will no longer be included in the Medi-Cal managed care capitation rates, the Governor's proposed budget "encourages" Medi-Cal managed care plans and counties to continue "collaborating" on care coordination.
- The seven CCI counties will also regain collective bargaining responsibilities for IHSS workers' wages and benefits.
- The transition of MSSP from community-based providers (i.e., AIS for San Diego County) to the Health Plans that was to be effective as of January 1, 2018, is now being postponed to January 1, 2020.

Other LTCIP initiatives: Work continues on restructuring the Advisory Committee for the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC), as well as work on The Alzheimer's Project and NCQA Accreditation of our Live Well Care Connections program. There are no major updates at this time. Please refer to previous reports for background on these projects.