



# 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) April 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 (CCI which includes Cal MediConnect).

#### **Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC)**

##### **The Community-based Care Transitions Program (CCTP)**

On November 14, 2012, 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.

CCTP services began at UCSD Thornton Hospital on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and at UCSD Hillcrest on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Scripps Health began implementation of CCTP in all Scripps hospitals except Scripps Mercy Chula Vista on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Palomar Health will begin providing CCTP at both Palomar Medical Center and Pomerado Hospital on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Sharp HealthCare is expected to begin roll out of CCTP at all Sharp hospitals as soon as the contract with the County is signed. As of March 22<sup>nd</sup>, AIS invoiced CMS for 132 patients who received CCTP services provided by UCSD. AIS enrolled 40 UCSD patients into the Care Transitions Intervention (CTI) Program and 16 UCSD patients into the CTI Care Enhancement Program.

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, an article entitled *Pilot Targeting Senior Care Transitions Drastically Reduced Readmission Rate* was published in Senior Housing News. The content of this online article was based on a presentation provided by AIS staff, Brenda Schmitthener and Carol Castillon, on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the American Society on Aging (ASA), Aging in America Conference about the successful partnerships in San Diego which have been established through CCTP to improve the transitions of care for high-risk patients.

#### **TEAM SAN DIEGO**

No updates at this time.

#### **Demonstration to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals**

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) for the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI): State Demonstration to Integrate Care for Dual Eligible Individuals was signed on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The CCI

and the Dual Eligible demonstration project component, now called Cal MediConnect, is scheduled to begin no sooner than October 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 and continue for three years. Duals receiving Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) including IHSS, SNF, MSSP and CBAS will be enrolled in CCI in their birth month. The Dual Eligible beneficiary can opt out of Cal MediConnect by electing to remain in FFS Medicare, however, they must remain in CCI to receive the LTSS identified previously. It is anticipated that approximately 40,000 Duals will be enrolled in managed care health plans in San Diego. Vision, dental and medical transportation are mandated benefits in Cal MediConnect and participating health plans will have discretion to use the capitated payment to provide additional community-based services like home delivered meals, personal care and chores services (beyond IHSS), home modification and non-medical transportation.

AIS continues to meet with the participating managed care health plans to ensure the smooth transition of IHSS, MSSP and Public Authority into CCI. AIS also supports the health plans' CCI Advisory Committee and Communication Workgroup.

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