



# 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)**  
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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)**

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 has been implemented in all 13 partnering hospitals. Since CCTP began on January 22, 2013, AIS invoiced CMS for 2,187 fee-for-service Medicare patients who received one or more interventions through July 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 June 30, 2013, AIS enrolled 160 UCSD Health System and Palomar Health patients into the Care Transitions Intervention (CTI) Program and 90 patients into the CTI Care Enhancement Program across the partnering hospitals.

CCTP sites across the nation have looked to AIS to provide guidance on data collection, invoicing processes, program infrastructure and the delivery of social services to medically and socially complex patients. In fact, AIS' Principal Analyst, Deborah Marquette, was a featured presenter on a CMS Webinar on June 18, 2013 and Carol Castillon, the CCTP Operations Manager, provided a presentation on AIS' CTI Care Enhancement Program on a Webinar for CCTP sites across the country on June 15, 2013.

### **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 have been 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 have been executed between the County and the MCOs to formalize the partnership for behavioral health services, IHSS, IHSS Public Authority, and MSSP.

CCI and Cal MediConnect, are scheduled to begin no sooner than January 1, 2014. However, new 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 Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) recently released the 60-day and 90-day Cal MediConnect enrollment notices to beneficiaries and the Health Plan Guidebook to stakeholders for feedback. In addition, DHCS provided the policy for Cal MediConnect Care Plan Option (CPO) services and clarified the difference between LTSS that the health plans are mandated to provide through CCI and the CPOs that the Cal MediConnect health plans may offer to their members. Cal MediConnect plans will be given the flexibility to provide CPO services to enhance a beneficiary's care, allowing beneficiaries to stay in their own homes safely, and thereby preventing costly and unnecessary hospitalization, or prolonged care in institutional settings.

Because of the holiday, the CCI Advisory Committee did not meet in July. The CCI Communication Workgroup met on July 24, 2013 and began 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 community outreach and education efforts related to CCI/Cal MediConnect, two large San Diego events are planned. On August 28, 2013, the San Diego Senior Alliance is hosting a CCI train-the-trainer presentation by Amber Cutler of the National Senior Citizen Law Center. On November 19, 2013, a third Learning and Action Network (LAN) will be held at the Scottish Rite Center. Jane Olge from DHCS will be one of the keynote speakers for the event.

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