

**Aging & Independence Services (AIS)
Long Term Care Integration Project (LTCIP)
Update for the Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB)
July 20, 2017**

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: According to the recent enrollment figures published by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), there were 14,589 San Diego County duals actively enrolled in Cal MediConnect (CMC) as of May 1, 2017. CMC enrollment in San Diego County continues to hold at 33%, meaning that 67% of have either opted-out or have disenrolled from CMC.

United Health Care and Aetna are expected to enter the Medi-Cal market by 2018. AIS is continuing to work with the State and these new health plans regarding development and execution of the necessary legal agreements needed for these plans to serve seniors and persons with disabilities in San Diego County. For more background information about CCI, please refer to page 2.

County of San Diego Board Initiative – Serving Seniors in Crisis:

In February, Chairwoman Dianne Jacob declared in the State of the County address that San Diego County needs to better prepare our region for the surge in seniors and families that are overwhelmed by Alzheimer's disease and related dementia (ADRD). Too often, when seniors with ADRD find themselves in crisis, they are taken to a hospital or to jail when diversion might be the best course of action. At the March 21, 2017 Board meeting, Chairwoman Dianne Jacob and Vice-Chairwoman Kristin Gaspar directed the County's Chief Administrative Officer to work with community partners to develop a plan for a pilot project that enhances the region's response to seniors in crisis, particularly those with ADRD, and return to the Board of Supervisors within 180 days with the plan.

The pilot project would include, but not be limited to:

- Developing a model that would start with the "call for help" and end with in-home services, with assessment, treatment and assistance to seniors in crisis
- Expanding and enhancing our senior response teams
- Assess and recommend changes to the interaction between seniors in crisis and law enforcement and the criminal justice system

County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency, in partnership with Dianne Jacob's office, has convened a team of experts with representatives from Alzheimer's San Diego, Sharp Grossmont, the Grossmont Healthcare District, the Sheriff's Department, the District Attorney's Office, and the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT). The team meets monthly and is in the midst of developing the pilot project that will ensure that seniors, families and caregivers get the right level of assistance, treatment and care. The team's pilot design will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in September 2017.

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 to report at this time. Please refer to previous reports for background on these projects.

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CCI 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.

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.



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