Opportunities to Improve Health for the Re-entry Population

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Mission

ITUP’s mission is to promote innovative and workable policy solutions that expand health care access and improve the health of all Californians. ITUP implements its mission through policy-focused research and broad-based stakeholder engagement.

Vision

ITUP believes that all Californians should have a fair opportunity to live their healthiest lives.
Policy Priority Areas

Coverage and Access  Delivery System Transformation  The Future of Health
Overview: Medi-Cal

- Government (Federal and State) Funded Health Insurance
  - Administered by:
    - Federal: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
    - State: Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
  - Eligible Californians include:
    - Adults ≤ 138% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
      - 138% FPL= $18,755 for a single adult or $38,295 for a family of four, annually.
    - Children ≤ 266% FPL
    - Seniors and Persons with Disabilities up to ≤ 250% FPL, depending on eligibility
    - Undocumented Californians*

*All income-eligible, undocumented Californians will be covered by 2024.
Who is Enrolled in Medi-Cal?

**FIGURE 7.** Medi-Cal Enrollment, January 2023

- Total Medi-Cal Eligibles: 4,571,875 (45.7%)
- Undocumented Medi-Cal Eligibles: 173,985 (3.8%)

*45.7% of the LA County population are Medi-Cal eligible.

**FIGURE 8.** Medi-Cal Enrollment, by Race/Ethnicity, January 2023

- Latinx: 56.6%
- White: 12.5%
- Black: 9.5%
- American Indian/Alaska Native: 9.0%
- Asian: 12.3%
- Other: 0.1%
- Not Reported
What is CalAIM?

"CalAIM" = California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal

- Multi-year initiative by DHCS
- Enhance care coordination and improve the quality of care
- Implement broad delivery system, program, and payment reforms
  - Builds on prior Medi-Cal Pilot Projects:
    - Whole Person Care (WPC)
    - Health Homes Program (HHP)
Primary CalAIM Goals

- Whole-Person Care Approaches and Addressing Social Determinants of Health
- Reduce Complexity and Increasing Flexibility in Medi-Cal
- Utilize Value-Based Initiatives and Payment Reform
Enhanced Care Management (ECM)

**ECM**
- Medi-Cal Benefit for Focus Populations
- Coordinates Complex Care and Services
- Provides Services to Enrollees in Non-Traditional Settings, including:
  - Street Medicine
  - Shelters
  - Home

**Focus Populations of ECM**
- Individuals Experiencing Homelessness
- High Utilizers of Care
- Individuals Transitioning to the Community from Incarceration
- Foster Youth
- Individuals with Serious Mental Illness or Substance Use Disorder
- Individuals at Risk of Institutionalization
Community Support (CS) Services

- **CS** Services are non-health care services provided in place of traditional health care services to improve a person’s health
- California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) pre-approved 14 CS Services
- Services are provided by Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs) (LA Care and Health Net):
  - MCPs Decide:
    - Which CS are available
    - Whether or not members qualify to receive CS Services
    - Which providers administer the services
  - **NOTE:** MCPs may cover all or only some of the 14 CS, and it varies by county and by health plan
  - CS are available to qualifying Medi-Cal members by referral
Vital Role of Community-Based Organizations in CalAIM

- Increase quality and access to care for hard-to-reach patients
- Effective and equity-driven strategy for a “Whole-Person” Care approach
- Address Social Determinants of Health
Mutual Benefits for Health System and CBO Collaboration

Health Care System
- Stable Financing Options
- Administrative Support

CBOs
- Strong Community Ties
- Trusted, Culturally Appropriate Messengers
- Knowledge of Access and Care Barriers

Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, Collaborations Between Health Systems and Community-Based Organizations, January 2020
CalAIM Population of Focus: Re-Entry Population

- CalAIM names the justice involved or re-entry population as a population of focus for a set of enhanced supports and services.
- There is a specified Justice-Involved Initiative with dedicated funding and implementation timelines.
  - First-in-the-nation approval to provide Medi-Cal services pre-release.
  - Services set to begin April 2024
  - [Providing Access and Transforming Health Initiative](#) (PATH)
- The Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget includes $9.9 million total funds ($3.8 million General Fund) in FY 2023-24 for pre-release services to implement the justice involved initiative (in addition to $225 million estimated through PATH).
Eligibility Criteria for Pre-Release Medi-Cal Services

- Eligible for Medi-Cal, and
- Meet one of the following health care need criteria:
  - Mental Illness
  - Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
  - Chronic Condition/Significant Clinical Condition
  - Intellectual or Developmental Disability (I/DD)
  - Traumatic Brain Injury
  - HIV/AIDS
  - Pregnant or Postpartum

- Note: All incarcerated youth can receive pre-release services and do not need to demonstrate a health care need.
Covered Pre-Release Services

- Reentry case management services;
- Physical and behavioral health clinical consultation services provided through telehealth or in-person, as needed, to diagnose health conditions, provide treatment, as appropriate, and support pre-release case managers’ development of a post-release treatment plan and discharge planning;
- Laboratory and radiology services;
- Medications and medication administration;
- Medications for addiction treatment (MAT), for all Food and Drug Administration-approved medications, including coverage for counseling; and
- Services provided by community health workers with lived experience.

In addition to the pre-release services specified above, qualifying members will also receive covered outpatient prescribed medications and over-the-counter drugs (a minimum 30-day supply as clinically appropriate, consistent with the approved Medicaid State Plan) and durable medical equipment (DME) upon release, consistent with approved state plan coverage authority and policy.
Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Capacity Building Program

PATH is a five-year, $1.85 billion initiative to build up the capacity and infrastructure of on-the-ground partners, such as community-based organizations (CBOs), FQHCs, public hospitals, county agencies, tribes, and others, to successfully participate in the Medi-Cal delivery system as California widely implements Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports and Justice-Involved Initiative* services under CalAIM.

* The Justice-Involved Initiative has a parallel PATH funding application called PATH JI separate from the PATH funding dedicated to Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports.
Funding from the PATH Justice-Involved Capacity Building Program will provide implementation grants to correctional facilities (or their delegates), county behavioral health agencies, community-based providers, probation officers, sheriff’s offices, and other implementation stakeholders.

Funding is intended to support eligible entities as they stand-up processes, protocols, and IT system modifications that are necessary to implement or modify processes to support the provision of pre-release services.

This funding can be used for investments in personnel, capacity, or IT systems that are needed to effectuate pre-release service processes.

The approved CalAIM1115 waiver authorizes $410 million for PATH Justice-Involved Capacity Building Program to support collaborative planning and IT investments intended to support implementation of pre-release and reentry planning services in the 90 days prior to release.
PATH Initiatives

- **PATH Collaborative Meetings**
  - Contact for LA CPI: LApath@transformhc.com
  - Collaboration between health plans, providers, and stakeholders to resolve implementation issues and identify funding sources and needs

- **Capacity and Infrastructure Transition, Expansion, and Development**
  - (CITED)

- **Technical Assistance Marketplace**
  - Register to receive services and technical assistance support from DHCS and partners
  - Already have experience providing ECM/Community Supports? [Become a vendor!](#)

- **PATH Initiative level updates**— sign up for updates!
ITUP CalAIM Resources

Fact Sheets

- CalAIM Summary and Timeline
- Coverage at a Glance: LA County 2023
- Partnering with Community Based Organizations for Better Health

Policy Toolkits/ Quick Link Resources

- CalAIM Quick Links

CalAIM-Related Webinars and Presentations

- CalAIM Implementation: Funding and Operational Support for Community-Based Solution in Los Angeles
- Making Medi-Cal Meaningful: Procurement and CalAIM Implementation
Thank You!

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