



Section 1115 Waiver Renewal

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- Current Waiver demonstration sunsets October 31, 2015.
- Waiver renewal request must be submitted at least 6 months before the end of the current Demonstration.
- DHCS beginning development of stakeholder process and concept for Waiver Renewal.



Purpose of the 1115 Waiver

- Demonstrations are typically approved for five years; states may submit request for renewal for 3 -5 years.
- Allows states flexibility to design demonstration projects that promote the objectives of the Medicaid program
- Must be budget neutral

“Bridge to Reform” Waiver 2010 - 2015



- Six primary goals:
 - Strengthen California’s health care safety net
 - Maximize opportunities to reduce the number of uninsured individuals
 - Optimize opportunities to increase federal financial participation and maximize financial resources to address uncompensated care
 - Promote long-term, efficient, and effective use of state and local funds
 - Improve health care quality and outcomes
 - Promote home-and community-based care

Components of Bridge to Reform Waiver



- Low Income Health Program (LIHP)
- Delivery System Reform Incentive Pool (DSRIP)
- Transition of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (SPDs) into mandatory managed care
- California Children's Services (CCS) Pilots
- Rural Managed Care Expansion
- ACA Optional Medi-Cal Expansion
- Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS)
- Integration of outpatient mental health services
- Safety Net Care Pool / Designated State Health Programs
- Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI)



Waiver Renewal Concepts

- Shift in focus from “Bridge to Reform” coverage expansion
- Critical components:
 - Delivery system transformation
 - Payment reform and value-based purchasing

Stakeholder Engagement



- Support from Blue Shield of CA Foundation and the California Health Care Foundation for a pre-planning and in-depth stakeholder process
- In the coming weeks, DHCS will solicit input on critical concepts.

Stakeholder Process/Timing



- Summer 2014:
 - Summary of stakeholder and public input.
 - Administration review of stakeholder feedback
- Late Summer 2014: Concept paper and proposal for stakeholder engagement to submit to CMS
- Fall 2014: begin stakeholder process; process to be determined
- Spring 2015: submission of Waiver renewal to CMS