

**Timeline for Proposal Development**  
**Dual Eligibles Demonstration Program under SB 208**  
**December 2011**

The following is an update on the process planning for California’s Dual Eligibles Demonstration project as authorized by SB 208 (Steinberg, 2010). We appreciate the challenges that an evolving timeline can cause, but Harbage Consulting is working to help advocates, stakeholders and beneficiaries to provide input on these of issues. The following timeline represents the latest information available from California’s Department of Health Care Services.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Approximate Timeframe</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Release of draft site selection criteria	Mid to Late December	Previously, the goal had been to release final site selection criteria by year’s end. Given the complexity of the issues, the goal is to now release draft criteria for comment.
Comment period on criteria and incorporation of comments	Early to Mid-January	Harbage Consulting will compile site selection criteria comments, and DHCS will make any changes as needed. Public meeting held in Sacramento early January on the criteria.
Release of final site selection criteria and beginning of selection process	Late January to Early February	Final set of site selection criteria released. A second public meeting held on LTSS in Sacramento. Proposer conference held.
Applications due	Mid to Late February	Site applications are due, likely with sites having a two- to three-week window for completion.

Announcement of sites selected for demonstrations under SB 208*	Mid to Late March	DHCS will announce sites selected to participate in the Demonstration, as authorized under SB 208.
DHCS releases draft Demonstration Proposal for 30-day state comment period	Mid to Late March	The site selection criteria are not the same as California's Demonstration Proposal. The Proposal will outline operations of the Demonstration and will be subject to a 30-day comment period. Town Hall meetings held in Sacramento and each county selected.
DHCS closes state comment period and updates draft Duals Demonstration Proposal	Mid to Late April	DHCS will have incorporated comments on the Proposal, as needed. Public presentation discussing changes made during the comment period.
Submission of draft Demonstration Proposal to CMS and beginning of 30-day Federal comment period	Late April or Early May	DHCS will submit the Duals Proposal to CMS, which will have a formal 30-day public comment period.

*\*DHCS intends to use submissions to these criteria to assess the ability of additional applicants to implement this project, should additional demonstration sites be authorized. It is the prerogative of the Governor to propose any changes to state law and of the Legislature to choose to act on such proposals or not.*