



MEDI-CAL MANAGED CARE PROGRAM FACT SHEET - Managed Care Models



Overview

Medi-Cal Managed Care is an organized system to help you get high quality care and stay healthy. Medi-Cal managed care health plans help Medi-Cal beneficiaries find doctors, pharmacies and health education programs.

Managed care health plans also offer

- Help coordinating care.
- Ongoing referrals to specialists.
- Telephone advice nurses.
- Customer service centers.
- Support groups.

As of August 2011, managed care serves about 4.4 million Medi-Cal beneficiaries in 30 counties. This is about 60% of the total Medi-Cal population.

In California, there are three models of managed care.

Two-Plan Model

Two-Plan serves about three million beneficiaries in 14 counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Madera, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, and Tulare.

How It Works

In most Two-Plan model counties, there is a “Local Initiative” (LI) and a “commercial plan” (CP). The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) contracts with both plans.

Local government, community groups and health care providers are able to give input when the LI is created. The LI is designed to meet the needs and concerns of the community.

The CP is a private insurance plan that also provides care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

County Organized Health Systems (COHS)

COHS serve about 885,000 beneficiaries through six health plans in 14 counties: Marin, Mendocino, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Orange, San Mateo, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Ventura, and Yolo.

How It Works

In the COHS model counties, DHCS contracts with a health plan created by the County Board of Supervisors.

Local government, health care providers, community groups, and Medi-Cal beneficiaries are able to give input as the plan is created. The health plan is run by the county.

In a COHS county, everyone is in the same managed care plan.

Geographic Managed Care (GMC)

GMC serves about 450,000 beneficiaries in two counties: Sacramento and San Diego.

How It Works

In GMC counties, DHCS contracts with several commercial plans. This provides more choices for the beneficiaries, so the health plans may want to try new ways to enhance how they deliver care to members.

For the latest information about Seniors and Persons with Disabilities:
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Pages/MMCDSPDEnrollment.aspx>