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Medi-Cal 2020 – Access Assessment Advisory Committee Application Due: May 1, 2016

California's Medi-Cal 2020 1115 Waiver Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) require the state to conduct an Access Assessment (Assessment) to evaluate primary, core specialty, and facility access to care for Medi-Cal managed care beneficiaries based upon requirements set forth in the Knox Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975 and Department of Health Care Services/Medi-Cal managed care health plan contracts, as applicable. It will consider State Fair Hearing and Independent Medical Review (IMR) decisions, and grievances and appeals/complaints data. It will report on the number of providers accepting new beneficiaries. The State will contract with its External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) to conduct the Assessment. As a part of the Assessment process, the State is establishing an Advisory Committee that will provide input into the structure and the draft report and recommendations of the Assessment.

The estimated Assessment timeline is below, which assumes statutory authority is received in the Summer of 2016:

- May 1, 2016: Advisory Committee Application period ends
- June 15, 2016: Advisory Committee Selection announced
- December 2016: Advisory Committee first meeting – Input into the Assessment Design
- Early April 2017: Advisory Committee Second Meeting – Review of and Comment on Assessment Design
- Late April 2017: Assessment design submitted to CMS
- LateJune 2017: Assessment design approved by CMS
- July 2017: EQRO begins to conduct the Assessment (assuming CMS approval of design in June)
- March 2018: Initial Draft Report posted for public comment and Meeting to Present to Advisory Committee for Review and Comment
- June 2018: Submit Final Report to CMS

The Advisory Committee will provide feedback on the Assessment design, an initial draft Assessment report, and recommendations, if any, based on the Assessment report. Note that while three meetings are listed above, additional meetings may be needed.

The number of participants on the Advisory Committee will be limited to ensure full opportunity for an engaged discussion, and efficient use of time. The Advisory Committee must include representatives from consumer advocacy organizations, providers/provider associations, health plans/health plan associations, and legislative staff, however, it will also include additional members ensuring adequate representation from entities that encompass the broad spectrum of the Medi-Cal delivery system.

To be considered for appointment to DHCS's Access Assessment Advisory Committee, please complete and submit this application to access.assessment@dhcs.ca.gov by May 1, 2016. Submitting your application does not commit you to being a member of the Advisory Committee, nor does it guarantee you will be selected. DHCS will provide a response to all applicants regardless of decision.

1. Applicant Name:

2. Contact Information:

Phone: E-mail:

3. Please check the type of entity that is applicable to you:

- ☐ Health Plan/ Health Plan Association
- ☐ Provider/ Provider Association. Type: _____
- ☐ Stakeholder/Advocate
- ☐ Beneficiary
- ☐ Legislative Staff
- ☐ Consumer Advocacy Organization
- ☐ Trade Association
- ☐ Other. Please list:_____

4. Please confirm that you will commit to attend all meetings. Phone participation may be possible but in-person attendance is strongly preferred. (Note that replacement participants will not be permissible.):

   ☐ Yes

   ☐ No

5. Please describe your relationship with the Medi-Cal program (250 words or less).

6. Please explain your background and knowledge regarding access to care in Medicaid managed care programs (250 words or less).

7. Please describe what you think needs to be considered when assessing access to care in Medicaid managed care programs (250 words or less).

8. Please describe why you should be selected for this committee over other similar entities (250 words or less).

9. Please describe why you are interested in serving on this committee (250 words or less).