

**Department of Health Care Services**  
**Expanding Access to Care for Uninsured Low Income Adults**

In 2007 California established the Health Care Coverage Initiative (HCCI) under the current section 1115 Demonstration Waiver to provide coverage to medically indigent adults (MIA) who are not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal. The HCCI currently operates in ten counties.<sup>1</sup> The current HCCI offers coverage and organized care delivery to a share of the population that will become eligible for Medi-Cal in 2014 under federal health care reform. The HCCI expansion represents an essential step forward in California's efforts to responsibly and successfully transition to comprehensive federal health reform and the required coverage of the MIA population and development of organized delivery systems of care.

**California proposes to expand this successful pilot state-wide.**

Under the proposed HCCI expansion, to the extent that county funding is available, state-wide coverage would be extended to currently uncovered adults ages 19-64 who are either childless or parents of adult children, are not otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal and/or Medicare or the Supplemental Security Income programs, and whose incomes are below 200% of the FPL. These coverage groups align with the current HCCI programs in ten counties.

- There will be a standardized enrollment and eligibility determination approach that does not include an asset test and is consistent with the state's Medi-Cal simplified eligibility process.
- The benefits package will, over time, be standardized and will align with a benchmark plan and will include primary and preventive services, acute care services, mental health and substance abuse services, and pharmacy services, provided through a coordinated care delivery system.
- Medical homes will be assigned to targeted enrollees to ensure that they receive the necessary medical benefits available through a coordinated care delivery system. The case management services provided through a medical home will be targeted to those enrollees who are frequent users of public inpatient hospital services and/or have been diagnosed with chronic medical conditions.
- Provider networks and delivery systems must include participation of safety net providers in order to meet the capacity required for the health care expansion to the new eligibility group. The growth of the required delivery system must be phased in during the first four years of the new Demonstration to ensure that the provider network is sufficient for the transition of HCCI enrollees into Medi-Cal and other health care plans in January 2014.

Federal reimbursement for coverage expansion would come from funds available under the 1115 waiver. This level of financing will continue until January 2014 when federal financial support for these beneficiaries will be available as the Coverage Initiative enrollees transition to health care coverage through Medi-Cal or a health plan.

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<sup>1</sup> Alameda, Contra Costa, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Ventura Counties