



Medi-Cal Children’s Health Advisory Panel (MCHAP) Potential Health Care Topics and Ideas January 5th 2015

In preparation for the January 2015 MCHAP meeting, DHCS solicited input and recommendations from Advisory Panel members and the public for areas of focus for the MCHAP on health care topics for children in Medi-Cal. Ultimately, the established objectives will also be used in the development of a legislatively mandated report done in 2018 describing the Panel’s accomplishments, effectiveness and efficiency.

DHCS received recommendations from several individuals and organizations, including Advisory Panel members, the California Medical Association (CMA), Children Now, and a letter undersigned by several childrens’ advocacy organizations*. A listing of the topics received is provided below; the two letters submitted by the childrens’ advocacy organizations provide additional topic-specific information. Additional comments can be sent to MCHAP@dhcs.ca.gov.

	Topic:	Recommendation Submitted by:
A	Pediatric provider network adequacy	Children’s advocacy organizations
B	Monitoring children’s access to care, including access to specialty services	Children’s advocacy organizations; Advisory Panel Member
C	Access to dental care	Children’s advocacy organizations
D	Care integration (physical and behavioral health)	Children’s advocacy organizations
E	Implementation of Behavioral Health Therapy benefit	Children’s advocacy organizations
F	Quality of services provided by health plans	Children’s advocacy organizations
G	Communications with caregivers	Children’s advocacy organizations
H	Churn between Medi-Cal and other coverage options	Children’s advocacy organizations
I	Maximizing enrollment and renewal	Children’s advocacy organizations
J	Consumer support at the county level	Children’s advocacy organizations
K	Quality of services provided by health plans	Children’s advocacy organizations; CMA
L	Addressing trauma	Children Now
M	Home visiting	Children Now
N	CHIP Funding	CMA
O	Addressing social determinants of health	Advisory Panel Member
P	Adolescents prevention, care and services	Advisory Panel Member

*Childrens’ advocacy organizations are those organizations that undersigned a 12/15/14 letter to DHCS and include the following: Children Now; The Children’s Partnership; California Coverage & Health Initiatives; Children’s Defense Fund- California.



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Other areas that may be considered include Preventive Exams, Screenings and Increasing Rates of Immunization, School Based Health Services, Healthy Weight Promotion, and Children, Adolescents, and the Media.

Informational Resources-

For additional information, we have provided helpful links to assist with Advisory Panel discussions and goal setting.

DHCS:

- Medi-Cal Stats at a glance: 4.45 million or 87% children enrolled in Medi-Cal Managed Care; 657,000 or 13% children enrolled in Fee-For-Service¹.
- Medi-Cal program [HEDIS measures](#) can be viewed on the DHCS homepage.
- [Medi-Cal Managed Care Performance Dashboard](#) is a monitoring tool produced quarterly by MMCD and can be viewed on the DHCS homepage.

Other DHCS Stakeholder Meetings:

- [Medi-Cal Managed Care Stakeholder Advisory Group](#) meetings address policy and operational issues related to Medi-Cal managed care health plans.
- [BHT stakeholders meetings](#) occur monthly to discuss issues related to the new Behavioral Health Treatment benefit.
- Medi-Cal enrollment and eligibility discussions occur weekly and monthly at the [Medi-Cal Consumer Focused Stakeholder](#) meetings as well as the [AB 1296 Stakeholder Workgroup](#) meetings.
- [DHCS Stakeholder Advisory Committee \(SAC\)](#) provides DHCS with input on 1115 Bridge-to-Reform waiver implementation efforts as well as other relevant health care policy issues impacting DHCS. SAC members are recognized stakeholders/experts in their fields, and include member advocacy organizations and representatives of various Medi-Cal provider groups.

California Health and Human Services Agency:

- CHHS [Let's Get Healthy California](#) -Goal 1. Healthy Beginnings: Laying the Foundation for a Healthy Life
- CHHS [Let's Get Healthy California](#)- Goal 6. Lowering the Cost of Care: Making Coverage Affordable and Aligning Financing to Health Outcomes Item C. Health Equity: Eliminating Health Disparities



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Others:

- [AAP Bright Futures guidelines](#): Recommendations for Preventive Pediatric Health Care; health plans are required to provide preventative care services under the ACA.
- [AAP Bright Futures anticipatory guidance](#), a component of the Bright Futures Clinical Guide to Performing Preventive Services provides information for health professionals and policy makers.

ⁱ Source: DHCS RASD enrollment data as of the end of September 2014.