

# California Department of Health Care Services

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## CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY TRANSITIONS ABSTRACT

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<i>Authority:</i>	Section 6071 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005— <b>Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration</b> (P.L. 109-171)
<i>Demonstration Period:</i>	January 1, 2007 through September 30, 2011
<i>Federal Funds Available:</i>	\$130,387,500 over the five-year grant period
<i>Oversight Agency:</i>	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

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The California Community Transitions demonstration provides California the opportunity to:

- Bring together supportive services to assist persons who have resided in inpatient facilities, e.g., nursing, subacute, and acute care facilities, and intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled, for a minimum of six months or longer to transition to community living.
- Interview inpatient facility residents to determine their preference to live in a community setting, and enroll into the demonstration, approximately 2,000 persons in up to 10 regions in the State.
- Earn a higher percentage of federal dollars for provision of Medi-Cal waiver and State plan services to these individuals over four of the five years of the demonstration.
- Move toward rebalancing Medi-Cal spending in favor of home and community-based, long-term care services and supports.

As the single State Medicaid agency, the Department of Health Care Services will:

- Act as the overall coordinator for policy and operational issues related to the demonstration.
- Work closely with the 23-member stakeholder “Transitions Advisory Committee,” which includes representatives from consumer groups, community-based organizations, institutional providers, and other State departments.

During the demonstration local entities will have the opportunity to design transition models appropriate for addressing their community’s long-term care network. The Department of Health Care Services and the Transitions Advisory Committee will invite local entities to establish and manage community transition teams and will review competitive applications for local participation. Phase-in of the community transition teams and participant enrollment will follow during the remainder of the demonstration.

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