

**Nursing Facility Acute Hospital Transition and Diversion Waiver
Technical Expert Workgroup
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Purpose/Mission:

To engage experts, advocates and consumers for their recommendations to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Long-Term Care Division (LTCD) on renewal of the Nursing Facility / Acute Hospital (NF/AH) Transition and Diversion Waiver.

The Role of Workgroup Members:

The NF/AH Technical Expert Workgroup Members were selected based on their knowledge of, and experience with, serving seniors and persons with disabilities and Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). As subject-matter experts, we are grateful to you for partnering with DHCS to inform and make recommendations on NF/AH services and benefits to meet the needs of the population served. DHCS plans to incorporate the Workgroups recommendations into the NF/AH Waiver renewal. DHCS will continue to administer the program, leverage opportunities to delegate responsibilities along with develop waiver assurances and performance measures based on the recommendations; however, the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has final authority over approval of the waiver renewal.

Workgroup Objectives:

1. Advise and make recommendations to ensure the proposed NF/AH waiver renewal meets member's needs.
2. Provide a member and community perspective and be a sounding board for entities involved in the NF/AH waiver renewal process.
3. Work towards achieving the desired goals of the NF/AH waiver by improving quality of care, increasing and improving member outcomes, and reducing total healthcare costs.

Outcomes:

Workgroup will:

1. Demonstrate understanding of the challenges within the NF/AH Waiver and propose recommendations and solutions to overcome these challenges.
2. Establish recommendations that recognize member's needs.
3. Provide a list of consensus recommendations on ways to meet the holistic needs of every individual, including: program-wide standards, flexibilities, gaps, areas of concerns, etc.
4. Provide recommendations on opportunities to enhance or transform existing policies, procedures, tools, and resources to strengthen and enhance person-centeredness to better align with CMS' final rule.
5. Provide a list of recommended strategies or solutions for DHCS to present to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on ways to improve the delivery and efficacy of NF/AH.

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6. Ensure recommendations and solutions adhere to applicable regulatory and governmental rules and regulations.
7. Be active participants in meetings and contribute to group discussions.
8. Be considerate of input from all stakeholders.

Workgroup Meeting Schedule:

December 18, 2015

February 10, 2016

April 20, 2016

Guidance & Restrictions:

SSA 1015 (c) – Authority

CRF, Title 42, Section 440.180 – Definition of HCBS Waivers

CFR, Title 42, Section 441.302 – HCBS Waiver Requirements

W&I Code, Sections 14137 14132

CCR, Title 22, Sections 51173.1 – Definitions

CCR, Title 22, Section 51176 – HCBS Waiver Definitions

CCR, Title 22, Section 51344 – Scope and Duration of Benefits

CCR, Title 22, Section 51346 – HCBS Waivers: Scope and Duration of Benefits

Membership:		
Member	Affiliation	Representing
Connie Arnold	Waiver Participant and Advocate	In-Home Supportive Services and Waiver Participants
Charles Griffin	Waiver Participant	Waiver Participants
Maggie Dowling	Waiver Participant	Waiver Participants and Advocate
Louis Frick	Independent Living Center	Access to Independence in San Diego
Francis Gracehold	Independent Living Center	Resources for Independent Living
Deborah Doctor	Advocate	Disability Rights of California (DRC)
Blanca Castro	Association	AARP (formerly the American Association of Retired Persons)
Karen Keeclar	Association	California Association of Public Authorities (CAPA)
Ellen Rollins	Provider	Waiver Provider
Beverly Thomas	Family Member	Waiver Participants and Advocate
Irene Tokar	Community Based Organization / Provider	Community Care Solutions
Denise Likar	Community Based Organization / Provider	Independence at Home
Mary Williams	Community Based Organization / Provider	New Start Home Health Care

Aaron Starfire	Home Health Agency / Provider	Maxim Health Care
Roy Williams	Personal Care Agency / Provider	ASAP – Personal Care Provider
Jonathan Instrim	Home Health Agency / Provider	Liberty Home Health