California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Milestones Calendar as of November 2021

CONTEXT:

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal, or CalAIM, is a transformational plan to modernize the State's Medicaid program. It will improve the quality of life and health outcomes of Medi-Cal enrollees, including those with the most complex health and social needs. CalAIM includes a series of far-reaching initiatives that together represent broad reforms of Medi-Cal's programs and systems. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will implement it in partnership with Medi-Cal providers, Managed Care Plans (MCPs), Counties, Community-Based Organizations and other stakeholders. These changes will span a multi-year period, with the first reforms coming in January 2022 and additional reforms phased in through 2027.[1]

This CalAIM Milestones Calendar is a "living" document that reflects DHCS' expected timing of upcoming milestones through the first quarter of 2022. In some instances, program launch dates are contingent upon timely Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval. Because dates may shift as policies are finalized, the document will be updated regularly to reflect any changes. Stakeholders are encouraged to check the DHCS CalAIM website for updates to ensure access to the most up-to-date information.

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[1] See resources on the DHCS CalAIM Webpage and the Section 1115 Demonstration Application and 1915(b) Waiver Webpage for additional details.

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Initiatives[2]	CalAIM Major Milestones				
	Q4 2021		Q1 2022		
	November	**December**	**January**	**February**	**March**
Cross-Initiative Milestones[3]	--	• Current waiver ends; target approval by CMS of CalAIM Section 1115 Demonstration & Section 1915(b) Waiver	• 1115 Demonstration and 1915(b) Waiver target effective date+ (January 1)	• Final Managed Care Plan (MCP) Request for Proposals (RFP) for 2024 implementation year*	--
Population Health Initiatives					
Population Health Management (including Service)	--	--	--	• RFP for PHM Service Vendor released+4	• PHM Strategy & Roadmap Document+5

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[2] Includes CalAIM proposal initiatives and key related initiatives. In some instances, program launch dates and related milestones are contingent upon timely CMS approval. Initiatives for which no major public-facing milestones are anticipated before Q1 2022 have been excluded from the table. These include: NCQA Accreditation, Full Integration Plans, Contingency Management, DMC-ODS Natural Healers and Traditional Helpers, Behavioral Health Regional Contracting, Enhancing County Oversight and Monitoring: Eligibility, and Improving Beneficiary Contact & Demographic Data. For a timeline of implementation dates for all CalAIM initiatives showing when programs will go live, please see the CalAIM Initiatives Launch Timeline available on the DHCS CalAIM Webpage.

[3] Cross-initiative milestones include those related to the 1115 Demonstration & 1915(b) Waiver and MCP Contract Amendment & Procurement process.

[4] RFP timeline is being finalized and is subject to change.

[5] PHM Strategy & Roadmap Document will be published following a public advisory process.

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Enhanced Care Management (ECM)/ Community Supports[6] (ILOS)	--	• ECM/Community Supports Data Sharing Authorization Guidance* • MCPs send ECM New Benefit Notice* • MCPs send updated Evidence of Coverage (EOC) to managed care members*	• Statewide launch of Community Supports[+] • ECM goes live in WPC Pilot Counties for: ○ Members enrolled in a WPC Pilot identified by WPC Lead Entity as currently receiving Care Coordination services in the WPC pilot[7] ○ Select ECM Populations of Focus[+8] • ECM goes live in HHP Counties for: ○ Members enrolled in HHP[9]	--	--

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[6] DHCS is transitioning to the name Community Supports to refer to CalAIM In Lieu of Services (ILOS).

[7] Includes children and youth currently served by WPC Pilot.

[8] Includes Individuals & Families Experiencing Homelessness; High Utilizer Adults; Adults with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) /Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Also includes Adults & Children/Youth Transitioning from Incarceration in WPC Pilot counties only, where the services provided in the Pilot are consistent with those described in the ECM Contract.

[9] Includes children and youth currently served by HHP.

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			o Select ECM Populations of Focus[+10]		
Incentive Payments	--	• MCPs Gap/Need Assessment and Gap-Filling Plan Submissions to DHCS^	• Program Year 1 goes live[+]	• First incentive payments issued[+]	--
Managed Care Initiatives					
Benefits Standardization	• Final Approval of MCP Major Organ Transplant (MOT) Carve-In and Multipurpose Senior Services (MSSP) Carve-Out Deliverables re: Transition Readiness^ • MCP review of 2022 Contract Amendment for MOT and MSSP*	• MSSP Beneficiary Notices to be mailed to impacted beneficiaries* • Managed care rates for MOT to be sent to CMS^	• MOT Carve-In goes live[+] • MSSP Carve-Out goes live[+]	--	--

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[10] Populations of Focus include Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness; High Utilizer Adults and Adults with SMI/SUD.

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Mandatory Managed Care Enrollment	• Second Mandatory Managed Care Enrollment (MMCE) Beneficiary Notice to be mailed to impacted beneficiaries* • Choice Packets mailed to impacted beneficiaries to choose an MCP* • MCP review of 2022 Contract Amendment for MMCE*	• Final Approval of MCP Deliverables List re: Transition Readiness^	• Mandatory managed care enrollment goes live for Phase 1 populations[+11] • Mandatory fee-for-service enrollment goes live for select populations[+12]	--	--
Regional Capitation Rates and Shared Savings/Risk	--	• Regional Capitation Rates: Phase 1 Regional Rate Certification to CMS^	• Regional Capitation Rates: Phase 1 Regional Rate Setting Methodology and Calendar Year (CY) 2022 Rates Go Live+	--	--

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[11,12] See [Section 1915(b) Waiver Proposal, Attachment II](#).

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Behavioral Health Initiatives					
Behavioral Health Payment Reform	--	• Behavioral Health Information Notice with updated Billing Manual and Coding Guidance*	--	--	--
Specialty Mental Health Services – Criteria for Services	• Information Notice re: Criteria for Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS)*	• Information Notice re: Criteria for Access to Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital and Psychiatric Health Facility Services/ Concurrent Review* • Updated Information Notice 19-026 (SMHS Authorization)*	• Criteria for SMHS Go Live+	--	--
Behavioral Health No Wrong Door	--	--	• Information Notice re: no wrong door and co-occurring treatment*	--	--
Behavioral Health Documentation Redesign	--	--	• Information Notice re: provider documentation requirements* • Updated reasons for recoupment released*	--	--

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Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Renewal and Policy Improvements	--	--	• Information Notice re: DMC-ODS*[13] • DMC-ODS renewal and policy improvements (2022-2026) go live+ • ASAM level of care determination guidance released*	--	--
Long-Term Care (LTC)/Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS)/Duals Initiatives					
Transition to Statewide LTSS and D-SNP (CCI ends)		• Network Guidance to Plans* • Care Coordination Guidance to Plans*	--	--	• Draft State Medicaid Agency Contract to Plans, Sister Agencies, and Key Stakeholders*
County Initiatives					
County CCS Oversight	--	• Launch electronic submissions portal for	• Establish stakeholder workgroup to inform development of county CCS Memorandum of	--	--

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[13] Information Notice to include updates to DMC-ODS services (i.e., revise the definition of residential treatment; expansion of types of clinicians who can provide and claim for Clinician Consultation Services (formerly Physician Consultation Services); include the new DMC-ODS criteria (per AB 133); and provide information and clarification regarding requirements for DMC-ODS services.

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		Plan and Fiscal Guidelines+	Understanding and monitoring/oversight policies and procedures		
Other Initiatives					
Dental (new benefits and P4P)	--	• Dental All-Plan Letter (APL)* • Dental Provider Bulletins/ Provider Manual* • CY 2022 Final Dental Managed Care Rates and Certification to CMS^	• Dental policy goes live+[14]	--	--
Foster Care Model of Care	--	--	• Release proposal to public as part of Governor's budget*	--	--
Justice-Involved Package	• Establish stakeholder advisory group to inform development of justice-involved policies and programs	• Policy design approach for 90 days pre-release services	• Data Exchange Between Correctional Facilities and County- & Community-Based Providers Guidance*	--	--

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[14] Includes new dental benefits (including a caries risk assessment bundle for young children and Silver Diamine Fluoride for children and certain high-risk and/or institutional populations) and pay-for-performance initiatives statewide to reward preventive services and continuity of care.

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			• Data Exchange Funding Opportunity and Program Requirements Guidance*		
Providing Access and Supporting Health (PATH) Funds (ECM, Community Supports, Justice-Involved)[15]	--	--	• Final PATH Program Requirements and Parameters* • Applications from WPC Lead Entities for WPC Services and Transition to Managed Care Mitigation Initiative^ • First payments issued for the WPC Services and Transition to Managed Care Mitigation Initiative+	--	--

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[15] Milestones and go-live dates are dependent upon CMS approval.