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Slide 1	00:00:00 - Julian Taylor	<p>Hello, welcome. And I'm Julian, and I'll be answering any Zoom technical questions. If you experience difficulties during the session, please type your question into the Q&A and a producer will respond. We encourage you to submit written questions for our speakers at any time using the same Q&A panel. During today's event, live closed captioning will be available. You can find a link in the chat field.</p> <p>With that, I'd like to produce Michel Huizar, Chief of the Value-Based Quality Branch at the Department of Healthcare Services. Michel, you now have the floor.</p>
Slides 1 – 12	00:00:43 - Michel Huizar	<p>Thank you so much. Good afternoon, one and all. My name is Michael Huizar, and again, I'm one of the Branch Chiefs at the Managed Care Quality and Monitoring Division, over the value-based quality programs branch. Today's all comer webinar is meant to orient attendees to the three PATH initiatives outside of the Whole Person Care Services and Transitions Managed Care Mitigation initiative, which has been previously covered. But the topics for today will include the Technical Assistance initiative, the Collaborative Planning and Implementation Planning initiative, and finally the Capacity and Infrastructure Transition Expansion and Development Initiative, or what we call "CITED." And I will be referencing CITED going forward, so I don't have to do the long mouthful.</p>

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Slides 1 – 12	00:00:43 - Michel Huizar	<p>The TA Marketplace will serve as our one-stop-shop situation where qualified applicants can access resources and will be designed and launched and managed by a third-party administrator. And lastly, the TPA will contract with other vendors to provide TA services to eligible applicants as part of the marketplace. Go to the next slide.</p>

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Slides 12 – 29	00:11:28 - Dana Durham	<p>So, as I said, MCPs will be encouraged to support local collaborative planning efforts. Managed Care Plans - we really want them to be at the table, but participation is not required and will not impact where the, whether a collaborative planning group is launched. Managed Care Plans will work with the third-party administrator to identify entities that participated in the development of the incentive payment program needs assessment and gap filling plans, as well as contracted enhanced care management and community support providers. And that third-party administrator will invite these entities to join the collaborative planning effort. So once the collaborative planning groups are established, participants will help to identify critical issues that are addressed through the collaborative planning process and that's really based on experience to date and also what people bring as far as their experience in the community has gotten them.</p>

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Slides 12 – 29	00:11:28 - Dana Durham	And as I said previously the TPA will assist in helping you identify that there might be duplication if you don't know about it. So, we just want to ensure that you're doing your best to make sure that we're not duplicating funding and we'll work with you on that. Next slide. The timing once again is the same. Which is going to start in the third quarter of 2022. And will go through the second quarter of 2025. And with that I'm sure there are a lot of questions. (Chuckling) So I will turn it over to Mandy Ferguson who will help us go through those questions.
N/A – Q&A	00:38:10 - Mandy Ferguson	Thank you, Dana and Michel. We do have a ton of questions so just thank you so much for your presentation on all three of those initiatives. Before we jump into some of the substantive questions we are getting a couple of questions related to the use of ECM and community supports, would you mind just saying one more time either Dana or Michel what ECM stands for and what we're talking about and then with community supports is it the same thing as ILOS or is it different or are those terms used interchangeably.
N/A – Q&A	00:38-47 - Dana Durham	That's a great question and maybe a place to start off. ECM is Enhanced Care Management and what that really is -- is care coordination which is intended to go to a Medi-Cal beneficiary who needs some extra care coordination and has health issues and potentially some other social issue that may complicate what their needs are. There are particular Populations of Focus for Enhanced Care Management, they include things such as those who are homeless, or at-risk of homelessness, those who have chronic conditions -- there are several of them and if I start going into them I know I will miss some, so I will encourage you to go to the website instead of going all over all of them.

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N/A – Q&A	00:38-47 - Dana Durham	<p>Community supports on the other hand is voluntary - they're voluntary initiatives that replace state plan benefits. So neither the Managed Care Plan has to do a community support nor does a beneficiary actually have to elect to have a community support if it's offered, but they're really intended to help recipients address some of their social needs that help a recipient towards better health. And an example of a couple of those are medically tailored meals or medically supportive food -- if someone is having trouble with nutrition appropriately. And another example is asthma remediation where someone might go into an individual's house and help remediate some of the risks for asthma that are endemic in their house. And the final one that I'll go over -- and there are 14 -- so I won't go over them all because I would miss some again, but another example is housing navigation because there are times where that is really something that someone needs and it puts an individual at additional health risk, so want to make sure that we address that as much as we can. Because it is important to someone's ability to stay healthy, to be housed. So, I hope that kind of covers an overview and Michel, feel free to add anything you'd like to add.</p>
N/A – Q&A	00:41:14 - Mandy Ferguson	<p>Incredibly helpful, Dana thank you for the overview on those two important programs. Let me start at the top. Michel, you told us a little bit about the different domains that might be covered in the technical assistance marketplace, could you give us some examples of some projects that we might expect to see folks doing with TA resources from the marketplace?</p>

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N/A – Q&A	00:41:42 – Michel Huizar	Yes, there's a variety of different things as I said. So hands-on training for Enhanced Care Management and community supports, for billing and reporting requirements, guidance for data sharing processes, learning sessions, strategic planning consultations, there's some customized projects specific supports by vendors registered with the TA marketplace that can be provided, and others.
N/A – Q&A	00:42:11 - Mandy Ferguson	Great. Thank you. Dana, a couple of questions about how the collaborative planning initiative and CITED are linked together or not linked. Is it required that folks participate in the collaborative planning initiative to get CITED funding?
N/A – Q&A	00:42:33 - Dana Durham	<p>It's not required but it really is highly encouraged, of course we want to have as many people at the table as we can. I do want to note that the gap filling plan and needs assessment will be online. And that's going to be somewhat of a living document. So, you know, we want to make sure that we understand what's going on in each community and the more voices that are involved in that process, the better it will be.</p> <p>So no, it's not required but I do want to once again say if you're interested, please do it. Because it will be so much better -- but not required. So, thanks for the question. (Chuckling)</p>
N/A – Q&A	00:43:09 - Mandy Ferguson	Thanks Dana, and one follow up to that we do have a couple of questions about what if there's already an ongoing collaborative in a region or in a county? Can this initiative build on top of what's already there and build on what's on that infrastructure?

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N/A – Q&A	00:43:28 - Dana Durham	Yes, it can build on top of that infrastructure. I want to augment that and make sure we're involving as many people at the table as possible. Probably with that we'd leverage some of the lessons learned but also do what we could to increase the number of people who were involved. And make sure that we have the voices there that can help us know how we can best serve each community. But we are very excited about what's going on in some of the communities already and don't want to replace it, just to make it more robust.
N/A – Q&A	00:44:04 - Mandy Ferguson	Excellent. Thank you. And speaking of how different programs are linked together, I know you gave a brief overview of this but wondering if you can go just a step deeper to tell us a little bit about how the PATH collaborative planning and implementation initiative intersects with the collaboration requirements for the health plans, for our MCPs, in the incentive payment program or IPP.

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N/A – Q&A	00:44:33 - Dana Durham	So, one of the things that is in the incentive payment program are some measures that are really tied to collaboration and this forum really opens the door for that collaboration to be ongoing. So, to be successful in the incentive payment programs, Managed Care Plans -- this is a venue or the preferred venue -- probably not the only one but the preferred venue -- by which some of that collaboration can take place. And there's the measures, I'll go over them again because I just want to make sure that the Managed Care Plans if they're on are aware of that. And I know they already are and I've seen the great work they've been doing, but for working with other Managed Care Plans it's 2.1.7 and working with the community as a whole they're measure is 2.1.6, 2 2.6 and 2.2.7. And I do want to say having worked with managed care plans they really do want to collaborate and the ways we can bring people to the table to meet more of the community needs are of really high interest. I think they complement each other well and that's the intent of the department is to have them complement each other and work hand in hand - the incentive payment program and PATH -- to make sure we meet the needs of the local community.
N/A – Q&A	00:45:56 - Mandy Ferguson	Great. Thank you. And a couple of questions left, maybe Michel, you could take this one. Just to remind folks of the timing and when we anticipate that these three initiatives will be launching in 2022.
N/A – Q&A	00:46:11 - Michel Huizar	Yes, it's a good one and we said it so many times I think I'm starting to confuse myself on the timing. But they're slated to launch in the third quarter of 2022. The first application period for the CITED planning will open in the third quarter of 2022. And there will likely be other windows where qualified applicants can apply for funding, as well as for the TA marketplace and the collaborative planning and implementation.

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N/A – Q&A	00:46:40 - Mandy Ferguson	<p>Excellent and to remind folks the state received the waiver approval kind of on the final days of 2021 -- so to remind folks why it can't start right off the bat in January of this year. Because the waiver approval was at the end of December and it takes some time to do the program design and get the, our third party administrator up and running and get these programs implemented as expediently as possible while maintaining quality assurance across the different initiatives, so just wanted to give folks a little detail on that.</p> <p>Okay. Let's see here -- we're getting a lot of questions about how the MCPs factor into this initiative funding. And how they factor into PATH. Maybe two questions together for Dana. Do qualified applicants need to be actively contracted with MCPs in order to participate in PATH or receive initiative funding? And a follow on to that, you know, how to do MCPs really fit into the PATH funding mix. Can they themselves receive funding directly?</p>

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N/A – Q&A	00:47:57 - Dana Durham	<p>I'm going to start with your second question which is can the Managed Care Plan receive the funding directly? And the answer to that is no.</p> <p>They do have a venue to receive funding that's very similar and that's the incentive payment program that I talked about. So, there is a -- way for that funding to go to the Managed Care Plan but all of it really is designed to drive down to the community.</p> <p>And your second question or the second question of or the first question, sorry I'm getting them out of order. The first question is whether you must be in an active contract. You don't have to be an active contract. But we have to actually know that you're working with your Managed Care Plan. So, the intent to do a contract or an attestation from the plan -- something that will make it make it where we know that there is that relationship and that intent is what would be needed. I hope that kind of clarifies that question.</p>
N/A – Q&A	00:49:00 - Mandy Ferguson	<p>Great. Thank you. Okay. So why don't we take a few more questions. I know we have about ten minutes left or so. Michel would perhaps you be able to tell us -- we have a question in the chat asking if one -- what if an entity applies for one initiative, are they allowed to apply for funding in the other initiative?</p> <p>You might be on mute, or at least I can't hear you. I think we lost your audio. Maybe I can turn that one to Dana?</p>
N/A – Q&A	00:49:46 - Dana Durham	<p>Sure, the intent is to make sure that we use the funds in the best way and there may be times where different of these initiatives are appropriate for the same entities, so there is no prohibition against someone applying for different aspects of PATH.</p>

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N/A – Q&A	00:50:12 - Mandy Ferguson	Great. Thanks Dana. While we're still getting Michel back on the phone maybe can I send you one more question your way. Can you tell us a little bit about what the process is to procure the TPA, the third party administrator, will there be a formal procurement and when do we anticipate doing that and how does that stack up against the third quarter of the year when we anticipate some of these TPA administered initiatives go live?
N/A – Q&A	00:50:45 - Dana Durham	Yeah. That's a good question. We're actively working towards procuring a TPA. It is -- I know this is going to surprise people on the call but things at the state take a little bit of time. So, we have entities who are interested in contacting to be the third-party administrator but we have some processes within the state that make that process a little lengthy. We do believe that we'll be able to have the TPA up by the third quarter so that's why we're going live in the third quarter. I hope that answers your question.
N/A – Q&A	00:51:25 - Mandy Ferguson	That definitely answers my question. And Dana or Michel maybe we got you back. Will you be able to let us envision multiple TPAs - such as one for each county - or thinking about the TPA as a statewide administrator?
N/A – Q&A	00:51:44 - Dana Durham	The goal is to have a statewide administrator who can help us in every county and part of that I as I talked about the collaborative planning process – really having that birds' eye view of how best practices are happening in one county and can then potentially be socialized or thought of in ways that can be replicated or at least part of the tool box in another county. As well helping to administer overall funds for PATH so that we're looking at things in the same way as people apply for things, and really thinking in a statewide way about the funding overall. So, the goal is to have one administrator for our TPA.

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N/A – Q&A	00:52:30 - Mandy Ferguson	Thank you. One other question about the total waiver amount, we said it's \$1.44 billion approved in the state's 1115 demonstration waiver. Now does that cover the Whole Person Care transition and mitigation initiatives that we did not talk about here today, but that we've talked about in other webinars and in other forums?
N/A – Q&A	00:52:58 - Dana Durham	It covers that initiative as well as our justice involved initiative, plus the three we covered today. So, anything that is under PATH is part of that amount.
N/A – Q&A	00:53:10 - Mandy Ferguson	Great.
N/A – Q&A	00:53:14 - Dana Durham	Sounds like a lot of money but we're aware we have to be -- I hope we run out of money or have enough requests so we can make sure that we're able to leverage all the financing that's there, that is our goal. But it does cover all those programs.
N/A – Q&A	00:53:35 - Mandy Ferguson	Great. And I think we have just one more question for this evening. Wondering if you can tell us a little bit more about some of the reporting requirements and what oversight will look like. And I'm wondering either Dana or Michel if one you can say more about the protocols we're developing for CMS to satisfy our federal requirements and how we might be releasing more information to the field on -- on program integrity and monitoring and on reporting in the coming months?

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N/A – Q&A	00:54:13 - Dana Durham	<p>Great. And we'll see if Michel has his audio back. We cannot hear you.</p> <p>So, we're still working with CMS on the protocols for reporting. But we're developing those in a way that we really are working hard to make sure that this program is as transparent as possible. We are in negotiations with CMS about what those protocols will be and we'll release as much information about reporting as soon as we can. Through this presentation we've gone over it a really high level some of the things we expect that to include. Some of that would be that we expect for who's participating to be included, what the funding is going towards, and any outcomes that really have to -- that are associated with that funding.</p> <p>Like if you're applying for an increase in capacity, how have we grown it? What has been successful? And really taking those things that we're doing in the different areas and making sure that the information about what we've done is available, who we have supported is available and who's been involved is available. And I wish I could give you more details. I will let you know that the details as we have it and it's developed will be publicly available but we're just not quite there yet.</p>
N/A – Q&A	00:55:42 - Mandy Ferguson	<p>That makes a lot of sense Dana, okay I think that brings us towards the end of our questions for this afternoon. Dana and Michel, thank you both for your time and for presenting on these three initiatives. For any questions that that we didn't take up today or get to our team will taking them back, we'll be thinking through them so we'll be excited to present a little bit more detail on these three initiatives and the other PATH initiatives as its available.</p>

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N/A – Q&A	00:56:16 - Dana Durham	And thank you for being on this webinar, we really appreciate the support and want to learn from you guys about how we can move forward in this and we covered a lot. But you know in these types of things as much as you cover you leave some things out too. So really appreciate your patience and look forward to working with you on these items.
N/A – Q&A	00:56:36 - Mandy Ferguson	Great looking forward to future engagement, thank you, all, have a great weekend.
N/A – Q&A	00:56:42 - Julian Taylor	Thank you for joining, you may now disconnect.