DHCS is the Single State agency designated to administer and supervise California’s Medicaid program (Medi-Cal). DHCS is responsible for creating, certifying, and overseeing the State Plan; managing Title XIX funds; developing the policies for and the provision of publicly funded medical care and medical assistance in California; identifying and enrolling providers and health care facilities as Medi-Cal providers; and ensuring access to quality health care services and treatment. Authority and responsibility for the implementation and administration of Medi-Cal has been delegated to the Chief Deputy Director, Health Care Programs, of DHCS.

DHCS maintains interagency agreements that determine eligibility for Medi-Cal, assist with the provision of benefits and the creation of specialty programs, as well as other administrative and operational functions related to the Medi-Cal program as necessary and appropriate. DHCS maintains interagency agreements with the following State departments, which are executed in accordance with State and federal law, State Administrative Manual, State Contracting Manual, and utilize only Department of General Services’ standard forms:

- California Department of Aging.
- California Department of Developmental Services.
- California Department of Social Services.
- California Department of Public Health.
- California Department of Managed Health Care.
- California Department of State Hospitals.
- Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development.
- California Department of Human Resources.
- California Department of Veterans Affairs.

DHCS executed interagency agreements must specify the following:

- The scope of work and respective responsibilities of each party to the agreement;
- The cooperative and collaborative relationship at the State level;
- The type of Title XIX or other services to be provided under the agreement;
- The system of payment or reimbursement and a method for recovery of overpayments;
- The agreed upon processes for addressing amendments to the agreement, dispute resolution, and cancellation/termination; and
- The system for oversight and monitoring of beneficiary and service data at the provider level and other utilization review and quality assurance elements, including ensuring HIPAA compliance, auditing, and time studies.

All DHCS executed interagency agreements are on file at DHCS and are available for review upon request.