

EFFECTIVE DATES FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORTS POLICY GUIDE UPDATES

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Updated Community Supports Policy Guide

In April 2025, DHCS released an updated Community Supports Policy Guide, which has been reorganized into two separate volumes and is available on the [Community Supports webpage](#). DHCS is publishing the table below to indicate the effective dates for the updated policies and service definitions.

Table 1: Effective Dates for Community Supports Updates

Updated Policy / Service Definitions		Location	Effective Date
Global cap on coverage of Room and Board services		Volume 2 (pp. 13-15)	1/1/2025
Recuperative Care	<i>Updates to service duration and frequency</i>	Volume 2 (p. 49)	1/1/2025
	<i>All other updates <u>except</u> the service duration/frequency</i>	Volume 2 (pp. 48-51)	7/1/2025 ¹
Short-Term Post-Hospitalization Housing	<i>Updates to service duration and frequency</i>	Volume 2 (p. 54)	1/1/2025
	<i>All other updates <u>except</u> the service duration/frequency</i>	Volume 2 (pp. 52-56)	7/1/2025 ¹
Assisted Living Facility Transitions		Volume 1 (pp. 13-18)	7/1/2025 ¹
Community or Home Transition Services		Volume 1 (pp. 19-24)	7/1/2025 ¹
Personal Care and Homemaker Services		Volume 1 (pp. 25-27)	7/1/2025 ¹
Medically Tailored Meals/Medically Supportive Foods		Volume 1 (pp. 32-38)	7/1/2025 ¹

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Asthma Remediation	<i>Updates to eligibility and service list</i>	Volume 1 (pp. 42-47)	7/1/2025 ¹
	<i>In-home trigger assessments and asthma self-management education can only be provided via the APS benefit</i>	Volume 1 (pp. 42-47)	1/1/2026
Housing Transition Navigation Services		Volume 2 (pp. 25-30)	1/1/2026
Housing Deposits	[Clarification] <i>Do not include first and last month's rent (separate from the security deposit)</i>	Volume 2 (p. 31)	Current policy ²
	<i>All other updates to the service definition</i>	Volume 2 (pp. 31-36)	1/1/2026
Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services		Volume 2 (pp. 37-42)	1/1/2026
NEW Transitional Rent		Volume 2 (pp. 57-80)	7/1/2025 for MCPs that elect to launch at this time 1/1/26 for all MCPs for the Behavioral Health Populations of Focus (POF) (and any other populations the MCP has elected to cover)

¹ While the service definition updates go into effect on 7/1/2025, MCPs will have until 1/1/2026 to make updates to their policies and procedures in their Models of Care.

² DHCS clarifies Housing Deposits does not include first or last month's rent, which are separate from the security deposit. In alignment with the [CalAIM](#) and [BH-CONNECT](#) waivers, coverage of Room and Board is limited to Short-Term Post-Hospitalization Housing, Recuperative Care, and Transitional Rent.