

## Abbreviated Notice for Section 1115 Amendment and Renewal

### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

#### ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST PROPOSED SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL APPLICATION

This abbreviated public notice provides information of public interest regarding a proposed amendment and renewal request to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Medi-Cal 2020 Section 1115 demonstration by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), to be renamed the California Advancing & Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Section 1115 demonstration. DHCS is seeking this demonstration approval to implement key provisions of its CalAIM initiative. DHCS will also concurrently seek from CMS an amendment and renewal of the existing Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) Section 1915(b) waiver to consolidate Medi-Cal managed care, dental managed care, SMHS, and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) under a single authority.

The CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration will amend and renew the Medi-Cal 2020 demonstration, currently in effect through December 31, 2021. The effective term of the proposed amendment and renewal for the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration is January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2026. All proposed requests are subject to approval by CMS.

A copy of the proposed CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration and initial notice of public interest, both posted on April 6, 2021, is available on the DHCS website at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/CalAIM-1115-and-1915b-Waiver-Renewals.aspx>

The CalAIM proposal is posted on the DHCS website at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/calaim>.

Following are the elements of the Medi-Cal 2020 Section 1115 demonstration that are proposed to continue under the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration:

- Global Payment Program (GPP)
- Expenditure Authority for Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) in Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs)
- Low-Income Pregnant Women (109 percent–138 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL))
- Out-of-State Former Foster Care Youth
- Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS)
- DMC-ODS Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) Protocols
- Designated State Health Care Programs (DSHP)

Following are the elements of the CalAIM initiative that are proposed for inclusion under the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration:

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- Waiver of Statewideness and Comparability for Peer Support Specialist Services in Drug Medi-Cal Counties That Opt In
- Services for Justice-Involved Populations 30 Days Pre-Release
- Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Supports
- DMC-ODS Traditional Healers and Natural Helpers

Following are the elements of the Medi-Cal 2020 Section 1115 demonstration that DHCS proposes to authorize via an alternate authority:

- Medi-Cal Managed Care, including the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI), Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) as an Alternative Delivery System in Select County-Organized Health Systems (COHS), and managed care for Seniors with Disabilities (SPDs). Medi-Cal Managed Care as transitioned to the 1915(b) waiver includes other proposed changes which are described in greater detail in the 1915(b) overview.
- Dental Managed Care
- DMC-ODS (except the services that will remain in the 1115 demonstration)

Following are the elements of the Medi-Cal 2020 Section 1115 demonstration that will or have sunset and are not included for renewal under the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration. Key elements of these programs will be incorporated into either the Medi-Cal State Plan or the consolidated 1915(b) waiver that DHCS is seeking.

- Dental Transformation Initiative (DTI)
- Health Homes Program (HHP)
- Tribal Uncompensated Care (UCC)
- Rady California Children's Services (CCS) Pilot
- Whole Person Care (WPC) Pilots
- Public Hospital Redesign and Incentives in Medi-Cal (PRIME)

## PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

DHCS will host the following public hearings to solicit stakeholder comments. The public hearings will be held electronically to promote social distancing and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The meetings will have online video streaming and telephonic conference capabilities to ensure statewide accessibility.

- Monday, April 26, 2021 – First Public Hearing
  - 1:00 – 2:30 PM PT
  - Register for Zoom conference link:  
[https://manatt.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_csWzNuSFQiiY46ZinTufLg](https://manatt.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_csWzNuSFQiiY46ZinTufLg)
    - Please register in advance to receive your unique login details and link to add to calendar
  - Call-in information (669) 900-6833 or (888) 788-0099 (Toll Free)
    - Webinar ID: 944 4865 1547
    - Passcode: 042621
    - Callers do not need an email address to use the phone option and do not need to register in advance

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- Monday, May 3, 2021 – Second Public Hearing
  - 2:00 – 3:30 PM PT
  - Register for Zoom conference:  
[https://manatt.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_dj9UAypdQ76aOtCXafuhSA](https://manatt.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dj9UAypdQ76aOtCXafuhSA)
    - Please register in advance to receive your unique login details and link to add to calendar
  - Call-in information (669) 900-6833 *or* (888) 788-0099 (Toll Free)
    - Webinar ID: 994 3157 8945
    - Passcode: 050321
    - Callers do not need an email address to use the phone option and do not need to register in advance

Written comments may be sent to the following address; please indicate “CalAIM Section 1115 & 1915(b) Waiver” in the written message:

Department of Health Care Services  
Director’s Office  
Attn: Angeli Lee and Amanda Font  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000  
Sacramento, California 95899–7413

Comments may also be emailed to [CalAIMWaiver@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:CalAIMWaiver@dhcs.ca.gov). Please indicate “CalAIM Section 1115 & 1915(b) Waiver” in the subject line of the email message.

To be assured consideration prior to submission of the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration application and Section 1915(b) waiver application to CMS, comments must be received no later than 11:59 PM (Pacific Time) on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Please note that comments will continue to be accepted after May 6, 2021, but DHCS may not be able to consider those comments prior to the initial submission of the CalAIM waiver applications to CMS.