

# SEPTEMBER MLTSS AND DUALS STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP

## Meeting Summary

On September 24, 2025, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) hosted the September Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) & Duals Integration Workgroup.

Lauren Solis, Chief in the Office of Medicare Innovation and Integration (OMII) at DHCS, started the meeting with a brief welcome and introduction. Following the introduction, Andrey Bodrov, Health Program Specialist, and Eliza Rodriguez, Associate Government Analyst, in the Medi-Cal Eligibility Division (MCED) at DHCS provided updates on the [Medi-Cal Asset Limit Policy](#).

After this presentation, Lauren Solis shared updates on the [2026 Medi-Medi Plan Expansion](#), the [Medi-Cal Matching Plan Policy](#), and the [Exclusively Aligned Enrollment \(EAE\) Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan \(D-SNP\) Default Enrollment Pilot](#). Lauren Solis also provided updates to the [2026 D-SNP State Medicaid Agency Contract \(SMAC\) and Policy Guide](#), focusing on the CY 2026 Medicare Continuity of Care and Network Guidance chapters.

Following these updates, Christopher Tolbert, Section Chief of OMII at DHCS, shared information on [Medicare Enrollment Data for Dual Eligible Members and D-SNPs](#). Following this update, Tyler Brennan, Health Program Specialist in the Managed Care Quality and Monitoring Division (MCQMD) at DHCS, presented data on dual eligible members accessing [CalAIM Community Supports](#), focusing on updates from quarter 4 2024 through quarter 1 of 2025.

In the final presentation, Lauren Solis began the spotlight on [Dementia Care and Caregiver Supports](#) with an overview of D-SNP California Integrated Care Management (CICM) requirements. Christopher Tolbert followed with an overview on [D-SNP Quality and Data Reporting](#), highlighting 2023 and 2024 Cognitive Health Assessment data. Following the DHCS updates, the spotlight continued with presentations from a panel of local experts in California. Barbra McLendon, Senior Director of Public Policy & Advocacy

at [Alzheimer's LA](#), presented on dementia rates within the duals population in California. Next, Genevieve Caruncho-Simpson, Value-Based Care Lead, and Linda Keenan, Clinical Advisor, with [Family Caregiver Alliance](#) presented on the role of Caregiver Resource Centers (CRCs) in supporting members with dementia and their caregivers. The spotlight presentation concluded with Cara Rossi, Senior Director of Strategic Supports, and Renee Metts, Director of Care Management, with [Health Net](#) who presented on Dementia care and caregiver support programs within their health plan.

There were four opportunities throughout the workgroup for the audience to ask questions and share comments. Specifically, stakeholders had questions about the 2026 Medi-Medi Plan expansion, Community Supports for duals data, and the spotlight on Dementia care and caregiver supports.

Cassidy Acosta from Aurrera Health Group concluded the meeting by sharing information about the upcoming topics and the date for the future MLTSS & Duals Integration Workgroup meeting. The recording and transcript of the September [MLTSS & Duals Integration Workgroup](#) meeting contain additional information about the presentation and discussion.

The next MLTSS and Duals Integration Workgroup will take place at [12:00 PM on Wednesday, November 19, 2025](#).