

Network Adequacy Standards

Provider Type	lacy Standards	Rural	Small	Medium	Dense
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	Timely Access	Time or	Time or	Time or	Time or
	Standard ¹	Distance	Distance	Distance	Distance
		Standard ²	Standard ²	Standard ²	Standard ²
		10 miles or	10 miles or	10 miles or	10 miles or
		30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes
	Within 10	from any	from any	from any	from any
Primary Care ³	business days	Member or	Member or	Member or	Member or
(Adult and Pediatric)	of the request	anticipated	anticipated	anticipated	anticipated
	for appointment	Member's	Member's	Member's	Member's
		residence	residence	residence	residence
		60 miles or	45 miles or	30 miles or	15 miles or
Specialty Care ^{4,5} (Adult and Pediatric)	Within 15 business days of the request for appt.6	90 minutes	75 minutes	60 minutes	30 minutes
		from any	from any	from any	from any
		Member or	Member or	Member or	Member or
		anticipated	anticipated	anticipated	anticipated
		Member's	Member's	Member's	Member's
		residence	residence	residence	residence
		10 miles or	10 miles or	10 miles or	10 miles or
	Within 10	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes
Obstetrics/Gynecology	business days	from any	from any	from any	from any
(OB/GYN)	of the request	Member or	Member or	Member or	Member or
Primary Care ⁷	for appt.	anticipated	anticipated	anticipated	anticipated
	lor appt.	Member's	Member's	Member's	Member's
		residence	residence	residence	residence
OB/GYN	Within 15	60 miles or	45 miles or	30 miles or	15 miles or
Specialty Care ⁸	business days	90 minutes	75 minutes	60 minutes	30 minutes
	of the request	from any	from any	from any	from any
	for appt.	Member or	Member or	Member or	Member or
		anticipated	anticipated	anticipated	anticipated

¹ Timely Access Standards are outlined in 28 CCR section 1300.67.2.2. Please note the exceptions to the above noted rules as outlined in 28 CCR section 1300.67.2.2

² County Size Category by Population defined in Table 1

³ Time or Distance Standards for Primary Care are outlined in WIC section 14197(b)(1)

⁴ Time or Distance Standards for Specialty Care are outlined in WIC section 14197(c)(1)

⁵ Time or Distance Standards apply to the core Specialists outlined in Table 2

⁶ Timely Access standards apply to all Specialists, not only core Specialists

⁷ Time or Distance Standards for OB/GYN Primary Care are outlined in WIC section 14197(b)(4)

⁸ Time or Distance Standards for OB/GYN Specialty Care are outlined in WIC section 14197(c)(1)



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11 21 1 0	N. (A. P. I.I.	Member's residence	Member's residence	Member's residence	Member's residence
Hospitals ⁹	Not Applicable	15 miles or 30 minutes from any Member or anticipated Member's residence			
Dental Providers ¹⁰	Non-urgent: Within 36 business days of the request for appt. Preventive: Within 40 business days of the request for appt.	10 miles or 30 minutes from any Member or anticipated Member's residence			
Non-Specialty Mental Health Providers ¹¹ , ¹² (Adult and Pediatric)	Within 10 business days of the request for appt.	60 miles or 90 minutes from any Member or anticipated Member's residence	45 miles or 75 minutes from any Member or anticipated Member's residence	30 miles or 60 minutes from any Member or anticipated Member's residence	15 miles or 30 minutes from any Member or anticipated Member's residence
Ancillary Services	Within 15 business days of the request for appt.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)	If applicable ¹³	Time or distance standards			

⁹ Time or Distance Standards for Hospitals are outlined in WIC section 14197(b)(2)

¹⁰ Time or Distance Standards for Dental Providers are outlined in WIC section 14197(b)(3)

¹¹ Time or Distance Standards for Non-Specialty Mental Health Providers are outlined in WIC section 14197(c)(3)

¹² Non-Specialty Mental Health for Members with mild to moderate impairments

¹³ LTSS Timely Access Network Standards defined in Table 3



Provider Type	Timely Access Standard ¹	Rural County - Time or Distance Standard ²	Small County - Time or Distance Standard ²	Medium County - Time or Distance Standard ²	Dense County- Time or Distance Standard ²
		are not establishe d for Multipurpo se Senior Services Program (MSSP), Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), or Intermedia te Care Facilities (ICF) Providers as these Providers either travel to the Member to provide services or the Member resides at the facility for care.	are not establishe d for Multipurpo se Senior Services Program (MSSP), Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), or Intermedia te Care Facilities (ICF) Providers as these Providers either travel to the Member to provide services or the Member resides at the facility for care.	are not establishe d for Multipurpo se Senior Services Program (MSSP), Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), or Intermedia te Care Facilities (ICF) Providers as these Providers either travel to the Member to provide services or the Member resides at the facility for care.	are not establishe d for Multipurpo se Senior Services Program (MSSP), Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), or Intermediat e Care Facilities (ICF) Providers as these Providers either travel to the Member to provide services or the Member resides at the facility for care.

Table 1: County Size Categories by Population

Size Category	Population Density	# of Counties	Counties
Rural	≤50 people per square mile	21	Alpine, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Lassen, Mariposa, Mendocino, Modoc, Mono, Plumas, San Benito, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Tuolumne, Trinity
Small	51 to 200 people per square mile	19	Amador, Butte, El Dorado, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Nevada,



Size Category	Population Density	# of Counties	Counties
			San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa, Barbara, Sutter, Tulare, Yolo, Yuba
Medium	201 to 599 people per square mile	9	Marin, Placer, Riverside, San Joaquin, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Ventura
Dense	≥600 people per square mile	9	Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Diego, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara

Table 2: DHCS Adult and Pediatric Core Specialists¹⁴

Cardiology/Interventional Cardiology	Nephrology		
Dermatology	Neurology		
Endocrinology	Oncology		
ENT/Otolaryngology	Ophthalmology		
Gastroenterology	Orthopedic Surgery		
General Surgery	Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation		
Hematology	Psychiatry		
HIV/AIDS Specialists/Infectious Diseases	Pulmonology		

Table 3: LTSS Timely Access Network Standards¹⁵

Provider Type	Rural Timely Access Standard	Small Timely Access Standard	Medium Timely Access Standard	Dense Timely Access Standard
SNF	Within 14 calendar days of request	Within 14 calendar days of request	Within 7 business days of request	Within 5 business days of request
Intermediate Care Facility/Developmentally Disabled (ICF-DD)	Within 14 calendar days of request	Within 14 calendar days of request	Within 7 business days of request	Within 5 business days of request
Community Based Adult Services (CBAS)	Capacity cannot decrease in aggregate statewide			

Core Specialists are defined in WIC section 14197(i)(2)
 Timely Access Standards for LTSS are outlined in WIC section 14197(d)(2)



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	below April	below April	below April	below April
	2012 level	2012 level	2012 level	2012 level

Table 4: Call Center Wait Time Standards¹⁶

Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan (MCP) Call Center	10 minutes from the time the call is placed.
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Table 5: DHCS Telehealth Providers

Cardiology/Interventional Cardiology	Neurology
Dermatology	Non-Specialty Mental Health Providers
Endocrinology	OB/GYN
ENT/Otolaryngology	Oncology
Gastroenterology	Ophthalmology
Hematology	Primary Care
HIV/AIDS Specialists/Infectious Diseases	Psychiatry
Nephrology	Pulmonology

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¹⁶ 28 CCR section 1300.67.2.2(c)(10)