

PROPOSED CONTINUING CALAIM SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION RENEWAL APPLICATION

This abbreviated public notice provides information of public interest regarding a proposed renewal request to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the California Advancing & Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Section 1115 demonstration by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). DHCS is seeking this demonstration approval to build upon and consolidate the successes of the CalAIM initiative.

The current CalAIM demonstration is currently in effect through December 31, 2026. The effective term of the proposed renewal for the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration is January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2031. 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 February 10, 2026 is available on the DHCS website at: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/CalAIM-1115-and-1915b-Waiver-Renewals.aspx>.

Following are the elements of the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration that are proposed to continue under the renewal:

- » Reentry Services for Justice-Involved Populations 90-Days Pre-Release
- » Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System – Waiver of the Institutions for Mental Disease Exclusion for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services
- » County Option to Cover Select Outpatient SUD Services
- » Recovery Incentives
- » Traditional Healers and Natural Helpers
- » Coverage of Out-of-State Former Foster Care Youth
- » Chiropractic Services from Indian Health Service and Tribal Facilities

- » Modification of Asset Test for Deemed Supplemental Security Income Populations
- » Align Dually Eligible Enrollees' Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan and Medicare Advantage Plan
- » Managed Care Authority to Limit Plan Choice in Certain Counties
- » Global Payment Program

Following are initiatives that are newly proposed for inclusion under the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration:

- » Employment Supports
- » BridgeCare Pilots

Following are the elements of the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration that DHCS proposes to continue and authorize via an alternate authority:

- » Community-Based Adult Services
- » Recuperative Care and Short-Term Post Hospitalization Housing

Following are the elements of the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration that will or have sunset and are not included for renewal under the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration:

- » Providing Access and Transforming Health Initiative
- » Designated State Health Program
- » Low-Income Pregnant Women

Public Review and Comment Process

The 30-day public comment period for the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration application is from Tuesday, February 10, 2026 until Thursday, March 12, 2026. All comments must be received no later than 11:59 PM (Pacific Time) on Thursday, March 12, 2026.

All information regarding the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration application can be found on the DHCS website (<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/CalAIM-1115-and-1915b-Waiver-Renewals.aspx>). DHCS will update this website throughout the public comment and application process.

DHCS will host the following public hearings to solicit stakeholder comments. The public hearings will take place in-person and have online video streaming and telephonic conference capabilities to ensure accessibility.

- Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – First Public Hearing
 - 1:55 – 2:55 PM PT
 - Department of Health Care Services
 - 1501 Capitol Avenue (First Floor Conference Center 71.1316)
Sacramento, CA 95814
 - Register for the Teams conference link:
<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/b4d7693c-2d1c-4b01-af69-aea6ce68612a@265c2dcd-2a6e-43aa-b2e8-26421a8c8526>
 - Please register in advance if you plan to attend in-person or virtually to receive your unique link to join the meeting and to add the hearing to your calendar.
 - Dial in by Phone: +1 279-895-6425; Phone Conference ID: 394 775 261#
- Tuesday, March 3, 2026 – Second Public Hearing
 - 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM PT
 - Department of Health Care Services
 - 1700 K Street (First Floor, Conference Room 17.1014)
Sacramento, CA 95814
 - Register for Teams conference link:
<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/97c8a84e-6b28-4ddb-b2cd-1747b9413628@265c2dcd-2a6e-43aa-b2e8-26421a8c8526>
 - Please register in advance if you plan to attend in-person or virtually to receive your unique link to join the meeting and to add the hearing to your calendar.
 - Dial in by Phone: +1 279-895-6425; Phone Conference ID: 973 094 191#

The complete version of the draft of the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration application is available for public review at: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/CalAIM-1115-and-1915b-Waiver-Renewals.aspx>.

You may request a copy of the proposed CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration application and/or a copy of submitted public comments related to the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration application by sending a written request to the mailing or email address listed below. Written comments may be sent to the following address; please indicate "CalAIM Section 1115 Waiver" in the written message:

Department of Health Care Services
Director's Office
Attn: Tyler Sadwith
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000
Sacramento, California 95899-7413

Comments may also be emailed to 1115waiver@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate "CalAIM Section 1115 Waiver" in the subject line of the email message. To be assured consideration prior to submission of the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration application to CMS, comments must be received no later than 11:59 PM PT (Pacific Time) on Thursday, March 12, 2026. Please note that comments will continue to be accepted after March 12, 2026, but DHCS may not be able to consider those comments prior to the initial submission of the CalAIM waiver application to CMS.

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration will be published at the following internet address:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/CalAIM-1115-and-1915b-Waiver-Renewals.aspx>.

After DHCS reviews comments submitted during this State public comment period, the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration will be submitted to CMS. Interested parties will also have the opportunity to officially comment on the CalAIM Section 1115 demonstration during the federal public comment period. The submitted application will be available for comment on the CMS website at:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list>.