

February MLTSS and Duals Integration Workgroup Meeting Summary

On February 22, 2024, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) hosted the February Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) & Duals Integration Workgroup.

Anastasia Dodson, Deputy Director of the Office of Medicare Innovation and Integration (OMII) at DHCS started the meeting with updates on 2024 transitions, specifically the [2024 Medi-Medi Plan Expansion](#). After that, Stephanie Conde with the Managed Care Operations Division (MCOD) and Sean Barber with the Managed Care Quality and Monitoring Division (MCQMD) at DHCS, provided the workgroup with updates on the [2024 Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan \(MCP\) Transition](#).

In the next presentation, Derek Soiu from DHCS' Medi-Cal Eligibility Division (MCED), presented updates on the [Medi-Cal Continuous Coverage Unwinding \(CCU\)](#). Following this, Anastasia shared the latest Medicare enrollment data for dual eligible members and provided updates on the 2024 and 2025 Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) Policy Guide. In the next presentation, Lindsey Baldwin and Candace Anderson from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) shared information about the [2024 Medicare Behavioral Health changes](#), including expanding the Medicare Behavioral Health workforce and psychotherapy crisis services.

The final presentation of the meeting was a spotlight on coordinating Medicare Behavioral Health in 2024 for dual eligible members, with a panel of local experts from San Diego County. Alfie Gonzaga from San Diego County's Health and Human Services Agency presented from a county mental health plan perspective, Emily Schermerhorn from Blue Shield of California presented from a health plan perspective, and Jack Dailey with the Legal Aid Society of San Diego (LASSD) provided an advocate perspective.

Each presentation was followed by an opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions and share comments. During the discussion periods, stakeholders asked questions about the 2024 Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan transitions, Continuous Coverage Unwinding, and behavioral health services for dual eligible members.

Cassidy Acosta from Aurrera Health Group concluded the meeting by sharing information about the upcoming topics and dates for future MLTSS & Duals Integration

Workgroup meetings. The recording and transcript of the February [MLTSS & Duals Integration Workgroup](#) meeting contain additional information about the presentation and discussion.

The next MLTSS & Duals Integration Workgroup will take place at [10:00 AM on Thursday, May 30, 2024](#).