

Whole Child Model Program Expansion – County Readiness Submission Requirements

County California Children’s Services (CCS) Programs must submit all deliverables outlined in this document below to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) for purposes of completing a readiness review process for the Kaiser Permanente implementation as a Whole Child Model (WCM) alternative health care services plan in select current WCM Program counties. This checklist is not intended to be all-inclusive and does not include readiness requirements for the Medi-Cal managed health care plans (MCP) or non-WCM counties. Additional information may be requested by DHCS within the course of reviewing submitted deliverables.

Background:

Assembly Bill (AB) 2724 (Chapter 73, Statutes of 2022) authorizes DHCS to contract with Kaiser Permanente as an alternative health care service plan in select WCM counties.¹ Starting January 1, 2024, WCM members in select WCM counties will have the option to select either Kaiser Permanente or their local MCP as their WCM health plan, subject to meeting eligibility criteria.

DHCS will implement Kaiser Permanente in the following eight (8) WCM counties: Marin, Napa, Orange, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo

Only upon determination by DHCS, that the CCS county and Kaiser Permanente have met all of DHCS’ readiness requirements will the CCS WCM services transition to Kaiser Permanente within the WCM County. In addition to the readiness requirements, an updated WCM Numbered Letter (NL) that provides updated guidance on county and MCP WCM administration and implementation is forthcoming.

Documentation/Deliverable Information:

1. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

- Submit the draft MOU between the WCM county CCS program and the MCP(s) to include, at a minimum, all of the provisions specified in the most recent WCM MOU template.

2. County Policies and Procedures Updates (P&P)

- Submit for review and approval the following P&Ps to meet the requirements specified in the MOU template:
 - Eligibility and Enrollment, Case Management, Intercountry Transfers, CCS

¹ [AB 2724](#)

Advisory Committee, Continuity of Care, Data and Information Sharing, Emergency Preparedness, Dispute Resolution, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Quality Assurance and Monitoring, and Subcontractors.

3. Transition Plan

- Submit a copy of the Transition Plan between the WCM CCS county program and MCP(s) that describe cooperation and collaboration between the entities.

County CCS programs shall submit all readiness deliverables to DHCS at CCSProgram@dhcs.ca.gov with the subject title “WCM County Readiness Deliverable” no later than **November 6th, 2023**, unless otherwise specified, for DHCS review and approval.

Sincerely,

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