

## DHCS Pregnancy Stakeholder Workgroup Meeting Notes



**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2016

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**Location:** Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), 1501 Capitol Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95814; Room 71.6014

**Conference Line:** 1-800-433-2611; Participant Passcode: 9166982

**Meeting Purpose:** The focus of the Pregnancy Stakeholder Workgroup is to ensure the successful implementation of the Pregnancy Expansion and the integration of the Medi-Cal Access Program (MCAP) into the California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System’s Business Rules Engine.

### **ATTENDEES:**

California Dept of Health Care Services (DHCS)	Consumer Advocates/Representing Organizations
<input type="checkbox"/> Rene Mollow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucy Quacinella (MCHA)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ernesto Sanchez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynn Kersey (MCHA)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Karen Chang	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Landsberg (WCLP)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Juanita Vaca	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amy Chen(Health Law)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Cannon	<input type="checkbox"/> Jessica Johnson (California Association of Midwives)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daryl Hightower	<input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Texidor from BALA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matthew Ortiz	<b>California Welfare Director’s Association (CWDA)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Maryjane Moua	<input type="checkbox"/> Assmaa Elayyat
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Owens	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeanette Barajas	<b>Covered California</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurie Lay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bianca Vargas

### **NOTES**

	<u>Agenda &amp; Notes</u>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>APTC Women who report a change of being pregnant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholders provided input on the contextual help document. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The English and Spanish versions were posted on Wednesday. They are ‘live’ on the application when clients click ‘learn more’.</li> <li>○ DHCS confirmed the readability issue was addressed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• DHCS: The Change Request for women enrolled in Covered California coverage who report a pregnancy is being prioritized on the road map. It is anticipated to be included in release 16.9</li> <li>• Covered California: We can identify the women who transitioned to M9. It is not possible to prevent the transaction, because it occurs in real time.</li> <li>• Advocates: This change may be more beneficial for some women. We need to ensure what is best for the woman is operationalized and these women are informed of their choices. 1) Consider notifying each of these women by sending a simple letter. 2) Could we see a draft special notice?</li> </ul> <p><b>[Action Item]:</b> Covered California will forward the draft informing letter to DHCS and advocates.</p>

## Agenda & Notes

- Covered California is working with counties and plans to get them back into coverage.

### MCAP Updates

- 2.
- DHCS: Closely monitoring the integration of MCAP into CalHEERS and responding promptly to an cases with identified concerns. Since the beginning of November, approximately 2000 applications were recieved. This is fairly consistent with the number of applications during the same time in previous years.
  - DHCS identified a trend where individuals submit applications and make subsequent reported changes; which is impacting the programming logic. Per MCAP Phase 1, the programming logic is based on a default system.
    1. For women already enrolled in a QHP, the default is to leave them in their QHP.
    2. The default for a new pregnant applicant, who is otherwise eligibile, is MCAP.
  - DHCS: If a woman was already in a QHP and reported a pregnancy, and fell within MCAP income range, she would stay in her QHP; receiving notification she could elect to transition to MCAP.  
**[Action Item]:** Provide advocates with the MCAP release form.  
**[Action Item]:** Share final version of the MCAP eligible NODO1.

### Pregnancy Related Medi-Cal

- 3.
- DHCS to provide an update of the aid code list.  
**[Action Item]:** Provide adovcates with the updated aid code list.  
**[Action Item]:** Provide feedback by January 22<sup>nd</sup> to received comments on *Pregnancy: Early Care and Diagnostic Services*.

### Transition Update: Transition Workgroup Recommendations

- 4.
- Refer to Transition Workgroup.

### Prenatal Gateway Update: MCED

- 6.
- DHCS: The build for PE for Pregnant women was suppose to go into the Health Enterprise Plantform. Now it will be built in the old Legacy system.

### Adding a deemed infant pathway to Hospital PE Portal

- 7.
- Taken in advisement. This would need to be programed into the Legacy system. The current priority is to automate PE4PW in the Legacy system.

### Closing and Recap of Action Items

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## **ACTION ITEMS**

(ONLY OPEN ACTION ITEMS AND ACTION ITEMS FROM THE MOST CURRENT MEETING ARE TRACKED BELOW IN THE NOTES)

	<u>Action Item</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Date Logged</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Status as of 02/01/2016</u>
4.	Discuss with Covered CA on APTC reconciliation for these dual enrollees; devise outreach plan to reach out and inform this population of upcoming changes.	Ernesto Sanchez/DHCS	5/8/2015	9/11/2015	<b>PENDING</b> - Dependent on written CMS MEC designation. As of 12/17/15 DHCS is waiting on CMS written MEC determination.
41.	DHCS will provide a list of denied services, re: pregnancy diagnosis code.	Cynthia Owens/DHCS	8/14/2015		<b>OPEN</b> - In progress
43.	Advocates to send examples of denied claims to Rene/DHCS	Lynn Kersey/ Maternal and Child Health Access	8/28/2015	9/11/2015	<b>OPEN</b> – Pending provision examples.
44.	DHCS will update aid code list to reflect policy that Medi-Cal services will not be excluded for pregnant beneficiaries.	Karen Chang/DHCS	9/25/2015		<b>Closed</b> - DHCS provided the proposed updates to the aid codes on 1/15/16.
48.	DHCS will reach out to Covered California on transitions messaging for pregnant women.	Bianca Vargas/Covered California	10/9/2015	10/23/15	<b>Closed</b> – Covered California shared with DHCS and the advocates.
53.	Advocate provided DHCS with advocates feedbacks on the Pregnancy Fact Sheet	Bianca Vargas/Covered California	11/20/2015		<b>Open</b> – Under review by Covered California.
54.	DHCS to follow-up with Rene on how advocates can support outreach efforts.	Karen Chang/DHCS	11/20/2015		<b>Open</b>
55.	MCED to look at readability level for contextual help document.	Ernesto Sanchez/DHCS	12/18/2015		<b>Closed</b> – Update provided by DHCS on 1/15/16.
56.	Share aid code list by 1/15/16 meeting.	Cynthia Owens/DHCS	12/18/2015	1/15/16	<b>Closed</b> - DHCS provided the proposed updates to the aid codes on 1/15/16.
57.	Covered California will forward the draft informing letter to DHCS and advocates.	Bianca Vargas/Covered California	1/15/2016		<b>Closed</b> – Covered California shared with DHCS and the advocates.
58.	Provide advocates with the MCAP release form.	Karen Chang/DHCS	1/15/2016		<b>Open</b> – DHCS will provide a status update on 2/19/16.
59.	Share final version of the MCAP eligible NODO1.	Karen Chang/DHCS	1/15/2016		<b>Closed</b> - DHCS provided the proposed updates to the aid codes on 1/27/16.
60.	Provide advcates with the updated aid code list.	MCED Karen Chang/DHCS	1/15/2016		<b>Closed</b> - DHCS provided the proposed updates to the aid codes on 1/15/16.

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