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1915(c) Home and Community-Based (HCB) Alternatives Waiver Overview

California's HCB Alternatives Waiver is a Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver program authorized in section 1915(c) of the United States Social Security Act. HCBS waivers permit a State to furnish an array of HCBS that assist Medicaid beneficiaries to live in the community and avoid institutionalization. States have broad discretion to design their waiver programs to address the needs of the waiver's target population. Waiver services complement and/or supplement the services that are available to participants through the Medicaid State plan and other federal, state and local public programs, as well as the supports that families and communities provide.

Additional information on 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services is available on Medicaid.org, and by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/hcbs/authorities/1915-c/index.html>.

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The purpose of the HCB Alternatives Waiver is to provide Medi-Cal members with long-term medical conditions who meet one of the designated levels of care, the option of returning to and/or remaining in a home or home-like community setting in lieu of institutionalization.

The goals of the waiver are to:

- 1) Facilitate a safe and timely transition of Medi-Cal eligible members from a medical facility to a home or community setting utilizing HCB Alternatives Waiver services;
- 2) Offer Medi-Cal eligible members who reside in the community but are at risk of being institutionalized within the next 30 days, the option of utilizing HCB Alternatives Waiver services to develop a home or community setting program that will safely meet his/her medically necessary care needs; and
- 3) Maintain overall cost neutrality of home and community based services when compared to services that would be provided to the same member in an institution.

To access the full text of California's HCB Alternatives Waiver, please visit:

[http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/Home-and-Community-Based-\(HCB\)-Alternatives-Waiver.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/Home-and-Community-Based-(HCB)-Alternatives-Waiver.aspx)