



ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

RELEASE DATE: AUGUST 1, 2023

PROPOSED CALAIM SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION AMENDMENT

This abbreviated public notice provides information of public interest regarding submission of a proposed Section 1115 amendment request to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

To improve the well-being and health outcomes of Medi-Cal members during critical transitions or who meet high-risk criteria, California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is seeking an amendment to the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Section 1115 demonstration to provide up to six months of transitional rent services as a new Community Support in the Medi-Cal Managed Care (MCMC) delivery system for eligible individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and experiencing critical transitions, as well those who meet the criteria for unsheltered homelessness or for a Full Service Partnership (FSP) program. The State is seeking expenditure authority up to an aggregate cap of \$764,860,000 over the final two years of the CalAIM demonstration period (January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026) to cover transitional rent services in the MCMC delivery system. To ensure a “no wrong door” approach to accessing key housing services for high need enrollees who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and experiencing transitions, DHCS is requesting authority to provide transitional rent services for qualifying individuals enrolled in the Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) and Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) delivery systems through the proposed California Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT) demonstration.

A copy of the proposed CalAIM Section 1115 Transitional Rent Services Amendment and initial notice of public interest, both posted on August 1, 2023, are available on the DHCS website at <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/CalAIM-1115-and-1915b-Waiver-Renewals.aspx>



Public Review and Comment Process

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

- Friday, August 11, 2023 – First Public Hearing
 - 10:00 – 11:30 AM PT
 - Department of General Services
 - 1500 Capitol Ave. (Building 172), EEC Training Rooms, Sacramento, CA 95814
 - Register for Zoom conference link:
https://manatt.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6XzvB4XsSD2MRHnKMYdMGw#/registration
 - Please register in advance if you plan to attend in-person or if you plan to attend by Zoom to receive your unique login details and a link to add the hearing to your calendar
 - Call-in information: 646-931-3860
 - Webinar ID: 939 8473 0250
 - Passcode: 081123
 - Callers do not need an email address to use the phone option and do not need to register in advance
- Thursday, August 24, 2023 – Second Public Hearing
 - 9:30 – 11:30 AM PT
 - Department of Health Care Services
 - 1700 K Street, Room 1014, Sacramento, CA 95814
 - Register for Zoom conference link:
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_eqqbAdsGRVuCilmQGc-Y-g
 - Please register in advance if you plan to attend in-person or if you plan to attend by Zoom to receive your unique login details and a link to add the hearing to your calendar
 - Call-in information: 646-558-8656
 - Webinar ID: 913 8468 8826
 - Passcode: 478151
 - Callers do not need an email address to use the phone option and do not need to register in advance

The complete version of the draft of the CalAIM Section 1115 Transitional Rent Services Amendment is available for public review at:

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

If you would like to view the CalAIM Section 1115 Transitional Rent Services Amendment or notices in person, you may visit your local county welfare department (addresses and contact information available at: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medical/Pages/CountyOffices.aspx>). You may also request a copy of the proposed CalAIM Section 1115 amendment, notices, and/or a copy of submitted public comments, once available, related to the CalAIM Section 1115 amendment for transitional rent services by requesting it in writing to the mailing or email addresses listed below.

Written comments may be sent to the following address; please indicate "CalAIM Section 1115 Transitional Rent Services Amendment" in the written message:

Department of Health Care Services
Director's Office
Attn: Jacey Cooper and Susan Philip
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 Transitional Rent Services Amendment" in the subject line of the email message.

To be assured consideration prior to submission of the CalAIM Section 1115 Transitional Rent Services Amendment to CMS, comments must be received no later than **11:59 PM (Pacific Time) on August 31, 2023**. Please note that comments will continue to be accepted after August 31, 2023, but DHCS may not be able to consider those comments prior to the initial submission of the CalAIM Section 1115 Transitional Rent Services Amendment to CMS.