



# Palliative Care

## Status Update

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# Palliative Care Implementation Status

- All Plan Letter 17-015, Palliative Care and Medi-Cal Managed Care – *Published 10/19/2017*
- Managed Care Plans are working on their implementation readiness
- Palliative Care training available at CSU Institute for Palliative Care at CSU San Marcos
- Palliative Care benefit implementation date is January 1, 2018



# What is Palliative Care?

Palliative care consists of patient- and family-centered care that optimizes quality of life by anticipating, preventing, and treating suffering.

Policy focuses on four serious illnesses:

1. Congestive Heart Failure
2. Cancer
3. Liver Disease
4. Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease



# Palliative Care Benefit

1. Advance Care Planning
2. Palliative Care Assessment and Consultation
3. Plan of Care
4. Palliative Care Team
5. Care Coordination
6. Pain and Symptom Management
7. Mental Health and Medical Social Services



# Provider Training

- DHCS contract with Cal State San Marcos, Institute for Palliative Care (Institute)
- Online courses for physicians, nurses, social workers
- Online provider enrollment website
- DHCS will verify Medi-Cal provider enrollment



# Resources

- **All Plan Letter 17-015**  
[http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLs andPolicyLetters/APL2017/APL17-015.pdf](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLs%20andPolicyLetters/APL2017/APL17-015.pdf)
- **CSU San Marcos Palliative Care Training**  
<https://csupalliativecare.org/education/sb1004/>



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