

Resources

There are many sources of information about CaAIM. ITUP has categorized informational webpages and provided direct links below.

CaAIM Resources

- a. [DHCS CaAIM Webpage](#) and [Additional Resources Webpage](#)
- b. [DHCS CaAIM News & Updates](#)
- c. [DHCS Revised CaAIM Proposal](#)
- d. [DHCS CaAIM Approval Press Release](#)
- e. [CMS 1915\(b\) Approval Letter](#)
- f. [CMS 1115 Approval Letter and Special Terms and Conditions](#)
- g. [Approved CaAIM Waivers Presentation, January 2022](#)
- h. [Enhanced Care Management, Community Supports, and Incentive Payment Program Webpage](#)
- i. [DHCS Fact Sheet: CaAIM Community Supports](#)
- j. [DHCS Fact Sheet: CaAIM ECM](#)
- k. [Behavioral Health Initiative Webpage](#)
- l. [Justice-Involved Initiative Webpage](#)
- m. [Dental Initiative Webpage](#)
- n. [Foster Care Model of Care Workgroup](#)

Medi-Cal 1115 and 1915(b) Waivers

- a. [CaAIM 1115 and 1915\(b\) Waiver Renewal Webpage](#)
- b. [Section 1915\(b\) Medicaid Waiver Resources](#)
- c. [Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver Resources](#)
- d. [Medi-Cal 2020 1115 Waiver Webpage](#)
- e. [Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health](#)
- f. [DHCS Whole Person Care Pilots](#)
- g. [DHCS Health Homes Program](#)
- h. [DHCS Dental Transformation Initiative](#)
- i. [PRIME Webpage](#)
- j. [Cal MediConnect Webpage](#) and [CalDuals.org](#)
- k. [Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System](#)

SUBSCRIBE to DHCS Stakeholder Updates

CA State Legislative Bills

- a. [Legislative Bills and Committee Analyses Look-Up Tool](#)
- b. [Senate Legislative Committees](#)
- c. [Assembly Legislative Committees](#)

DHCS Medi-Cal Managed Care

- a. [DHCS Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Procurement Webpage](#)
- b. [DHCS Medi-Cal Managed Care Resources](#)
- c. [Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Models Fact Sheet](#)
- d. [DHCS Medi-Cal Direct Contract with Kaiser Permanente](#)

CA State Budget

- a. [State Budget Webpage](#)
- b. [January 2022 Health and Human Services Budget Summary](#)
- c. [DHCS January 2022 Budget Highlights](#)
- d. [CA State Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services](#)
- e. [CA State Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services](#)

ITUP Resources

- a. [ITUP Governor's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Proposal Blog](#)
- b. [ITUP Fact Sheet: Medicare and Health for Aging Californians](#)
- c. [ITUP 2021 Coverage At A Glance Fact Sheets](#)
- d. [ITUP 2022 Introduced Legislation Blog](#)
- e. [ITUP Fact Sheet: Health Information Exchange](#)
- f. [ITUP Fact Sheet: The Intersection and Coordination of Public Health & Health Care in California](#)
- g. [Snapshot: Remaining Uninsured in California](#)
- h. [ITUP Fact Sheet: Community Health Workers and the Health Care Delivery System](#)

CalAIM Timeline and Major Elements

CalAIM Initiative	Description	Implementation Date
Hospital Quality Incentive Program	PRIME Program transitions to the Quality Incentive Program.	July 1, 2020
Foster Care Model of Care Workgroup	Workgroup meets to discuss implementing a long-term plan for improving quality of health care services provided to foster youth.	The next stakeholder workgroup meeting will be held on August 4, 2022.
CMS Approval of Waiver Renewal Requests	CMS approval of 1115 and 1915(b) waiver requests from DHCS.	December 29, 2021
New Dental Benefits	Adds new benefits: silver diamine fluoride for children and high-risk individuals and Caries Risk Assessment (CRA) bundle for children. Continues existing and enhances pay for performance initiatives to increase use of preventive and continuity of care services.	January 1, 2022
Enhanced Care Management (ECM)	New MCP benefit provides intensive care management for both medical and non-medical needs for high-need Medi-Cal members. The new ECM benefit builds upon both the Health Homes and Whole-Person Care Pilot Programs.	January 1, 2022—Counties with existing Health Homes and Whole Person Care Pilot Programs transition current populations to ECM benefit. July 1, 2022—Counties with existing Health Homes and Whole Person Care Pilot Programs add new populations; other counties begin implementation. January 1, 2023—All counties provide ECM services to all adult focus populations. July 1, 2023— All counties provide ECM services to all youth focus populations.
Community Supports	New MCP option for high-risk/high-need Medi-Cal members to provide wrap-around services to help them avoid hospital or skilled nursing facility services, among others. The 14 Community Supports include housing services, sobering centers, and medically-tailored meals. MCPs choose which Community Supports they offer and are not required to provide all 14 Community Supports. MCPs may expand the number of Community Supports that they provide over time. This initiative builds upon the Whole-Person Care Pilot Program.	January 1, 2022
Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Program Renewal and Policy Improvements	Renews and updates the DMC-ODS program to improve quality and access. The program is authorized for the next five years.	January 1, 2022
Update Behavioral Health Medical Necessity Definition and Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) Criteria	Updates medical necessity criteria for behavioral health service eligibility by streamlining criteria to clearly delineate and standardize requirements and to improve access to appropriate services statewide.	January 1, 2022

Medi-Cal 1115 Waiver and 1915(b) Waiver Renewals

California's current [Section 1115 demonstration](#) and [Section 1915\(b\) waiver](#) were approved by CMS on **December 29, 2021**, and are effective through **December 31, 2026**, subject to official [approval letters and special terms and conditions](#). These waiver renewals collectively build upon the early steps initiated by the previous Section 1115 demonstration, known as [Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver](#), to incorporate a population health approach into the Medi-Cal program.

States apply for and receive Section 1115 waivers to gain additional flexibilities with Medicaid funds, but associated programs must be budget neutral. Section 1915(b) waivers can require certain Medicaid members to receive care from a particular set of providers, which states typically use to require enrollment in MCPs. For more details on California's Medicaid waivers, see DHCS's [Waiver Renewal Page](#).

California State Budget

ITUP's [Governor's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Proposal](#) summary highlights health and human services-related budget proposals for the Fiscal Year 2022-23, including those involving CalAIM. The Budget proposes \$217.5 billion total funds (\$64.7 million General Fund) for health and human services in FY 2022-23. This proposed budget includes \$1.2 billion total funds (\$435.5 million General Fund) in FY 2021-22, \$2.8 billion total funds (\$982.6 million General Fund) in FY 2022-23, \$2.4 billion total funds (\$876.4 million General Fund) in FY 2023-24, and \$1.6 billion total funds (\$500 million General Fund) in FY 2024-25 to support CalAIM implementation.

Legislative Bills

Bills introduced during the Legislative Sessions (see ITUP's [2022 Introduced Legislation Blog](#)) can impact implementation of the CalAIM initiative. There is a single two-year bill relating to CalAIM, [SB 256 \(Pan\)](#), which was introduced in the 2021 Legislative Session and remains under consideration.

About ITUP

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