Engaging with CalAIM: Quick Links for Community-Based Organizations

What is CalAIM?

**CalAIM** is an initiative by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to transform the Medi-Cal program with expanded benefits and enhanced care coordination by implementing broad delivery system, program, and payment reforms.

**PRIMARY GOALS:**

- Identify and engage Medi-Cal members with complex needs through a whole-person care approach that addresses social drivers of health.
- Create a more consistent and seamless Medi-Cal system with standardized benefits and enhanced data sharing among providers.
- Improve quality outcomes and reduce health disparities with value-based initiatives.

What is the Role of CBOs?

Health providers and community-based organizations (CBOs), like housing navigators and behavioral health clinics, are partnering with each other and Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCPs) to coordinate and deliver new Medi-Cal benefits, **Enhanced Care Management (ECM)** and **Community Supports**.

Key Resources:

- CalAIM Implementation Timeline
- ECM and Community Supports Frequently Asked Questions
- Community Supports Policy Guide
- ECM Policy Guide
- ECM and Community Supports Provider Standard Terms and Conditions
- Non-Binding Community Supports Pricing Guidance
- CalAIM Data Guidance: Billing and Invoicing between ECM/Community Supports Providers and MCPs
- CalAIM Data Guidance: Member-Level Information Sharing Between MCPs and ECM Providers
- Community Support Elections by MCP and County

CBO Funding Opportunities

DHCS is providing two main funding streams to support local implementation of CalAIM:

- **CalAIM Incentive Payment Program (IPP)** funds go directly to MCPs, which they can distribute across their ECM and Community Support provider networks.
- **Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH)** funds are available for counties, CBOs, and health care providers.

How to get Involved and Obtain Sustainable Medi-Cal Funding

1. Engage your local Medi-Cal MCPs to complete the contracting process and become an ECM or Community Supports provider.

2. Build your organization’s service capacity with IPP and PATH funds and collaborate with partners by participating in a county/regional PATH Collaborative.

3. Share your success stories and lessons learned with other CBOs by getting paid as a vendor for the PATH Technical Assistance (TA) Marketplace.

Additional ITUP Resources

- **CalAIM Fact Sheet** (April 2022)
- **Final Takeaways from ITUP Listening Sessions on CalAIM Implementation** (October 2022)
- **2022 Regional Health Coverage Fact Sheets** (April-July 2022)