ADVANCING EQUITY: COVERAGE TO ACCESS
Person-Centered, Equity-Focused, Data-Driven

Insure the Uninsured Project
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Our collective progress on the uninsured rate in California

More progress in 2024 as we implement new coverage expansions in Medi-Cal
As we look ahead, we cannot only focus on coverage, but we must also focus on access and affordability to disrupt deep and systemic inequities.
Focus on affordability to driver greater access
Established in 2022, the Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA) recognizes that it is in the public interest that all Californians receive health care that is accessible, affordable, equitable, high-quality, and universal.

- We have three primary responsibilities:
  - Slow health care spending growth
  - Promote high value system performance; and
  - Assess market consolidation

- Currently proposing to adapt a 3.0% statewide spending target for 2025-2029
Other efforts that look to improve high-quality access

- New Medi-Cal Managed Care Contracts
- HHS Data Exchange Framework
- Home and Community-Based Services
- Workforce for All Initiative
- Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative
Bridging systems and sectors to improve access
Our health and human services systems operate in silos
Must do better to connect systems to better serve the whole needs of patients
Bridging systems and sectors

**PUBLIC SECTOR**

**PUBLIC HEALTH**
Addressing the population health needs by focusing on the environment and prevention.

**SOCIAL SERVICES**
Addressing the social drivers of health, such as access to housing, transportation, and food.

**PRIVATE SECTOR**

**HEALTH SERVICES**
Addressing the gaps in access to health insurance coverage and health care.
Connecting programs and initiatives to drive access
2024 - 2025 PROGRAM PRIORITIES

We at the California Health and Human Services Agency remain committed to realizing our vision of a Healthy California for All through our guiding principles and strategic priorities. Together, we have an opportunity to chart the future of our state, and an opportunity to build a more just and inclusive California.

Building a more equitable system of service delivery for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In early 2024, CalHHS and our Department of Developmental Services will launch the creation of the Master Plan for Developmental Services. This Master Plan will create the road map to modernize and improve the decades old system that delivers critical developmental services to hundreds of thousands of Californians.

Built upon recent historic investments to increase rates within the developmental services system the Master Plan will leverage these investments to strengthen accessibility, quality, and equity across services. Furthermore, in recognition that California’s developmental disabilities system is deeply connected to other health, social and educational systems, the Master Plan will seek to create and strengthen bridges that connect the developmental services system to other critical systems.

The modernized system will seek to utilize existing system components including our 21 regional centers to deliver more equitable, consistent, accessible services to achieve improved and more reliable outcomes for all developmental service system consumers. Our goal is to realize a system where the state pays for services based on quality, outcomes, and cultural competence, rather than simply based on volume.

Working with a broad range of stakeholders including consumers and their families, services providers, workforce entities, regional centers, and advocates, we expect to implement a 21st century developmental services system that sets higher expectations and delivers wholistic and person-centered services to individuals and families.

Together we hope to improve access to quality, value-based services; improve measurable outcomes for individuals and their families; better leverage federal reimbursements as a source of financing for services; and improve the integration of developmental services with the physical and behavioral health systems in which this administration has invested so heavily.

The Master Plan will include concrete implementation steps of current investments and initiatives, while outlining additional steps to better outcomes for individuals and families, while enhancing regional center accountability and oversight.
Connecting efforts together to promote greater access
Independent and siloed efforts that when put together deliver person-centered care
Focus on access to behavioral health services
Over the last four years, California has made historic investments that together begin to reimagine our behavioral health system for ALL.

These efforts:

• Set a bold policy agenda
• Enhance funding
• Create and implement new initiatives
• Connect dots and stitch programs together to close gaps
• Simplify and streamline programs
• Enforce new and existing laws and regulations
Looking to the work that is ahead of us on behavioral health

Intentionally building out the continuum of services

- Continued implementation of the CARE Act
- Continued implementation of the CYBHI
- Implementation of 9-8-8 and Crisis Care Continuum
- BH-Connect - activity stipends, support services payments
- Passage of Senate Bill 326 - Behavioral Health Services Act
- Passage of Assembly Bill 531 - Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023
Digital mental health support for youth, young adults, and families

Launching January 2024

A groundbreaking new program providing free, safe, and confidential mental health support for young people and families across the state with two easy-to-use mobile apps:

**BrightLife Kids**

Mental health coaching and resources for parents with kids ages 0-12

Learn More

**soluna**

Mental health coaching and resources for teens and young adults ages 13-25

Learn More
CalHHS Guiding Principles

• Focus on Equity
• Actively Listen
• Use Data to Drive Action
• See the Whole Person
• Put the Person back in Person-Centered
• Cultivate a Culture of Innovation
• Deliver Outcomes