

State Profile for the Capitated Financial Alignment Demonstration

California: Cal MediConnect	
Dates	
Memorandum of understanding signed date	March 27, 2013
Opt-in enrollment start date ¹	April 1, 2014–July 1, 2015
Passive enrollment start date ^{2,3}	Suspended
Enrollment	
Covered population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age 21 and older; Not enrolled in certain home and community-based services waivers, not residing in certain institutions, and meets certain continuous eligibility requirements; and, Living in one of the following seven counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, and Santa Clara
Estimated number eligible	424,000
Number enrolled as of April 2016	125,050
Percent of eligible that opted out as of May 1, 2016	50%
Payment	
Number of participating plans	10
Savings percentage range	1–5.5% ⁴
Number of rating categories	4
Other risk mitigation strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk corridors
Benefits	
Expanded benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Vision
Carved out benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behavioral health⁵ Hospice
Required community involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Care Coordination	
Number of days to complete health risk assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 45 days of enrollment for high-risk enrollees Within 90 days of enrollment for low-risk enrollees
Number of days to establish individualized care plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within 30 working days of completing the health risk assessment
Education requirements for care coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not specified
Care coordinator caseload requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not specified
Number of days to maintain continuity of care from previous coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain non-participating providers and services for 12 months⁶
Consumer Protections	
Integrated Medicaid and Medicare appeals process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
Organization acting as ombudsman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Aid Society of San Diego⁷

Notes:

¹Opt-in and passive enrollment had varying start dates by county or region.

²In May 2016, California announced that it would also suspend passive enrollment into the program beginning July 2016. Eligible beneficiaries will be able to voluntarily enroll into the program and also be mandatorily enrolled into a MLTSS program (California Department of Health Care Services 2016).

³Prior the suspension of passive enrollment, two counties (Santa Clara and San Mateo) automatically enrolled beneficiaries in the demonstration without an initial opt-in enrollment period (CalDuals 2014).

⁴In California minimum savings percentages were established by the state but each county has specific interim savings percentages added to the state's minimum (CMS 2013).

⁵Plans are financially responsible for all Medicare behavioral health services, but some Medicaid specialty mental health rehabilitative and targeted case management services and non-Medicare drug services are not included in the capitated payment made to the participating health plans. These services are financed and administered by county agencies under the provisions of the state's Medicaid managed care waiver and its regular Medicaid state plan.

⁶In May 2016, California announced that it would change its length of time an enrollee can continue to see a non-participating provider or receive non-covered services. Originally plans were required to provide continuity of care for six months. Plans will be required to provide continuity of care for 12 months (California Department of Health Care Services 2016a).

⁷The Legal Aid Society of San Diego has subcontracted additional entities in each county to serve as Ombudsman in that specific county.



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