If you have both Medicare and Medi-Cal, you will soon have a new health care option called Cal MediConnect. Cal MediConnect brings your health care and Long-Term Services and Supports into one plan so your benefits and services work better together.

Why are these changes happening?
Many Californians with both Medicare and Medi-Cal get their health care and Long-Term Services and Supports from different providers who do not always work together. This can cause confusion and frustration with getting the services and support you need.

When does the program start?
No sooner than January 1, 2015

Who can join Cal MediConnect?
Most people who have both full Medicare and full Medi-Cal can join. You can tell if you have Medicare and/or Medi-Cal by the type of cards you have:

For help or more information:
Contact the Health Insurance Counseling & Advocacy Program (HICAP)
1-800-434-0222
www.sccduals.com

For help enrolling in a managed care health plan, call:
Health Care Options
1-844-580-7272
TTY: 1-800-430-7077
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
www.HealthCareOptions.dhcs.ca.gov

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Do I have to enroll in Cal MediConnect?
No. Enrollment is voluntary. If you do not enroll in Cal MediConnect and choose to stay in regular Medicare, you must choose a Medi-Cal managed care health plan.

You can also join a PACE plan (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) if you are 55 years of age or older and need a higher level of care. PACE covers all Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits plus extra services to help seniors who have chronic conditions continue to live at home.

What if I do not do anything?
The state will select a Cal MediConnect plan for you.

What are the benefits of Cal MediConnect?
- All the services and benefits you currently receive under Medicare and Medi-Cal, including Long-Term Services and Supports. Long-Term Services and Supports include In-Home Supportive Services, Community-Based Adult Services, Multipurpose Senior Services Program, and Skilled Nursing Facilities.
- Additional benefits include a care manager and a care team of your choice.
- Additional benefits also include transportation and vision.

Can I see my same doctors after I enroll in Cal MediConnect?
You need to check with the health plan to determine if your doctors are in the health plan’s network. If you are receiving care from a doctor who is not contracted with your health plan, you may be able to continue that care for up to 6 months (Medicare services) or 12 months (Medi-Cal services). For more information, go to http://dev.calduals.org/beneficiaries.

How do I enroll in PACE?

On Lok Lifeways
Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)
1-888-886-6565
TTY: 1-415-292-8898
www.onlok.org

There is an application process to join PACE. Please contact On Lok directly to learn more.

How do I make a choice?
You will receive notices from the state telling you how to:
- Select a Cal MediConnect plan
- Choose to stay in regular Medicare and only select a Medi-Cal managed care health plan
- Choose a Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), if you are eligible

If you do not make a choice, the state will select a Cal MediConnect plan for you.