

Physician Toolkit

Contracting with Cal MediConnect Plans

The **Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI)** is an effort by California and the federal government to integrate the delivery of medical, behavioral, and long-term services and supports for persons eligible for both Medicare and Medi-Cal (i.e., dual eligibles).

California's CCI consists of two parts:

Cal MediConnect

Most dual eligibles will be eligible to enroll in this new type of coordinated plan that will be responsible for administering the benefits under both Medicare and Medi-Cal. A major focus of Cal MediConnect is supporting physicians in the management of complex patients. Participation is voluntary, but if an eligible person does not actively decline to participate, they will be enrolled in a Cal MediConnect plan.

Managed Long Term Services and Supports

Simultaneously, California is requiring most dual eligibles who do not enroll in a Cal MediConnect plan to enroll in a Medi-Cal managed care plan for their Medi-Cal benefits, including Long-Term Services and Supports. A dual eligible who does not enroll in Cal MediConnect will continue to receive their Medicare as they do currently, through either a Medicare Advantage plan or Original Medicare (fee-for-service), but most Medi-Cal benefits will be administered by a Medi-Cal managed care plan. Enrollment in MLTSS will not interfere with Medicare services or payment, which includes hospitalizations and physician services.

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If your patient joins a Cal MediConnect plan and you are in the plan network, your patient may request to continue seeing you by contacting the health plan's Member Services. If your patient joins a Cal MediConnect plan and you want to join the plan's network, see instructions below for how to contact the plan. Please note that most health plans contract with IPAs and medical groups. Physicians may have to contract with those groups in order to join the health plan network. Each plan can provide a list of its Cal MediConnect contracted IPAs and medical groups upon request.

If your patient joins a Cal MediConnect plan and you remain out-of-network, **Continuity of Care** allows you to **continue seeing your patient for six months**, if you and the plan agree to terms. Please see the "Continuity of Care" fact sheet in this toolkit for details on this process. After the six-month period, you likely will have to contract with the Cal MediConnect plan to continue seeing your patient.


If your patient is in Original Medicare (fee-for-service) or a Medicare Advantage plan and joins a Medi-Cal plan, you may continue seeing that patient as usual. You do not need to contract with the Medi-Cal plan to continue seeing your patient.

For more information about Continuity of Care and other payment issues, visit www.CalDuals.org/providers.

To Join a Cal MediConnect Network

Below are the Cal MediConnect plans in each county participating in the Coordinated Care Initiative. To find out more about how to join the network of Cal MediConnect plans in your county, please refer to the provider-specific resources below.

| County | Health Plan Name | Provider Services Contact Information |
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| Alameda | Alameda Alliance CompleteCare | (510) 747-4510, Provider website |
| | Anthem Blue Cross | Provider website |
| Los Angeles | Care1st | (323)-889-6638, Provider website |
| | CareMore | Provider website |
| | Health Net | Participating provider website Non-participating provider website Frequently Asked Questions |
| | L.A. Care | Provider website |
| | Molina Dual Options | (888)-665-4621, Provider website |
| Orange | CalOptima | (714) 246-8600, Provider website |
| Riverside / San Bernardino | Inland Empire Health Plan DualChoice | (909) 890-2054, Provider website |
| | Molina Dual Options | (888)-665-4621, Provider website |
| San Diego | Care1st | (323)-889-6638, Provider website |
| | CommuniCare Advantage | (619) 422-0422, Provider website |
| | Health Net | Participating provider website Non-participating provider website Frequently Asked Questions |



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| San Diego (contd.) | Molina Dual Options | (888)-665-4621, Provider website |
| San Mateo | Care Advantage Cal MediConnect | (650)-616-2106, Provider website |
| Santa Clara | Santa Clara Family Health Plan Anthem Blue Cross | (408)-376-2000, Provider website Provider website |

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