

New health care options are now available as a part of the **Coordinated Care Initiative** for patients who have both Medicare and Medi-Cal, or Medi-Cal only.

Cal MediConnect: This optional program will provide increased coordination by combining Medicare, including Medicare Part D, and Medi-Cal under one plan with additional vision and transportation benefits.

Medi-Cal Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS): A mandatory program for anyone receiving only Medi-Cal, or anyone receiving both Medicare and Medi-Cal who decides not to join Cal MediConnect. Patients will need to choose a health plan for their Medi-Cal. This will not affect any Medicare covered services.

Enrollment Timeline

For most patients, their coverage date is their birth month. Enrollment begins in San Bernardino County in May 2014. Eligible patients will receive notices **90, 60, and 30 days** prior to their coverage date. These notices explain they will be automatically enrolled in a Cal MediConnect plan unless they choose another plan or to keep their Medicare as it is today. All notices will come in **blue envelopes** from the state.

Part D Disenrollment Notice

Once enrolled in a Cal MediConnect plan, patients will be **disenrolled from their current Part D plan** and covered by their Cal MediConnect plan for prescription drugs. Around the same time patients receive their 60 day notice, they will be notified that they will be disenrolled from their Part D plan on the **first day they are covered by Cal MediConnect**. This means patients should **not experience any gaps** in their Part D coverage.

Cal MediConnect Prescription Coverage

All Part D transition rules apply to Cal MediConnect plans. Cal MediConnect plans are required to cover one **30-day refill** of currently prescribed and Medicare approved prescriptions, even if they are not in the plan's formulary. For **questions about coverage** of a prescription drug, pharmacists should contact the Cal MediConnect plan's pharmacy benefit manager.

How to Check Cal MediConnect Eligibility

Patients will have Cal MediConnect cards from their Cal MediConnect plans. If patients don't have their card, your computer system will indicate which Cal MediConnect plan they have. If you have questions about Part D coverage during transitions or eligibility, call:

Medicare Low Income NET (LI-NET) contractor at 1-800-783-1307.

If you have questions about eligibility, call Medicare at **1-800-MEDICARE**.

How to Keep Your Current Part D Plan

If patients choose not to join Cal MediConnect before their coverage date, they will **remain in their Part D plan**. If patients choose to return to Original Medicare after having been in a Cal MediConnect plan, they can enroll in a Medicare or PDP plan **at the beginning of the following month**. They do not need to wait for open enrollment.

San Bernardino Cal MediConnect Health Plans



Molina Dual Options

1-855-665-4627

(TTY: 711)

www.molinahealthcare.com/duals



IEHP Dual Options

1 877-273-IEHP (4347)

(TTY: 1-800-718-4347)

www.iehp.org

For enrollment in a plan call:

Health Care Options

1-844-580-7272

For patients to make an appointment and get free, unbiased counseling call:

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)

909-256-8369