

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
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
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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

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