

Navigating Medi-Cal Transformation: Policy Impacts, Provider Strategies and Future Outlook Q&A

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1. Is Medi-Cal Transformation Technical Assistance through the Marketplace still available?

Yes, Technical Assistance (TA) is still available through the Marketplace for current and future ECM and CS providers. The TA Marketplace is set to run through 2026 and DHCS has not released any notices or information stating that the funding will be pulled back earlier.

2. What are the expected changes in ECM going forward?

Managed care organizations are adding quality care gap closure to ECM agreements and in some cases leveraging remaining Incentive Payment Program (IPP) dollars to incentivize ECM providers to support care gap closure. MCPs will continue to explore various payment models within the initiative including Fee for Service (FFS), Per Member Per Month (PMPM), and Value Based Payment (VBP) Incentives.

3. Can you share more about CICM? Are there any DHCS documents you can share?

Per DHCS' CalAIM Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNPs) Policy Guide - Contract Year 2026, the California Integrated Care Management (CICM) model refers to the California-specific requirements for integrated care coordination for specific vulnerable populations covered by D-SNPs as determined by the state. Per federal guidance, D-SNPs must provide robust care coordination to Members. CICM layers state-specific requirements on top of federal D-SNP requirements. CY 2026 CICM requirements replace the CY 2024 and CY 2025 "ECM-like care management" requirements for D-SNPs.

DHCS resources on the California Integrated Care Management (CICM) model can be found here by [CLICKING HERE](#)

4. Will the changes in policy impact the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as well?

Funding cuts have already led to staffing cuts within HUD which could impact affordable housing initiatives and the overall employment landscape for individuals working in this sector. While the full scope of these impacts remains uncertain due to the ongoing legal proceedings, we can reasonably expect some degree of disruption that may impact access to housing resources.

Source reference: <https://turnercenter.berkeley.edu/blog/implications-of-further-hud-staffing-cuts-on-the-housing-sector/>