

Tri Counties CalAIM PATH Collaborative

December 17, 2025



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yourself in the
chat!**

2026 Scheduling

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Meeting Calendar

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February 18

March 18

Week of April 13th (in-person)

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Week of September 14th (in-person)

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November 18

December 16

Today's Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
11:00am	Welcome and Introductions	BluePath Health
11:05-11:15am	Local CalAIM Success Stories	Santa Barbara County Public Health Oxnard Family Circle
11:15-11:25am	2026 Policy Overview	BluePath Health
11:25-11:40am	MCP Updates	CenCal Health Plan Gold Coast Health Plan Kaiser Permanente
11:40-12pm	2025 Year-In-Review and 2026 Aim Statement Activity	BluePath Health
12:00pm	Office Hours with the Facilitators	

2025 Collaborative Aim Statement

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Thank you for joining us in November!

We discussed Behavioral Health, including:

- Overview of Behavioral Health Reforms
- MCP and County Updates on Behavioral Health Planning in the Tri Counties
- Spotlight on Hamic/ReCampus
 - After serving an 18-year prison sentence, “Clifford” was successfully connected to the Department of Rehabilitation and received vision-aiding devices that he had never before had access to, he later enrolled in courses at a nearby Community College, and he secured his first independent home

CalAIM Success Story: Santa Barbara County Public Health

CalAIM Success Story: Oxnard Family Circle

Environmental Accessibility Adaptations (EAA)

CalAIM Community Supports – DHCS
Audit & Compliance Case Example



Introduction to Environmental Accessibility Adaptations

- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations (EAA) are a covered CalAIM Community Support
- Purpose: mitigate environmental barriers that place Medi-Cal members at risk of injury, institutionalization, or caregiver collapse
- This case demonstrates medical necessity, appropriate assessment, and compliant service delivery
- Intervention aligns with DHCS guidance for cost-effective, non-medical supports

Member Case Overview

- Adult male with paraplegia, paralyzed from the waist down
- Lives with 80-year-old mother serving as sole caregiver
- Home entrance inaccessible for electric wheelchair use
- Member dependent on caregiver for all entry and exit

Pre-Intervention Risk Assessment

- Makeshift ramp constructed from loose boards
- High fall risk for both member and caregiver
- Caregiver strain due to age and physical demands
- Environmental barrier identified as primary safety risk

**Before:
Non-Compliant,
Unsafe Access**



EAA Assessment & Medical Necessity

- In-home assessment conducted by care coordination staff
- Functional mobility limitations documented
- Caregiver capacity evaluated and found unsustainable
- EAA determined necessary to prevent injury and institutionalization

Care Planning & Authorized Intervention

- Care plan updated to include EAA Community Support
- Permanent concrete ramp designed to ADA slope standards
- Ramp supports independent electric wheelchair use
- Intervention reviewed for safety, durability, and compliance

**After:
ADA-Compliant
Concrete Ramp**



**After:
Independent,
Safe Egress**



Post-Intervention Outcomes

- Member independently enters and exits residence
- Electric wheelchair fully functional in community access
- Caregiver physical burden significantly reduced
- Risk of falls and emergency care substantially mitigated

Staff Training: When to Consider EAA

- Member is homebound due to environmental barriers
- Caregiver injury risk or advanced age
- Unsafe ramps, stairs, or bathroom access
- Barrier contributes to medical or long-term care risk

2026 Policy Overview

2026 Policy Overview: Key Focus Areas



CalAIM Program Structure & Sustainability

- CalAIM Waiver Renewal



Behavioral Health Reform

- BH-CONNECT and Transitional Rent
- BHSA



Eligibility & Enrollment

- Federal and state policy changes impacting Medi-Cal access for undocumented adults



Care Coordination & Integration

- Data Sharing (DxF)
- Duals Integration/ D-SNP

CalAIM programs will continue in 2026

- Enhanced Care Management
- Community Supports
- Justice-Involved Re-entry Initiative, including the launch of pre-release services
- And more!

CalAIM Waiver Renewal

- While the Medicaid waiver that created CalAIM expires at the end of 2026, California plans to apply for a renewal to enable CalAIM programs to continue.
- Waiver authority is not needed to continue ECM and 12 of the 14 Community Supports.

PATH Initiative Sunsets December 2026

- While California plans to continue many CalAIM programs, the CalAIM PATH Initiative will sunset December 31, 2026.
- This includes:
 - PATH Collaboratives
 - Technical Assistance Marketplace
 - CITED Funding

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Landscape of Behavioral Health Reforms

BH-CONNECT

BH-CONNECT* is a five-year Medicaid demonstration intended to expand access to community-based behavioral health care for Medi-Cal members. It aims to reduce reliance on inpatient and institutional care.

Medi-Cal

BHSA

The Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) is a component of Proposition 1, passed by CA voters in 2024. It reforms how BH funding is distributed to counties to prioritize individuals with the most significant mental health and SUD needs.

Statewide

**Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT)*

BH CONNECT & BHSA Key 2026 Dates

January 1, 2026

Transitional Rent Go-Live Date

- Medi-Cal Community Support covering short-term housing costs for members experiencing or at risk of homelessness during their transition to stable housing

July 1, 2026

BHSA Reforms Go-Live

- Counties operate under the new BHSA rules: funding allocations are recalibrated and new requirements kick in

June 30, 2026

County Integrated Plans Due

- Counties must submit integrated plans that align Medi-Cal, realignment, BHSA, and other behavioral health funding streams

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Medi-Cal Eligibility Changes for Undocumented Adults

- Starting **January 1, 2026**, adults who do not have Satisfactory Immigration Status (SIS) will no longer be able to enroll in full Medi-Cal. Regular, timely renewals are required to maintain coverage.
- Starting **July 1, 2026**, Medi-Cal dental benefits will no longer be available for adults who do not have Satisfactory Immigration Status (SIS).
- Starting **July 1, 2027**, adults who do not have Satisfactory Immigration Status (SIS) and remain in full coverage Medi-Cal will be required to pay a monthly \$30 premium to keep their coverage.

Timeline of Selected Changes to Medi-Cal Eligibility

January 1, 2026

- Adults without Satisfactory Immigration Status can no longer enroll in Medi-Cal.
- Adults who have already enrolled keep their coverage given timely renewal

October 1, 2026

- Some lawfully present immigrants lose Satisfactory Immigration Status for Medicaid under H.R. 1

July 1, 2027

- Adults without Satisfactory Immigration Status who are still enrolled in Medi-Cal are required to pay a \$30 monthly premium to keep their coverage

July 1, 2026

- Adults without Satisfactory Immigration Status are no longer eligible for Medi-Cal dental benefits

January 1, 2027

- Work requirements apply for some adults aged 19-64
- Eligibility redetermination required twice per year instead of once

Federal Policy Changes

Under H.R. 1 (The One Big Beautiful Bill Act), October 1, 2026, some lawfully present immigrants will lose Medicaid, CHIP, and Medicare coverage:

No longer eligible:

- Refugees, asylees, and people granted withholding of removal (based on fear of persecution)
- Trafficking survivors
- Survivors of domestic violence who have filed a self-petition under the Violence Against Women Act
- Persons granted humanitarian parole for a period of at least one year

Still eligible:

- Lawful Permanent Residents (after the five-year waiting period)
- Cuban/Haitian entrants
- Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants
- Lawfully residing children and pregnant individuals

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Care Coordination and Integration

Data Sharing

California's Data Exchange Framework (DxF) requires health care entities to electronically exchange patient information in real time to support coordinated care across settings.

January 31, 2026: DxF compliance deadline for small practices and physician groups; Government agencies and Community-Based Organizations who have signed on are required to begin exchanging data.

Duals Integration/D-SNP

Aims to coordinate Medicare and Medicaid benefits for the 1.3 million Californians eligible for both programs ("dual-eligibles"). Includes integrated ID cards, combined assessments, and unified member materials.

January 1, 2026: Medi-Medi Plan Expansion

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MCP Updates

CenCal Health Plan



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CalAIM 2025 Year in Review

Ariel Land, Community Supports Program
Manager
December 17, 2025



Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports

- 2025 marked a shift from rollout to standardized operations
- DHCS focused on clarifying policy, reducing variation, and strengthening accountability
- Much of this work was advanced through PATH collaboratives and statewide guidance



What Changed in 2025: Enhanced Care Management

- ECM reaffirmed as the primary care coordination model under CalAIM
- Statewide ECM referral standards finalized to reduce access barriers
- Presumptive authorization implemented January 1, 2025
- Providers permitted to initiate ECM prior to full authorization
- Greater transparency into active ECM authorizations to prevent duplication

What Changed in 2025: Community Supports Service Definition Updates

Volume 1 Updates



Community or Home Transition Services

Clarified service components, lifetime maximum application, and overlap with waivers



Medically Tailored Meals / Medically Supportive Food

Streamlined eligibility, clarified distinctions between MTM and MSF, strengthened MCP oversight



Sobering Centers

Clarified short-term scope and transition expectations



Asthma Remediation

Limited to environmental trigger remediation only

Volume 2 Updates



Housing Transition Navigation Services

Expanded to include finding and applying for housing, clarified duration



Housing Deposits

Removed first and last month's rent, added application fees, clarified one-time use per demonstration period



Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services

Clarified scope, sequencing, and non-overlap with Housing Navigation



Transitional Rent

Introduced as a new Community Support with defined eligibility and coordination requirements

Key Operational Guardrails

- Closed Loop Referrals
 - Ensures that referrals are tracked from initiation through a known outcome, with accountability for follow-up, status updates, and closure.
- Global Room and Board Cap
 - A rolling 182-day global cap limits the total amount of time a member may receive certain housing-related Community Supports within any 12-month period.



What Comes Next in 2026



Transitional Rent Policy Finalized

- Payment ceilings and administrative fees established



BHSA Alignment Launches July 1, 2026

- Coordination with BHSA housing interventions



Long-Term Sustainability with CalAIM

- Waiver renewal sustains services beyond 2026



Standardized Housing Referral Forms

- Under development by DHCS

Gold Coast Health Plan

Kaiser Permanente

2025 Year-In-Review

2025 Collaborative Aim and Drivers



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Workforce Development and Learning Opportunities

Strengthen the capacity of providers to sustainably deliver CalAIM services

Peer Support and Learning Opportunities

**Social Determinants of Health:
Promoting Health Equity**

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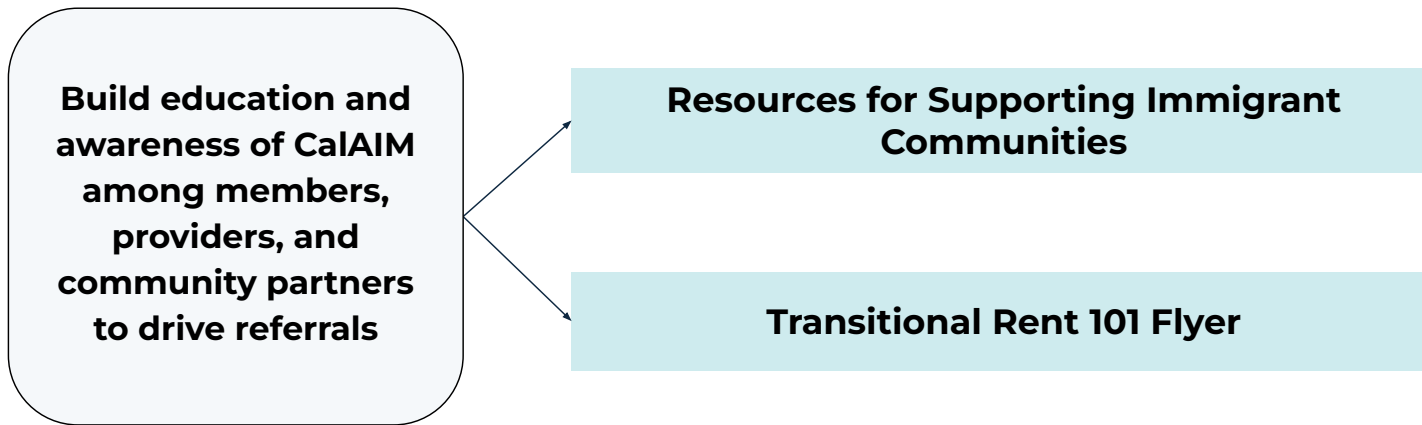
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Director, Paraprofessional & SUD Training and Innovation



Peer Learning



2025 Collaborative Aims and Drivers



RESOURCES

Tri Counties resources for supporting immigrant communities

- [Health Care Providers and Immigration Enforcement: Know Your Rights, Know Your Patients' Rights](#)
- [805 Immigrant Rapid Response Network Resources \(English and Spanish\) and Upcoming Trainings](#)
- [Migrant Family Safety Plan Toolkit \(English and Spanish\)](#)
- [DHCS CalAIM Immigration FAQ](#)
- [Immigration Guide \(available in multiple languages\)](#)
- [Family Preparedness Toolkit](#)
- [Immigrant and Refugee Children Guide](#)
- [Deportation Preparation Manual for Immigrant Families](#)
- [CenCal Policy Pulse](#)
- [CenCal H.R.1 Guidance](#)
- [Breaking Down the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" and Its Impact on Immigrant Californians](#)
- [Older Immigrants and Medicare](#)

Transitional Rent



What is Transitional Rent?

Transitional rent is a *Medi-Cal Community Support* that helps members experiencing or at risk of homelessness cover short-term housing costs while they transition to stable, long-term housing.

What does Transitional Rent offer?

- Up to **6 months of rental assistance** in interim or permanent settings
- Storage fees, amenity fees, and landlord-paid utilities (if part of rent payment)

2025 Collaborative Aims and Drivers

**Increase ECM &
Community
Supports referrals
and care
coordination
among providers**

**In-Person Peer
Networking**



- **17** collaborative meetings, including **4** in-person meetings
- **150** participating organizations
- Over **375** participating individuals
- Average meeting attendance of over **81** participants

2026 Collaborative Planning

2026 Collaborative Aim Statement Activity

2025 Aim: By December 2025, the Collaborative will strengthen local implementation of CalAIM by creating a sustainable network of providers.

As we reflect on the work we've accomplished to date, we want to take a moment to envision our goals as a Collaborative for 2026 and beyond.

**In 2026, I want the Collaborative to accomplish...
[fill in the blank].**

Reminder: Technical Assistance Marketplace (TAM)

<https://www.ca-path.com/ta-marketplace>

New Eligibility Criteria



Projects will be approved for **NEW TA Recipients only** (except for transitional rent support or as determined by DHCS)

There is a limit of **ONE project per TA Recipient**

TA projects may **not exceed \$150k** and must be **within 12 months**

TA Recipients not yet contracted with an MCP for ECM and/or Community Supports will be **required to provide a rationale** for how their proposed TA project will support their contracting efforts

Impact on Tri Counties Providers



Providers are encouraged to **apply for funding at earliest convenience** as approval is not guaranteed

It is not necessary to be a contracted provider, however a **letter of attestation** and intent to contract will be required

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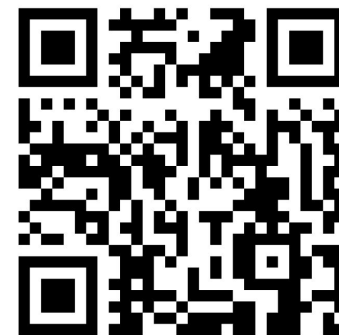
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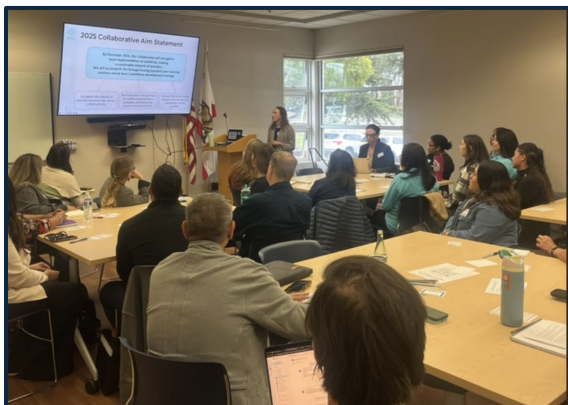
We would to love to spotlight your organization in 2026!

**If you are a contracted ECM or
Community Supports provider,**
we invite you to provide an
organizational overview and 1-2
anonymized client success
stories based on the services you
provide under CalAIM.

**Fill out a brief
form here:**



Thank you all for your participation in the Tri Counties CalAIM PATH Collaborative this year!



Thank you for joining and see you next year!

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