

Tri Counties CalAIM PATH Collaborative

September 23, 2026

We'll get started in a few moments.



San Luis Obispo & Santa Barbara September 23 Meeting Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Presenter
10-10:15am	Welcome and Introductions	
10:15-10:45am	Provider Spotlights & Local CalAIM Success Stories	Community Well CA, Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley, and San Luis Obispo Public Health
10:45-10:50am	Updated ECM Policy Guide High-Level Overview	
10:50-11:10am	Updates from CenCal Health Plan	
11:10-11:15am	DHCS Resources to Support Medi-Cal members	
11:15-12pm	Provider Networking	

Housekeeping & Announcements

WiFi Network: Santa Maria Inn
Passcode: 1917
Bathroom code: 8011

Community Agreements

Acknowledge different perspectives and expertise.

Assume positive intent, acknowledge impact, and clarify to avoid assumptions.

We all have a role in the solution.

2026 Collaborative Aim Statement and Drivers

By December 2026, the Collaborative will develop a foundation for ongoing collaboration to support continuity beyond the PATH program.

**Transform
networking into
formal and informal
partnerships
through in-person
meetings**

**Prepare for
implementation
changes through
regular policy
updates and
summaries**

**Strengthen
capacity through
trainings and
co-development of
tools and
resources**



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Local CalAIM Successes: Community Well CA

Jennifer Porter, Executive Director and Cynthia Gasca, Lead Case Manager





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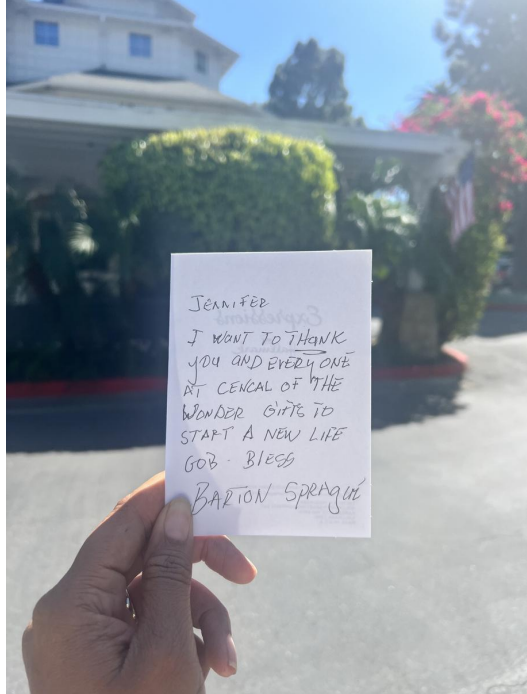
Barton's Story

Teaches Us...

Relationships are an intervention
Building trust through coordination.

Providing Community Health Worker Services
helps by breaking the process into manageable
steps instead of referral pointing we guide.







The Gordons



The Gordon's Story

Teaches us...



that follow through with Tenancy & Sustaining Services is necessary because success cannot be measured by only the move-in day.

Providing Community Health Worker Services addresses the social needs that eventually could have treated his housing

The deposit opened the door, but continued CHW support helped the family remain safely behind that door.

Street Medicine With Dignity Health Street Medicine Team



The need

Build Trust: CHWs show up consistently, listen without judgment, respect individual choices, and develop relationships over time.

The support

Provide Needed Resources: CHWs connect individuals with food, clothing, hygiene supplies, transportation, benefits, housing, and other community resources.

The outcome

Create a Bridge to Care: Trusted CHW relationships help individuals feel more comfortable receiving care from Dignity Health's Street Medicine Team and connecting with ongoing services.



Continued Learning Opportunities





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Local CalAIM Successes: Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley

Edwin Weaver, Executive Director





FIGHTING BACK SANTA MARIA VALLEY

Cen-Cal and FBSMV Collaborations

A guide for community partners: what we do, who we .

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Who we are

Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley is a community nonprofit working to build resilience among young people and families — reducing substance use and violence, and promoting a healthy, safe environment across the Community.

- Nearly 25 years coordinating youth support services in Santa Maria
- Named Nonprofit of the Year by the Santa Maria Valley Chamber
- Services offered in English and Spanish, at no cost



“Fighting for our future, one kid at a time.”

Programs & Impact at a Glance

SMBSD Programs

- Truancy Prevention
- Students In Transition
- Conflict Mediation

Served: 2,721

Juvenile Hall

- Involved Mentoring
- Reentry
- Conflict Mediation
- RJ Program

Served: 263

SMJUHSD Programs

- Foster Services
- Conflict Mediation
- Homeless Services

Served: 1,463

Youth & Young Adult Services

- Permanent Housing
- Navigation Center
- Street Outreach
- Rapid Rehousing
- Hope Village

Served: 371

Prevention Programs

- Coalition
- Cannabis Educators

Served: 349

Conflict Solution Center

- Mediation

Served: 461

Young Adult Homeless Services

Our core program helps unhoused and unstably housed people ages 18-24 find and keep permanent housing.

Street outreach

Staff go where young people are — riverbeds, parks, couches — to find and connect with them.

Housing navigation

One-on-one help mapping options, applications, documents, and next steps toward a lease.

Rapid rehousing

Short-term rental and move-in assistance to end homelessness quickly.

Supportive housing

Longer-term housing paired with services for youth who need sustained support.

Case management

A consistent staff member who follows the young person through the whole journey.

Essential services

Meals, hygiene, transportation, IDs, benefits enrollment, and referrals.

The need in our Valley

22%

increase in people ages
18-24 experiencing
homelessness in Santa
Barbara County

Undercounted

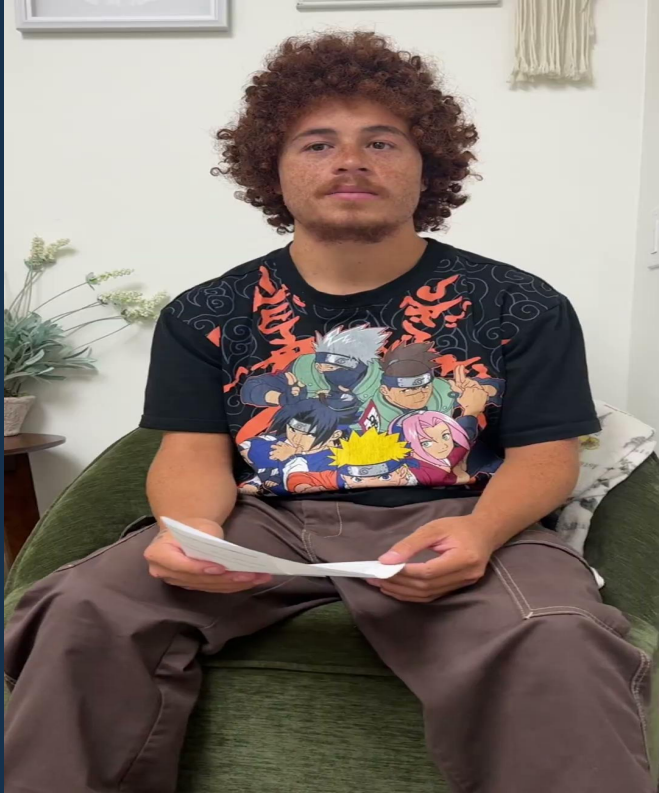
young people often sleep on
couches or in hidden spots,
so annual point-in-time
counts miss them

Hard to House

lack of credit, lack of financial
and work history, little
experience adulting

Young adults aging out of foster care, leaving unstable homes, or arriving without a support network fall through the gaps of adult homeless services. They need a door built for them.

Hear From One of Our Clients



“They helped me with a **housing program**, especially when I was young and **didn’t have a lot going for me**. It was hard.”

“It gave me a **big boost**. I went from being a young kid who didn’t know what he was doing to a **young man who knows what he wants**.”

“Fighting Back is like a **big ol’ family**. There’s **no judgment**.”

The Navigation Center

Opened August 2026 at 526 E. Chapel Street, the Center is a bigger, dedicated home for transitional-age youth — with visible signage from Main Street.

- Walk in, talk with a staff member, name your goals
- Full kitchen, laundry, and a safe place to land
- Housing guidance, job support, meals, counseling
- Mon-Fri 8:00-5:30 · Sat 9:00-1:00

“This isn't a destination. This is a place they come to get the tools to find out where they're headed next.”



In the news



Our impact



225+ young people served last year

75 youth successfully housed

80 secured temporary housing destinations

What the path looks like

01

Connect

Outreach finds them, or they walk into the Navigation Center.

02

Assess

Staff talk through needs, goals, and immediate safety.

03

Stabilize

Temporary destination, meals, hygiene, documents, benefits.

04

House

Rapid rehousing or supportive housing placement.

05

Sustain

Case management, education, employment, and counseling continue.

THERE IS NO FIXED TIMELINE — YOUNG PEOPLE MOVE AT THE PACE THEIR SITUATION ALLOWS

Housing Options for FBSMV Young Adults

Rapid Rehousing

- **Temporary Financial Assistance:** Provides short- to medium-term rental subsidies and move-in cost assistance (such as security deposits and first month's rent), usually lasting anywhere from several months up to 24 months.
- **Case Management:** Pairs youth with case managers or specialists who help with life skills training, apartment searches, landlord mediation, employment goals, and connections to community resources.
- **Housing-First Approach:** Helps participants secure market-rate or scattered-site rental housing immediately without preconditions like sobriety or employment verification.

Housing Options for FBSMV Young Adults

Hope Village



- 10 Single Room Units
- Case manager on site
- Meals Provided
- Day Hab activities
- One Year Stay

Housing Options for FBSMV Young Adults

Hope Village



Housing Options for FBSMV Young Adults

Resilient Place



- Five Bed House
- Transitional Housing
- Congregate (shared housing)
- Co-ed
- Two Years
- Staggered Rent

Housing Options for FBSMV Young Adults

Scattered Supportive Housing



- Fifteen Youth
- Must meet Criteria for Supportive Housing
- Families or Singles
- Parents
- Case management

Related programs partners can tap

Students in Transition

Support for students experiencing homelessness in the Santa Maria-Bonita School District.

Foster youth services

Educationally supportive services for foster youth and homeless families across school sites.

Restorative services

Work with justice-involved youth in Juvenile Hall and on their return to the community.

Conflict mediation

Restorative mediation for junior high and high school students across both districts.

How to refer a young person

Who qualifies

Ages 18-24, experiencing or at risk of homelessness, anywhere in Santa Barbara County. No fee.

How to start

Submit the Street Outreach Referral Form at fbsmv.com, email streetoutreach@fbsmv.com, or call for intake.

What to send

Name, age, contact method, current location, and any urgent safety or health concerns.

What happens next

Outreach staff make contact, complete an assessment, and begin housing navigation.

Ways to partner with us

Refer and follow up

Send youth our way and stay in the loop on their progress.

Host or co-locate

Bring your service to the Navigation Center for a regular day or hour.

Open a door

Landlords, employers, and training programs create the placements that end homelessness.

Give or convene

Fund essentials and move-in costs, or bring your network to the table.

TELL US HOW YOU'D LIKE TO PARTNER — WE'LL BUILD THE REFERRAL PATH AROUND IT

Our Team



Tara Dove Morales: Manager
Lonzo Perez, Street Outreach
Brenda Herrera, Street Outreach
Ana Navarro: NC Coordinator
Melissa Salinas Hope Village Case Manager
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John Schniebs, Case Manager

Let's get them home

Main office

201 S. Miller Street, Suite 209, Santa Maria, CA 93454
P: (805) 346-1774 | W: fbsmv.com

Navigation Center

526 E. Chapel Street, Santa Maria, CA 93454
Mon.-Fri. 8:00AM - 5:30PM | Sat. 9:00AM - 1:00PM

Referrals

streetoutreach@fbsmv.com · Street Outreach Referral Form at fbsmv.com

South County Office

1528 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
Mon.-Fri. 9:00AM - 5:00PM | By Appointment

"They were just a family when my family wasn't there." — Nathaniel, FBSMV client

FIGHTING FOR OUR FUTURE, ONE KID AT A TIME.

Local CalAIM Successes: San Luis Obispo Public Health

Kayla Marcinkewicz, Lead Care Manager and Public Health Nurse



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Public Health Departments CalAIM Programs

Enhanced Care Management

- Individuals Experiencing Homelessness
- Individuals at Risk for Avoidable Hospital or Emergency Department (ED) Utilization
- Individuals Transitioning from Incarceration
- Children and Youth Enrolled in California Children's Services (CCS)

Community Supports: HTNS



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Our Team



**Community Health
Care Worker**



Nurse (LCM)



**Social Worker
(LCM)**



**Behavioral Health
Specialist (LCM)**



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Alyssa's Story



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Joe's Story



Picked him up
from the facility



Attended medical
appointments



Supported him
in getting an
ID and benefits
(CalFresh)



Helped with
transportation

*“ Without her (LCM) in my corner,
I would be back behind bars. ”*

*“ On my first day out
I was completely overwhelmed. ”*



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Thank you

Contact for Referrals:

Email:

ph.ecm@co.slo.ca.us

Phone:

(805) 781-4687

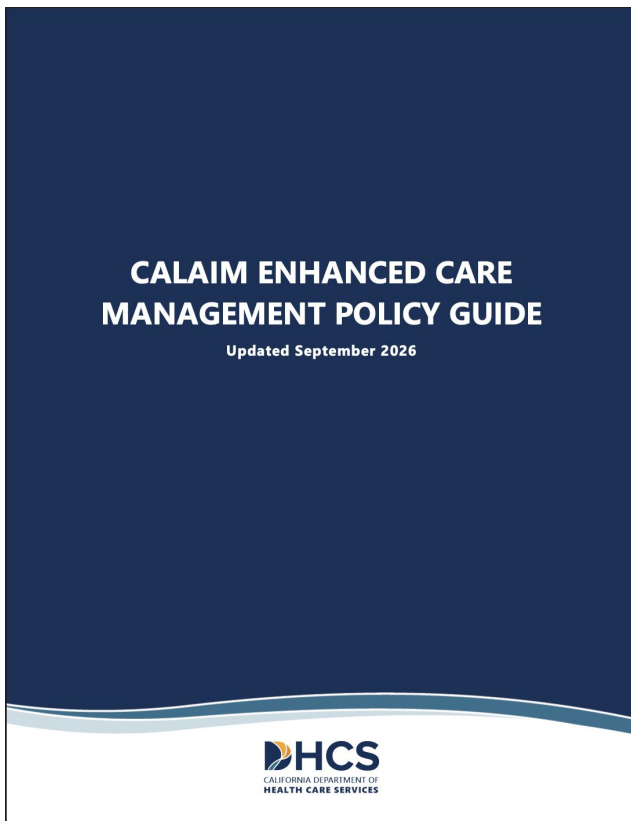


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Updated DHCS ECM Policy Guide

On September 16, DHCS released an [updated ECM Policy Guide](#).



Key Updates

- DHCS is tightening **credentialing requirements for providers** and emphasizing MCP oversight
- MCPs retain **full utilization management authority** over ECM services
- ECM providers should deliver **three or more encounters** per member per month
- DHCS has completely **phased out the QIMR** excel reporting process for the **new JSON** reporting process

Important Takeaways for Providers

- **Credentialing:** If you cannot enroll through a state-level pathway, MCPs will be implementing their own credentialing pathways.
- **Utilization Management:** MCPs will be setting concrete utilization management criteria for authorization timelines, how long services can be administered, and how often reassessments will happen.
- **Minimum Encounter Volume & Payment:** Providers should average at least 3 encounters per month. MCP payments are expected to scale with the intensity of care provided. Payment guidance is forthcoming from DHCS in an ECM Payment Resource.

These changes will likely require providers to update their ECM workflows, particularly around encounter documentation, care plan development, and billing timelines.

CenCal Health Plan



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CenCal Health/CalAIM Updates

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September 2026

ECM and CS General Updates

Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Drop-In Meetings

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To support ongoing collaboration and communication, CenCal Health has launched dedicated **Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Drop-In Meetings**. Separate from Community Supports (CS) forums, these meetings provide a consistent ECM-focused space for providers to receive updates, discuss operational and policy changes, learn from peers, and engage directly with CenCal Health staff.

Meeting Cadence

- **Monthly:** 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 AM
- **Next Meeting:** October 20, 2026, at 10:00 AM

How to Register

- **ECM Monthly Drop-In Registration:**
<https://cencalhealth-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/OIWYTo5WQnS0kXYUaggnMQ#/registration>
- **CenCal Health Provider Trainings & Resources:**
<https://www.cencalhealth.org/providers/provider-training-resources/>

Upcoming Topics

- POF 6
- Reassignments and Authorizations
- New ECM Policy Guide Operations

Short Term Post Hospitalization Housing Sunsetting

As part of statewide Community Supports updates, **DHCS is retiring Short-Term Post-Hospitalization Housing (STPHH) as a standalone benefit effective January 1, 2027.** CenCal Health is committed to working closely with providers and members to ensure a smooth transition and continued access to appropriate housing, recovery, and care coordination services.

Key Transition Dates

- **July 1, 2026:** New STPHH authorizations must end no later than December 31, 2026.
- **December 1, 2026:** New STPHH referrals and authorization requests will no longer be accepted.
- **January 1, 2027:** STPHH will sunset statewide and will no longer be available as a Medi-Cal Community Support.

Supporting Member Transitions

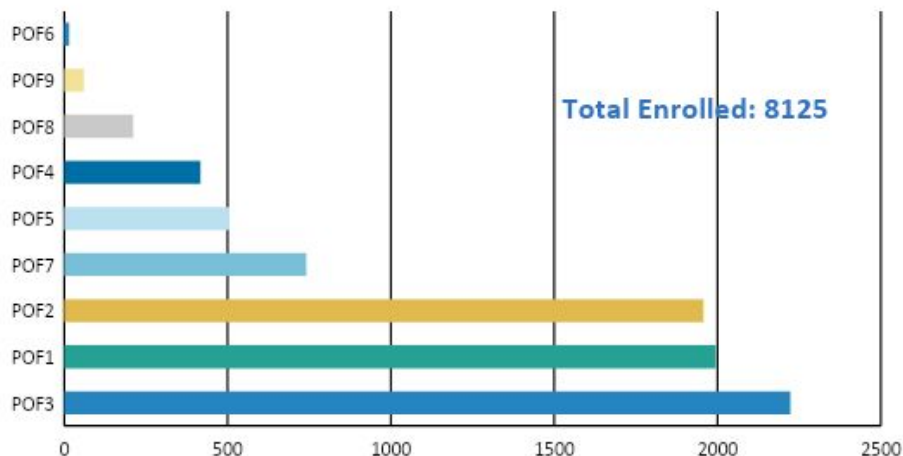
- Members may continue services through their approved authorization period, up to December 31, 2026.
- CenCal Health will partner with STPHH providers to support continuity of care and identify appropriate alternative services such as:
 - Recuperative Care
 - Housing Transition Navigation Services
 - Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services
 - Enhanced Care Management (ECM)
 - Home Health Services
 - Other Community Supports and medically necessary services, as appropriate

Enhanced Care Management

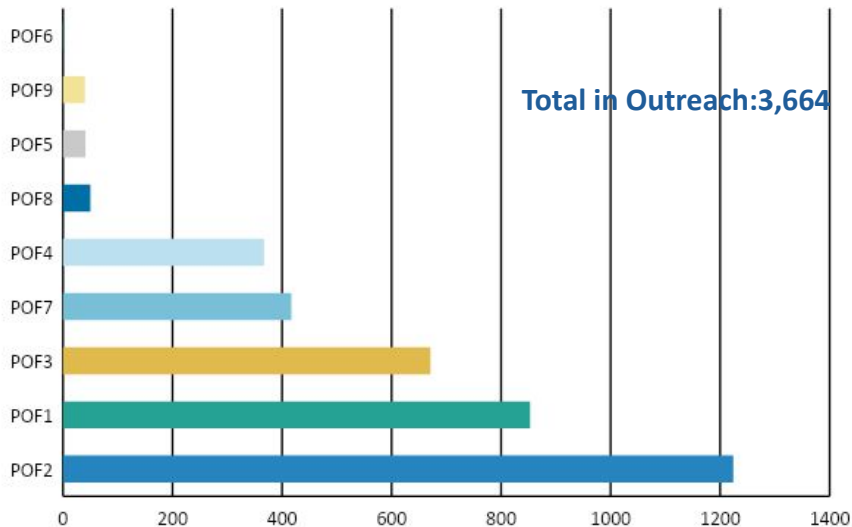
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Enhanced Care Management Program Data

Members Enrolled by Primary POF



Members in Outreach by Primary POF



Enhanced Care Management | Program Conversion

Conversion rate by Population of Focus (POF)

April 15, 2026 snapshot • Enrolled ÷ Assigned • Rates reflect different population sizes

31.1% Overall conversion

11,396 Members enrolled

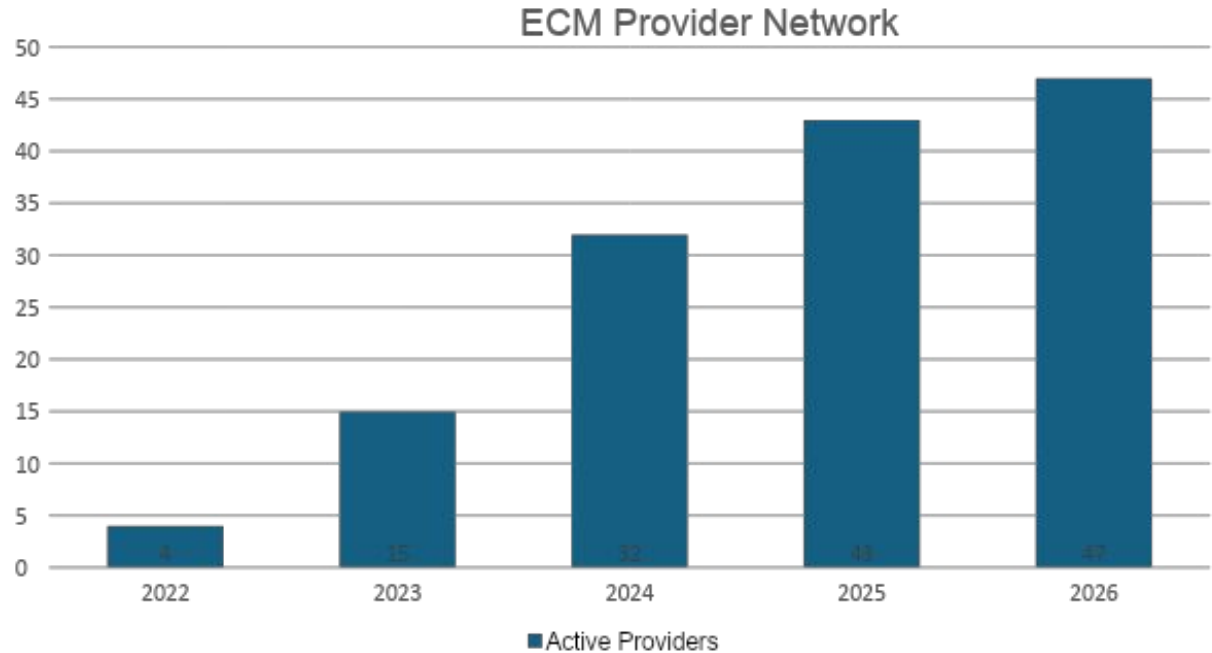
36,587 Members assigned

POPULATION OF FOCUS	CONVERSION RATE	ENROLLED	ASSIGNED
POF 5 · At Risk LTC	79.9%	417	522
POF 6 · SNF to Community	47.4%	45	95
POF 3 · SMI/SUD	38.8%	3,350	8,641
POF 9 · I/DD (12/31/2024)	34.2%	67	196
POF 1 · Homeless	33.9%	3,159	9,331
POF 4 · Justice Involved	33.0%	488	1,478
POF 7 · CCS	25.4%	643	2,534
POF 2 · High Utilization	24.4%	2,880	11,814
POF 8 · Foster Care	17.7%	346	1,954
POF 9 · Birth Equity-1-1/2025	4.5%	1	22

Opportunity: Increase Engagement in CCS and Foster Care Populations While Expanding POF6 (SNF to Community) Referrals

ECM Network Growth Since CalAIM Launch

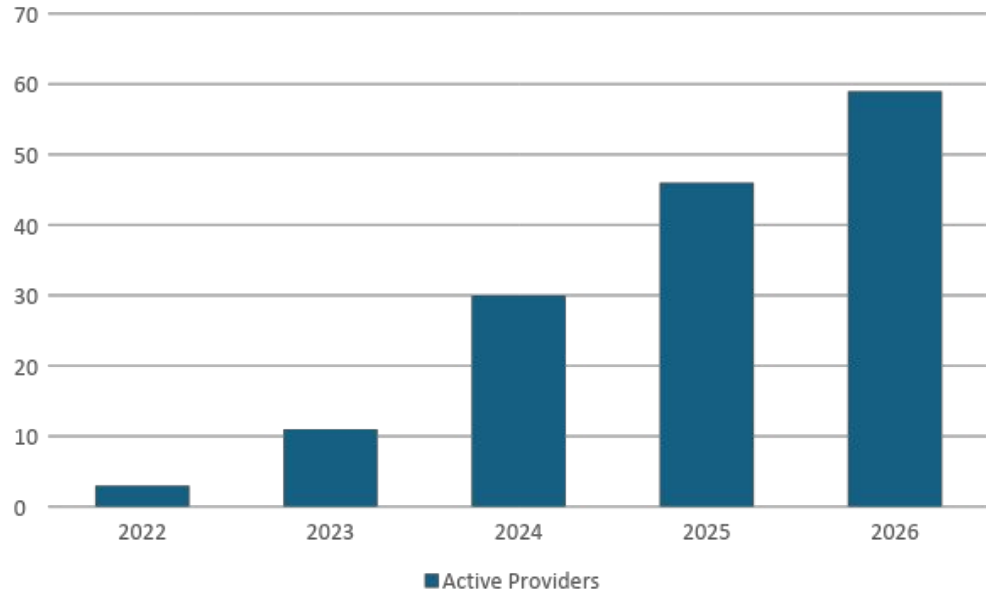
- +1,075% Provider Growth (2022-2026 YTD)



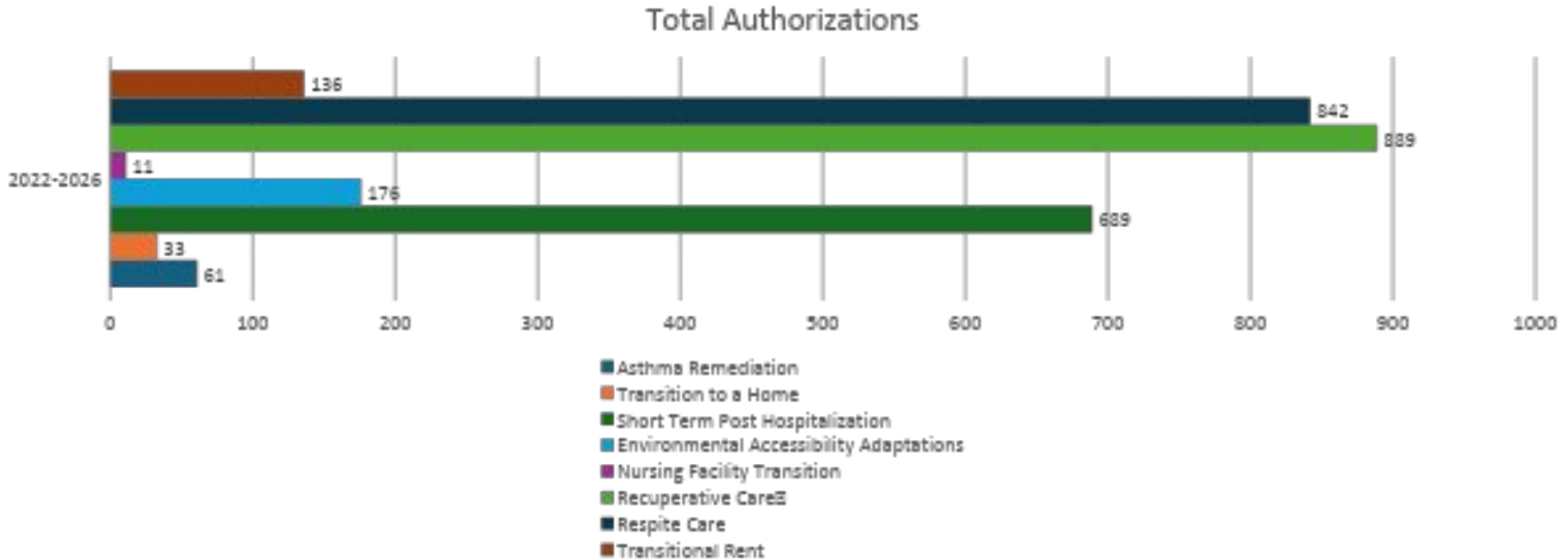
Community Supports

Building Community Supports

- 1,867% growth in participating providers
- 64 providers have participated since launch
- 59 providers actively serving members in 2026

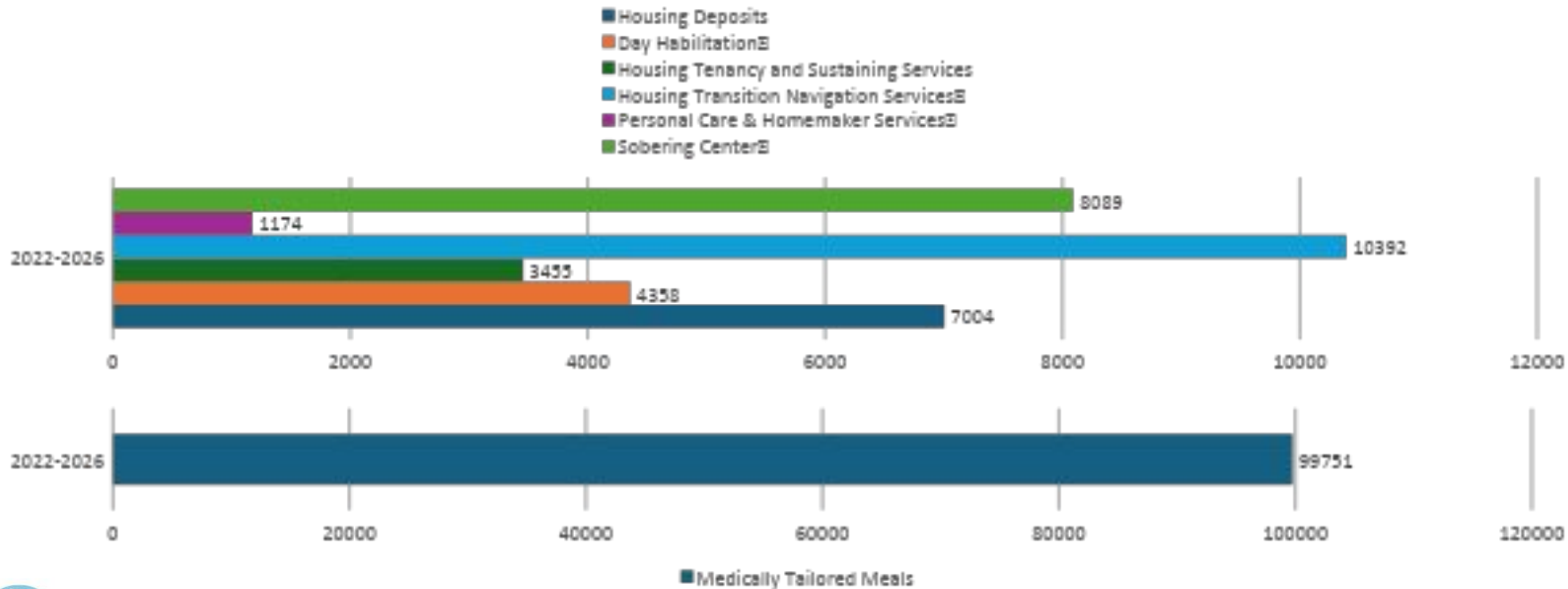


Meeting Member Needs Through Community Supports

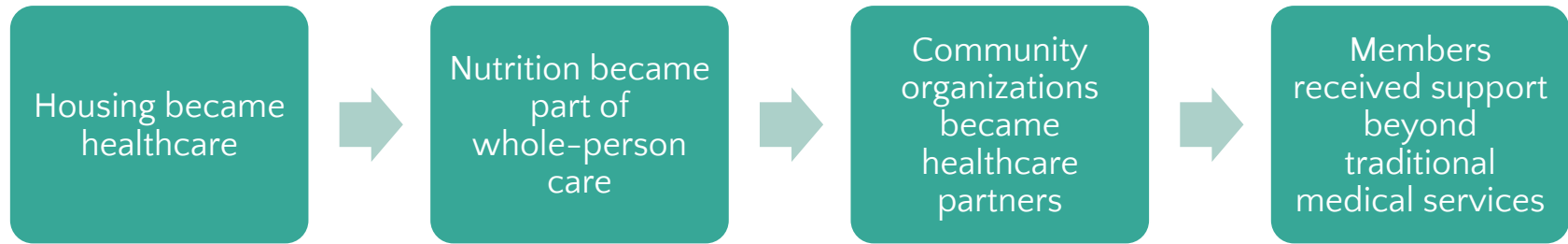


Meeting Member Needs Through Community Supports

Total Authorizations



The Legacy of CalAIM Community Supports



137,069 Authorizations | 59 Active Providers | Thousands of Members Served

DHCS Resources to Support Medi-Cal Members

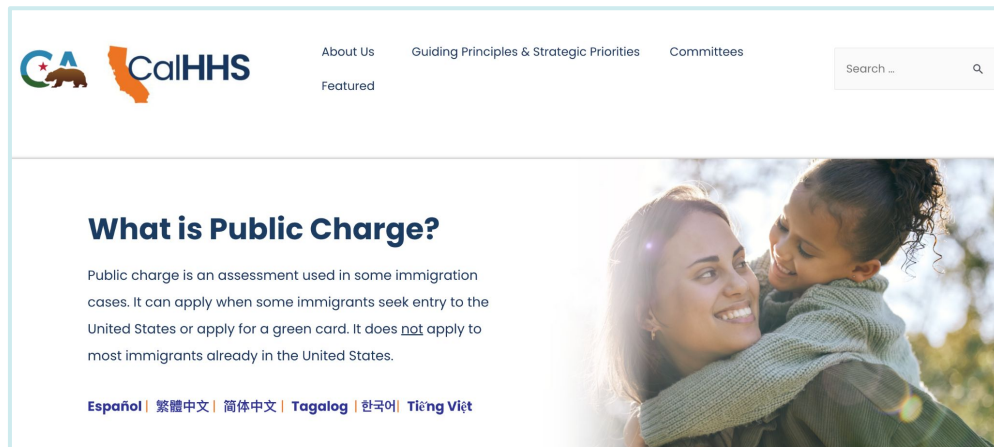
Federal Public Charge Rule Takes Effect

On **September 18**, the federal government's [Public Charge Rule](#) took effect. Public Charge is a federal test of whether a noncitizen is likely to become **primarily dependent on government support**. It can apply when some immigrants seek entry into the U.S. or apply for a visa or green card.

CalHHS has released a dedicated [resource page](#)

to help explain the rule and how it may affect individuals and families.

Further guidance is expected as new information is released.



DHCS Released New Online Resources

On September 1, DHCS released new online resources to support Medi-Cal members, providers, and community partners as we prepare for the **January 1, 2027, transition of Medi-Cal members with unsatisfactory immigration status (UIS) from managed care to fee-for-service (FFS)**.

The resources include:

- [Member-Focused Webpage](#): Clear, plain-language information for affected members, including what is changing, what stays the same, and steps they may need to take.
- [Stakeholder Page](#): An overview of the transition to Medi-Cal FFS, links to the Medi-Cal Changes Toolkit, member resources, and operational materials that will be updated throughout the transition.
- [Find Doctors and Services Tool](#): Initial usability improvements to help members find Medi-Cal FFS providers, with more enhancements to come.

Medi-Cal Changes Toolkit

Medi-Cal Changes Toolkit:

Three new toolkit items to support partner outreach, with more resources to be added – please bookmark and check back regularly:

- [General Fact Sheet](#)
- [Member FAQ](#)
- [Provider FAQ](#)

[Home](#) > [Coverage Ambassadors](#) > Medi-Cal Changes Toolkit

Medi-Cal Changes Toolkit

This toolkit is your central source for information and resources about new and upcoming changes to Medi-Cal. Additional resources will be added as they become available. Our goal is to help Medi-Cal members stay informed and supported through every step of these changes.

Please check back regularly for new resources and guidance. For detailed information, visit the [What Members Need to Know page](#).

Medi-Cal Change	Name	Language	Asset Types	Actions
All	Asset Limit	English	Guidance	Download
Tool Type	Asset Limit Carousel Post	English	Social Media	Download
Language	Asset Limit FAQ	Arabic	FAQ	View
All	Asset Limit FAQ	Armenian (Eastern)	FAQ	View

We invite you to review the handouts at our *Policy Changes* table!

Upcoming Webinars

On **September 24, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. PDT**, DHCS will host a Coverage Ambassador train-the-trainer [webinar](#) to provide an overview of Medi-Cal six-month renewals and key information to help members keep their coverage as H.R. 1 changes continue to roll out.



On September 30, from 10 to 11 a.m. PDT, DHCS will host a [webinar](#) to provide an overview of the transition of Medi-Cal members with unsatisfactory immigration status from managed care to fee-for-service (FFS), effective January 1, 2027. This public webinar is designed to help providers and advocates deliver clear, consistent, plain-language guidance to members during this transition.

DHCS requests your feedback

As the PATH initiative sunsets at the end of the year, PATH Collaborative participants statewide have an opportunity to share their feedback on:

- The impact of participation in the collaborative
- The value of partnerships across organizations
- The sustainability of our progress

We will hand out paper copies
and pause for 2 minutes to
complete it.



Provider Networking

Peer Networking Opportunity

- **Three** structured table topics available for peer discussion, or
- Use this time to network freely with fellow participants
- The floor is yours — connect in whatever way is most useful to you!

Policy Changes

Outreach and Engagement

De-Escalation Strategies

**Thank you for joining and
see you next month for our
October 21 meeting!**

Questions? Please email pathinfo@bluepathhealth.com.