Tri Counties CalAIM PATH Collaborative

November 18, 2026

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Meeting Calendar
January 21
February 18
March 18
Week of April 13th (in-person)
May 20
June 17
July 15
August 19
Week of September 14th (in-person)
October 21
November 18
December 16

Meeting slides will be shared with participants and posted to our resource center

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**

Thank you for joining us in October!

Meeting Materials

Meeting Slides

Meeting Recording

Primary Care Development Corporation CalAIM Outreach and Panel Tracker Template

Attendees learned about practical panel management resources in a training from the Primary Care Development Corporation (PCDC). Thank you to **Ventura County Behavioral Health** for sharing behavioral health updates, and to **CenCal Health Plan** for providing Fee-for-Service (FFS) transition updates for Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo providers!

Today's Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
10:00–10:05 am	**Welcome and Orientation**
10:05–10:40 am	**Justice-Involved (JI) Initiative and Housing Services** • *Esteem Health & Good Samaritan* • *Interface Children and Family Services* • *Many Mansions*
10:40–10:55 am	**MCP Updates**
10:55–11 am	**Announcements & Closing**

CMS Announces Optional Hold Harmless Period for Implementing Medicaid Work Requirements

On November 13, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' announced an optional "hold harmless" period of six months from federal Medicaid requirements, which applies to certain adults ages 19 to 64, generally the Medicaid adult expansion group.

The option will allow states to not disenroll members or deny coverage to new applicants due to non-compliance with federal Medicaid work requirements **through June 30, 2027.**

DHCS is currently reviewing the federal guidance. California previously requested a six-month good faith effort exemption to complete critical systems updates, testing, and operational changes needed to implement the new federal requirements accurately and consistently. **This request for a six-month extension remains valid and pending with CMS.**

CMS Announces a Hold Harmless Period to Strengthen Medicaid Work Requirement Systems and Improve Beneficiary Experience - Nov. 13, 2026
State Medicaid Director Letter SMD# 26-006, Nov. 13, 2026

Supporting the JI Population with Housing Services

Available Housing Supports: **Housing Trio (Transition Navigation, Deposits, Tenancy and Sustaining Services) and Transitional Rent**

In Custody

Booking & Screening

- Adults and youth are screened for eligibility for Medi-Cal and pre-release services

Up to 90 days pre-release

Pre-Release Services

- Pre-release care managers are assigned
- Health risk assessments are completed and reentry care plans are developed; housing needs are assessed

Near to or at Release

Warm Handoff

- Pre-release care managers continue as Lead Care Manager or handoff to a post-release ECM Lead Care Manager
- ECM LCM begins working with member

Post-Release

ECM & Housing Community Supports

- Managed Care Plan enrollment activated
- ECM provider starts CS authorization process and refers to housing supports

Sources: DHCS JI Policy & Operational Guide; DHCS Community Supports Policy Guide, Vol. II

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Justice-Involved (JI) Initiative and Housing Services

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good samaritan

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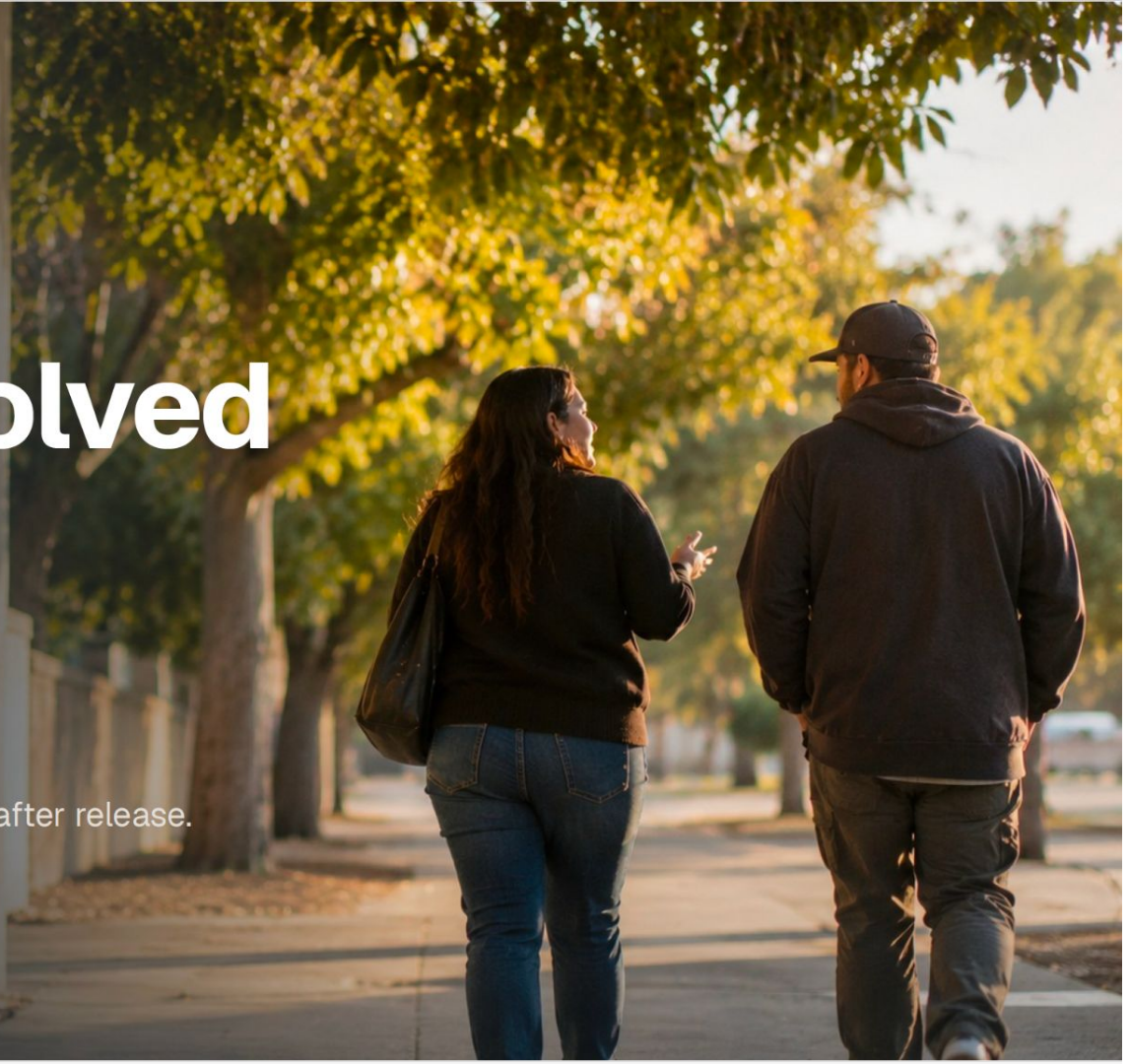
JUSTICE-INVOLVED | CALAIM

Justice-Involved Care

at Esteem Health

How we support people before, during, and after release.

Prepared for our community partners · November 2026



WHOLE-PERSON CARE

Care for the whole person

Through CalAIM, Esteem Health connects people to the care and support they need, before and after release.



Health

Primary care, dental care, mental health, substance use treatment, and medications.



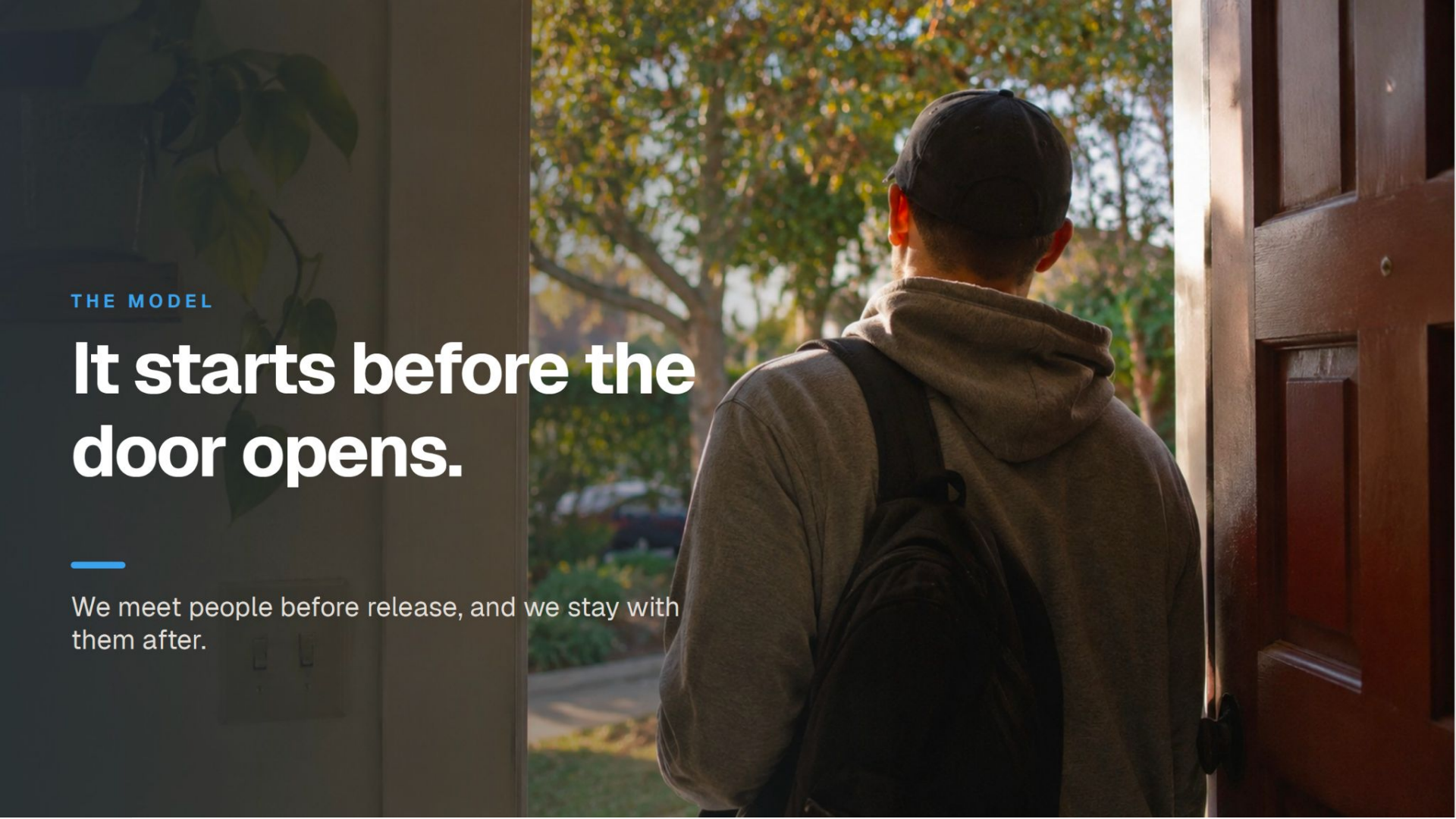
Documents and access

ID, benefits, Medi-Cal, and a working phone.



Daily life

Housing, transportation, and getting to appointments.



THE MODEL

It starts before the door opens.

We meet people before release, and we stay with them after.

THE MODEL

Custody, community, continuity

1 CUSTODY

We meet the member before release.

- Warm handoff with the care team
- Listening to their goals and wishes
- A reentry care plan and family contacts

2 COMMUNITY

We line up care, appointments, and support.

- Pickup and probation check-in
- ID, benefits, and a phone
- Clothing and essentials

3 CONTINUITY

ECM carries it forward after release.

- Ongoing care coordination
- Follow-through on every referral
- Updates shared both ways

HOUSING

Housing, from release to stability

BEFORE RELEASE

We confirm supervision and funding.

- Contact with the probation or parole officer
- Supervision paperwork status
- Housing funding confirmed early

PLACEMENT

We match the member to a safe bed.

- Sober living referrals when funded
- Options for unfunded members
- Stabilization beds for urgent needs

STABILITY

We build toward permanent housing.

- Every available housing waitlist
- Resume support and job leads
- GA and SSDI, with us alongside

Preview

WHO WE CALL

The right bed for each situation

San Luis Obispo County

With funding

We confirm sober living funding with County Drug and Alcohol Services, then refer to partners such as Waves of Hope, Gryphon House, and Restorative Partners.

When there is no funding

Freedom House in Templeton works with unfunded members and lets residents work toward their rent at first while they get settled.

Santa Barbara County

Safe housing, fast

Good Samaritan refers members to safe housing and, in urgent cases, offers a stabilization bed while we secure a longer-term placement with local providers.

Beyond the first bed

We help members apply to every housing waitlist and build income through job support or General Assistance and SSDI applications, going with them to appointments and paperwork.

HOW WE WORK

Designed around real life

We start where the person is

The first barrier might be complex paperwork, an overwhelming number of steps, or the practical side of getting settled. We plan for whichever it is.

We plan for the details programs overlook

One size does not fit everyone. We think through the practical, human steps that are easy to miss, so nothing falls between the plan and the person.

Tools built on expertise

Our guides and questionnaires were developed with psychology and communication experts, so staff know what to ask and how to respond.

Staff equipped to focus on people

Ongoing training, plus purpose-built documentation and technology, keeps the administrative work out of the way. Staff can focus on the member, listening, and planning how to support them and the community better.

ABOVE AND BEYOND

We go the extra mile



Time

A first meeting can mean hours at social services. We plan the time and go with them.



Care

We dedicate people and time to see it through, including needs that are less obvious or more sensitive.



Consistency

We stay engaged before, during, and after release.

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Esteem’s care case management is absolutely top-tier.

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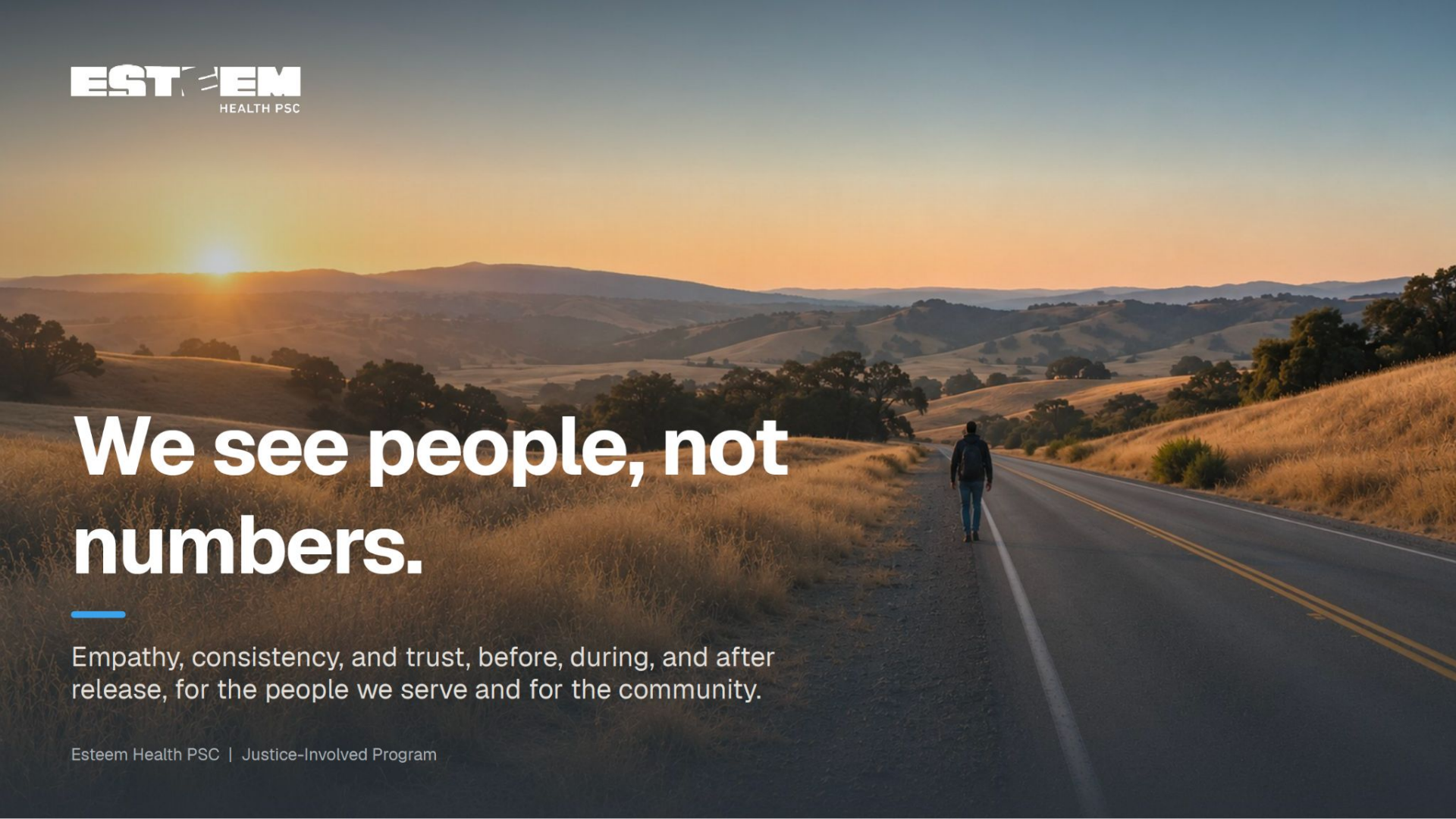
Romaine (Maine) Castro, Ph.D., SUDCC
San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Office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HEALTH PSC
We see people, not numbers.
Empathy, consistency, and trust, before, during, and after release, for the people we serve and for the community.
Esteem Health PSC | Justice-Involved Program



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Interface Pre-Release ECM Program Updates

Presented by Community Wellness & Coordinated Care Team

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Pre-Release Services: Implementation Progress & Successes

- **142 pre-release ECM referrals** received between January and November 2026, including referrals from state prisons and Ventura County jails
- **County Jail Expansion:** Began providing pre-release ECM services in Ventura County jails in October 2026
- **Ongoing Coordination:** Participating in regular meetings with GCHP to identify implementation challenges, troubleshoot issues, and improve service coordination; JI workgroup also in place with support of BluePath

Source: DHCS ECM Policy Guide (August 2024)

Implementation Challenges & Considerations

- **Release Timelines:** Navigating shortened timelines between referral and release, sometimes as little as 1–2 days
- **Housing Resources:** Limited housing options for members transitioning from incarceration into homelessness.
- **Billing & Reimbursement**: Continued challenges navigating Medi-Cal pre-release claims and reimbursement processes

Source: DHCS ECM Policy Guide (August 2024)

Moving Forward: Continued Collaboration & Coordination

- Continue collaboration and coordination with correctional facilities, managed care plan, and community providers
- Identify opportunities to improve pre-release planning and transitions into community-based services
- Continue exploring housing resources and partnerships to support members upon release
- Work collaboratively to address implementation and billing challenges

Source: DHCS ECM Policy Guide (August 2024)

Any Questions?



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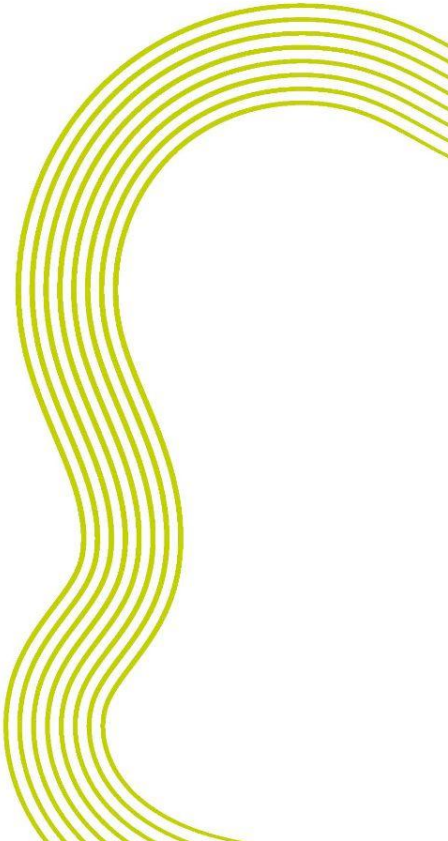

Housing Trio & Transitional Rent

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November 2026



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OUR MISSION

Our mission is to develop and maintain quality affordable housing and to provide services that enrich the lives of our residents, uplifting the community.

OUR VISION

We envision a vibrant, inclusive community where everyone has access to affordable housing and the support needed to thrive.

Today's Agenda:

- Housing Trio & Transitional Rent Overview
- Successes & Challenges
- Working Together to Promote Members' Success

THE TRANSITIONAL RENT PROGRAM - OVERVIEW

- Transitional Rent is the newest CalAIM ‘community support’
- For Medi-Cal members who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and meet certain additional eligibility criteria
- A rental subsidy covering up to six months of rent in a permanent setting
  - Subject to "global cap" restrictions
  - Placements in the private and nonprofit sectors

- Benefit works in conjunction with the Housing Trio
  - Housing Transition Navigation
  - Tenancy Sustaining Services
  - Housing Deposits

CalAIM enables Medi-Cal to fund non-medical services addressing essential needs, improving health outcomes and reducing healthcare costs by tackling the social determinants of health directly.

MANY MANSIONS' ROLE

Implementing the Transitional Rent benefit in Ventura County:

- Conduct screenings and assessments to determine eligibility
- Provide integrated services to promote housing placement and stability
- Expand housing supply in the private market
- Administer subsidy payments
- Offer dedicated landlord support
- Coordinate with MCPs, VCBH, CES



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. **Medi-Cal members**
2. **Clinical risk factor**
   - Current population of focus: SMI or SUD
   - Potential future expansion may include other disabilities/chronic health conditions
3. **Social risk factor**
   - Experiencing or at risk of homelessness
4. **In ‘transition’**
   - Shelters
   - Carceral system
   - Hospitalization
   - Currently unhoused
   - Etc.

TRANSITIONAL RENT
VENTURA COUNTY SNAPSHOT

- Launched April 2026
- 449 referrals
- 354 members determined 'likely' eligible
- 151 currently in active navigation
- 138 received/receiving Transitional Rent in an interim setting
- 46 received/receiving Transitional Rent in a permanent setting
- 65 currently receiving Tenancy Sustaining Services

Ventura County has been identified by DHCS as the benefit's top performing County in the State.

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TRANSITIONAL RENT SUCCESS STORIES





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THE CHALLENGE
CRITICAL QUALIFICATION – THE 'MONTH 7' PLAN

Transitional Rent is temporary. An authorization will only be given once a Housing Support Plan provides assurance that housing can be sustained.

Month 7 Pathways

- Increasing income sources for placement in the community
- Securing a permanent voucher
- Affordable unit placement
- PSH route

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THE PSH ROUTE

Transitional Rent Client	Not a Transitional Rent Client (yet)
A Transitional Rent client is matched to a supportive housing unit through the Coordinated Entry System.	Your client is matched to a supportive housing unit but is not yet enrolled in Transitional Rent.

- **Contact Many Mansions team asap**
- **Coordination between the CES, property manager, Many Mansions, and you is critical.**

SUBMITTING A TRANSITIONAL RENT REFERRAL

Providers must consider all eligibility requirements, including whether there could be a viable 'month 7' plan, before submitting a referral.

Contact Many Mansions' CalAIM team to consult, if in doubt.

The process: No instant approval for Transitional Rent!

- *Provider submits a referral for Transitional Rent* →
- If MCP deems the member "*likely* eligible for TR" → authorizes Many Mansions to start Navigation Services
- Many Mansions Navigators create a Housing Support Plan, including 'month 7' identification
- Once a 'month 7' plan is secured + housing placement identified → Many Mansions seeks authorization for Transitional Rent
- Many Mansions administers rent payments, provides Tenancy Sustaining Services, supports issues resolution with landlords, supports a month 7 transition

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Start with a Transitional Rent referral -- only after considering <u>all</u> eligibility requirements
- Provide us with all relevant information to facilitate coordination
- Communicate the process accurately to your client – **do not create unrealistic expectations. Funding is not guaranteed and** may be denied or not approved for the full 6 months

- *In PSH, during the TR period, member's rent obligation is zero. After the benefit period, their rent is determined by the regulatory rent restrictions, like any other resident.*

- In PSH, all regular intake processes (income qualification, etc.) must proceed.

- An additional process in the background to approve the benefit makes **Communication with Many Mansions Housing Navigators critical.**

Important to remember: For the benefit to be authorized, the prospective resident must still be unhoused. Moving the resident in before the authorization is secured will disqualify them from receiving Transitional Rent.

Questions or Uncertainty
If you are unsure regarding eligibility or the best pathway for your client, please contact the Many Mansions Housing Success Partnership team for guidance. Email CalAIM@manymansions.org

QUESTIONS?



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Announcements and Closing

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A Deep Dive into the Stay Covered Coalition Toolkit: Work and Community Engagement Requirements and Medical Frailty Exemptions

Thursday, December 3, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm PT on Zoom

A deep dive into new work and community engagement requirements. We'll look at who must meet the requirements, who may be excused for medical frailty or other reasons, and how healthcare and homeless service providers can help clients keep their health coverage. We'll bring it all together with a set of hypothetical client scenarios, working through each as a group to learn how the requirements can play out for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Advanced registration required

Stay Covered Coalition

https://www.staycoveredcoalition.org/home

Central Coast Coverage Volunteer Program Mini-Grants: Apply by Friday, November 20

Central Coast Coverage is offering $125,000 in **mini-grants** to help organizations in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties build volunteer programs ahead of Medi-Cal community engagement requirements.

- Up to $5,000 (one county) or $10,000 (both counties)
- New and existing volunteer programs are eligible
- Funds support recruitment, training, coordination, staff time, tracking systems, and supplies

Applications due: November 20, 2026

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End-of-Meeting Poll



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Thank you for joining and see you at our virtual meeting on December 16!

Questions? Please email pathinfo@bluepathhealth.com.

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