

CaAIM Enhanced Care Management (ECM)

ECM is a Medi-Cal benefit that provides a standardized set of case management services and interventions to improve the quality of life and health outcomes for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. ECM is a face-to-face interaction with members in the community and focuses on seven populations of focus.

Why become an ECM provider?

Partnership HealthPlan of California and the Department of Health Care Services share the goal of building a robust network of ECM providers to implement a broad delivery system program and payment reforms across the Medi-Cal program. Your organization may already align with these initiatives, so this may be an optimal opportunity to expand your clientele and access additional funding!

ECM focuses on a standardized set of case management services



Medical



Dental



Behavioral Health



Long-Term Support Services



Transitions across settings



Referrals to community resources, social services, Community Supports), etc.



Do you staff nurses, LCSWs, CHWs, and/or care navigators? As an ECM lead care manager, they can:

- Coordinate clinical and social services care
- Find and schedule members' medical appointments
- Arrange transportation services to and from required appointments
- Connect to programs and services around your community
- Assist in understanding and managing prescription drugs
- Provide support with care plan goals

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ECM providers must have:

- Experience in serving ECM population(s) of focus
- Medi-Cal enrolled status or Partnership credentialing compliance
- A National Provider Identifier (NPI)
- Ability to submit Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) for ECM Services
- Bill or invoicing capabilities for ECM Services
- Submit necessary reports to Partnership

ECM Populations of Focus:

- At risk for avoidable hospital or emergency department utilization (adults/children)
- Homeless (adults/children)
- Serious mental health (SMH) and/or substance use disorder (SUD) (adults/children)
- Transitioning to the community from the justice system (adults/children)
- Individuals at risk for institutionalization (adults)
- Nursing facility residents transitioning to the community (adults)
- Children and youth enrolled in California Children's Services (CSS) or CCS Whole Child Model (WCM) with additional needs beyond the CCS condition
- Children and youth involved in child welfare
- Birth equity (adults and youth) – African American, Native American, and/or Pacific Islander pregnancy and postpartum

View the [ECM timeframe page](#) for more details on the ECM timeline and populations of focus criteria.

How to become an ECM provider?

Email CalAIM@partnershiphp.org, ask for the readiness assessment questionnaire, and join us for our CalAIM ECM webinars. To join our upcoming webinars and additional information, visit our [CalAIM webpage](#).