
MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 14, 2016

TO: California Children's Services Stakeholders, and Members of CalOptima's Provider Advisory Committee and Member Advisory Committee

FROM: Michael Schrader, CEO

SUBJECT: California Children's Services/Whole Child Model

COPY: Candice Gomez, Executive Director, Program Implementation; Cheryl Simmons, staff to PAC; and Becki Melli, staff to MAC

As a key community stakeholder in CalOptima programs, you help CalOptima fulfill our mission to serve members. Your partnership and collaboration is especially valued as we prepare to integrate the California Children's Services (CCS) program into Medi-Cal managed care. This initiative is referred to as the Whole Child Model (WCM).

The legislation authorizing the WCM, Senate Bill 586, passed the Senate and Assembly and is now on Gov. Brown's desk to be signed into law or vetoed. The bill directs certain counties to implement WCM no sooner than July 1, 2017. SB 586 also outlines additional WCM requirements, for example, continuity of care and provider access. The bill can be found [here](#).

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) CCS Advisory Group meets quarterly to provide important guidance to ensure smooth implementation of WCM. The next quarterly Advisory Group meeting is Wednesday, October 5, in Sacramento. For more information, refer to the DHCS documents released in August:

- County Information Notice
- County and Health Plan Readiness
- Beneficiary Flyer (English and Spanish)
- FAQs
- Implementation Timeline
- Phase-In Methodology

CCS Advisory Group meeting materials and the above documents can be found [here](#).

CalOptima and the Orange County Health Care Agency meet regularly to plan for the local implementation of WCM.

To sign up to receive email updates regarding the Orange County implementation, visit CalOptima's WCM webpage [here](#).

Thank you for your continued partnership.