

California Department of Aging
Multipurpose Senior Services Program Narrative
Medi-Cal Home- and Community-Based Services Waiver

Program / Element / Component -- 40.40

Description

The Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) provides both social and health care case management services for frail elderly clients who wish to remain in their own homes and communities. The Program's goal is to use available community services and resources to prevent or delay institutionalization of these frail clients. The services must be provided at a cost lower than that of a skilled nursing facility.

The MSSP exists under a Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The current waiver extends from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014. The California Department of Aging (CDA) administers the MSSP under an interagency agreement (IA) with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The CDA's MSSP Branch oversees the programmatic, fiscal and service components of local MSSP site operations.

Benefits

A team of health and social service professionals provide each client with a complete health and psychosocial assessment to determine needed services. The team then works with the client, their physician, family, and others to develop an individualized care plan.

Services include, but are not limited to: case management; adult day social care; housing assistance; in-home chore and personal care services; respite services; transportation services; protective services; meal services; and special communication assistance.

Eligibility

<i>Income</i>	Currently eligible for Medi-Cal under a qualifying primary Medi-Cal aid code.
<i>Age</i>	65 and older
<i>Other</i>	Certified or certifiable for placement in a nursing facility.

Access

Information on MSSP and how to receive services can be obtained through the statewide toll-free Senior Information Line at **1-800-510-2020** and the CDA website at www.aging.ca.gov.

Current Year Funding Information

<i>Source</i>	The total local assistance budget is \$45,464,000 funded jointly by the State General Fund (GF) and the Federal Medicaid Program (Social Security Act Title XIX).
<i>Allocation Formula</i>	N/A
<i>Match Requirements</i>	50 percent from the GF and 50 percent from Medicaid As a HCBS waiver, MSSP is eligible for the increase in federal matching funds for state Medicaid local assistance expenditures authorized by Title V of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The ARRA temporarily increased the federal match from 50 percent to 61.59 percent through December 31, 2010.
<i>Other Funding Information</i>	The \$45,464,000 above reflects the current 10% budget reduction. The prior total was \$50,515,000.
<i>Funding Cycle</i>	July 1 – June 30