

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

**Program / Element / Component -- 45.10**

**Description**

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

MSSP operates under a Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) 1915(c) home and community-based services waiver that has been approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The current waiver extends from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2014. The California Department of Aging (CDA) administers MSSP under an interagency agreement with the Department of Health Care Services. CDA's MSSP Branch oversees the programmatic, fiscal, and service components of local MSSP site operations.

Under California's Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI), Medi-Cal beneficiaries will be required to join a participating Medi-Cal managed care health plan to receive their Medi-Cal benefits, including MSSP. Pending federal approval, the CCI will be implemented in eight demonstration counties no sooner than September 2013. The eight counties are Alameda, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, and Santa Clara. MSSP sites that provide services in a demonstration county will enter into agreements with that county's participating managed care health plan(s) to deliver MSSP services to eligible plan enrollees.

**Benefits**

A team of health and social service professionals provides 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: care management; adult social day 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>	<i>65 and older</i>
<i>Other</i>	Certified or certifiable for placement in a skilled nursing facility.  Pending the CCI's federal approval and subsequent implementation, Medi-Cal beneficiaries living in a CCI demonstration county must be enrolled in a participating Medi-Cal managed care health plan to receive MSSP services. This requirement will apply unless the individual lives outside the managed care health plan's covered service area, is awaiting enrollment into a managed care health plan, or is exempt from managed care health plan enrollment.

## Access

Information on how to receive services from MSSP is available through the statewide toll-free Senior Information Line at **1-800-510-2020** and the CDA website at [www.aging.ca.gov](http://www.aging.ca.gov).

## Current State Fiscal Year Funding Information (2012-13)

<i>Source</i>	The total local assistance budget is \$40,464,000 funded jointly by the State General Fund and the Federal Medicaid Program (Social Security Act Title XIX).
<i>Allocation Formula</i>	N/A.
<i>Match Requirements</i>	The federal match is 50 percent.
<i>Other Funding Information</i>	The \$40,464,000 above reflects the current 21 percent budget reduction. The prior total was \$50,515,000.
<i>Funding Cycle</i>	July 1 – June 30