



Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)

Waiver Renewal Webinar

Stakeholder Meeting and Public Comment Period
January 23, 2024

MSSP Overview

- Both health and social care management services
- Goal is to prevent or delay institutionalization
- Uses available community services and resources
- Cost must be lower than the cost of residing in a skilled nursing facility



MSSP History

1977

Legislation
established MSSP
as a three-year
demonstration
project

1980

Federal approval
and funding
Section 1115
8 sites
1,900 slots

1983

Torres-Felando
Long Term Care
Act extended
Became a 1915(c)
Waiver

TODAY

Five-year
renewal:
2024-2029
37 sites
11,370 slots

Structure and Organization



Centers for Medicare
& Medicaid Services
(CMS)

Department of Health
Care Services (DHCS)

California
Department of
Aging (CDA)
MSSP Bureau
ARM Branch

MSSP Sites

MSSP Eligibility

- ✓ 65 years of age and older
- ✓ Certified for nursing facility placement
- ✓ Receiving Medi-Cal under an appropriate aid code
- ✓ Able to be served within MSSP cost limitations
- ✓ Appropriate for care management service
- ✓ Not simultaneously receiving other Waiver or Enhanced Care Management services

MSSP Benefits



**Nurse and Social Worker
Health and Psychosocial**



**Level of care (LOC) based
on Title 22 standards**



Individualized care plan

MSSP Services



Care Management



**Supplemental Chores &
Personal Care**



Transportation Services



**Communication
Assistance**



Respite Services



**Adult Day Care &
Social Support**



**Supplemental
Protective Services**



**Counseling &
Therapeutic Services**



**Minor Home Repair/
Maintenance**



Meal Services

MSSP Waiver Assurances

- Level of Care
- Care Plans
- Health and Welfare
- Reporting Critical Incidents
- Site Staff & Vendor Qualifications
- Fiscal Accountability
- Administrative Authority (DHCS oversight of CDA)



Waiver Renewal Timeline



Summary of Major Changes

- Expanded statewide to all remaining California counties
- Eligibility expanded to include more full scope Medi-Cal aid codes
- Specified that participants may not be enrolled in another Waiver or ECM services
- The responsibility for determining Level of Care was changed to CDA

Topics for Consideration

- Recommended administrative waiver updates
- Recommendations to improve services
- Suggestions to improve participant health and safety



Public Comment



Next Steps

- Public comment until 5pm on February 6, 2024
- Responses to public comment posted
- Final revision of waiver application
- Submission of waiver application to CMS



Questions



For Additional Information

- <https://aging.ca.gov/Providers and Partners/Multipurpose Senior Services Program/DHCS Initiatives/>
- Please send any comments, additional questions, or concerns to:
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Thank you