





# Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)

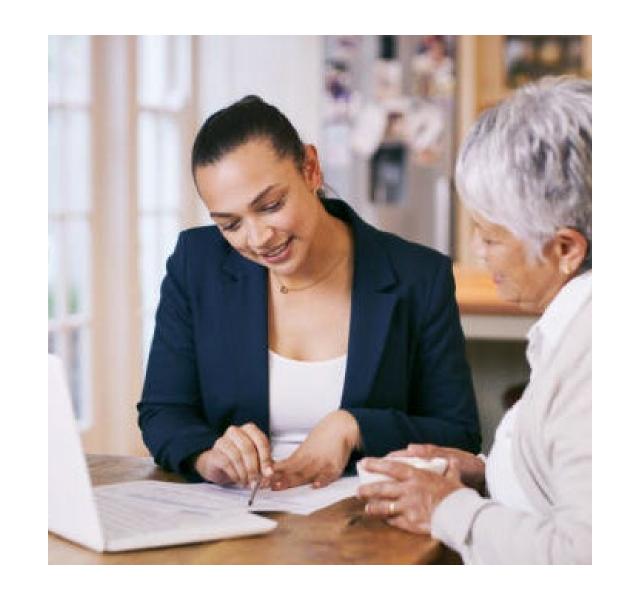
# Waiver Renewal Webinar

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



January 8-February 6, 2024

30-day Public Comment Period

#### February-March 2024

Public comment reviewed and Application is updated April 1, 2024

Waiver
Application
submitted to CMS

July 1, 2024

Waiver effective date

# Summary of Major Changes

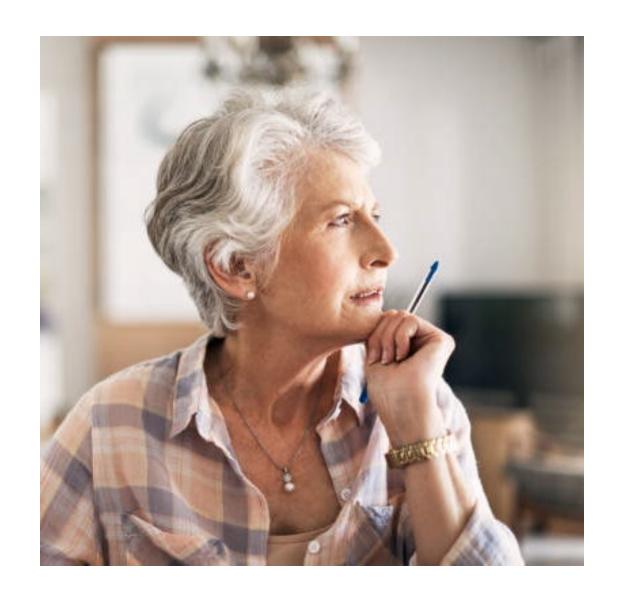


- Expanded statewide to all remaining California counties
- Eligibility expanded to include more full scope Medi-Cal aid codes
- Specified that participants may not be enrolled in another Waiver or ECM services
- The responsibility for determining Level of Care was changed to CDA

## **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 Partner s/Multipurpose Senior Services Program/ DHCS Initiatives/
- Please send any comments, additional questions, or concerns to:

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