

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

Program Code:

The Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) program code is 3910100.

Description:

MSSP provides both social and health care management services to assist frail individuals aged 65 or older to remain in their own homes and communities. To be eligible for MSSP, these individuals must meet the criteria for skilled nursing facility care. The Program's goal is to prevent or delay institutionalization through ongoing care management, using available community services and resources, and purchasing needed services when they are not already available. The total annual combined cost of care management and other services must be lower than the cost of receiving skilled nursing facility care.

MSSP operates under a Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver that has been approved by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The current waiver extends from July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2024. 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), most Medi-Cal beneficiaries in CCI counties must be enrolled in a participating Medi-Cal managed care health plan to receive their Medi-Cal benefits. MSSP sites that provide waiver services in a CCI county previously entered into agreements with participating managed care health plans to deliver MSSP waiver services to eligible plan members. MSSP sites serving non-CCI counties deliver MSSP services as a Medi-Cal fee-for-service benefit. The CCI was previously scheduled to transition MSSP to a managed care

benefit effective January 1, 2023; however, effective January 1, 2022, MSSP will no longer be transitioned to managed care and has been carved out of CCI. MSSP is operating as a waiver fee-for-service benefit in all CCI demonstration counties, as it did prior to the implementation of CCI in 2014.

Benefits:

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

Services include but are not limited to:

- Care management;
- Adult day care;
- Minor home repair/maintenance;
- Supplemental in-home chore, personal care, and protective supervision services;
- Respite services;
- Transportation services;
- Counseling and therapeutic services;
- Meal services; and
- Communication services.

Eligibility:

Eligibility Factor	Description
Age	65 and older
Income	Currently eligible for Medi-Cal under a qualifying primary Medi-Cal aid code

Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medi-Cal beneficiaries certified or certifiable for placement in a skilled nursing facility • Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in a CCI demonstration county must be enrolled in a participating Medi-Cal managed care health plan, 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
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Access:

Information on MSSP is available through the statewide toll-free Senior Information Line at **1-800-510-2020** and the [California Department of Aging](http://www.aging.ca.gov/) website (<http://www.aging.ca.gov/>).

Current State Fiscal Year Funding Information:

This information is for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

Funding	Description
Source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Security Act Title XIX Medicaid federal funds • State General Fund (GF)
Match Requirements	50 percent State General Fund
Other Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The California Legislature approved a one-time appropriation, spread over a three-year period, to allow for a rate increase for MSSP Care Management and Care Management Support services, effective July 1, 2019. • Effective July 1, 2022 the rate increase was made permanent.
Cycle	July 1 – June 30