# **CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY LIVING FUND PROGRAM**

## **Transition and Diversion Program Coordination Information**

### **History**

The [California Community Living Fund](https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/CommunityLivingServices) program advances the governor’s Master Plan for Aging (MPA) and the ADRC No Wrong Door model by expanding the capacity of disability and aging services and programs to provide person-centered transition and diversion services for people of all ages and with any type of disability who do not qualify for existing services. The Community Living Fund program was recommended by the [MPA Long Term Service and Supports (LTSS) Stakeholder Subcommittee](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcdn-west-prod-chhs-01.dsh.ca.gov%2Fchhs%2Fuploads%2F2020%2F05%2FMPA-LTSS-Subcommittee-Report_FINAL-May-2020.pdf&data=04%7C01%7CAna.Acton%40dor.ca.gov%7Ca0a8d94646f24f728e0408da11e5692b%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C637841974257280309%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=WqbfMrm4UNJzcEgfAg8e%2Fo%2B2yN9j0c29WwOMFNdp1ZA%3D&reserved=0) and is modeled off of the [San Francisco Community Living Fund](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.sfhsa.org%2Fservices%2Fcare-support%2Fcommunity-living-fund&data=04%7C01%7CAna.Acton%40dor.ca.gov%7Ca0a8d94646f24f728e0408da11e5692b%7C19ed70549d9743c792b16781b6b95b68%7C0%7C0%7C637841974257280309%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=eQN%2B%2FRn0GVrr54if5EXN9ATDEGpsFGGhDJkPP2a49eQ%3D&reserved=0) and the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Independent Living Program. The Master Plan for Aging is being rolled out over a 10-year period and the Community Living Fund program, through one-time funding, is part of the broader proposals laid out in the FY2022-2023 Governor’s State budget to meet the needs of older adults and people with disabilities in California.

### **Program Overview**

The California Community Living Fund is administered through DOR and is a “bridge” program that expedites the provision of goods or services not available through other means to individuals either transitioning to the community or at-risk of institutionalization.

The California Community Living Fund was developed to expand, not supplant, existing funding and programs, and is designed to fill funding gaps until new sources of financial support for community-based long-term care services can be secured through other means. This means that California Community Living Fund service providers will need to understand what services are available to assist the individuals both for institutional transition and diversion services and on-going long-term services and supports (LTSS) so that individuals can be connected to those services and so that services can be coordinated with those systems. Service providers will need to assess the consumer for what their needs are and for eligibility for existing programs and services. This includes programs that exist specific to institutional transition and diversion and programs that are designed to provide on-going LTSS to maintain community living.

### **Institutional Transition, Diversion, and Long Term-Services and Supports**

A variety of specific institutional transition and diversion and LTSS services may exist in local communities. The following list is not an extensive list but includes programs and services that service providers would need to work with to prevent duplication of services, braid funding, and address unmet needs in the service delivery system through the California Community Living Fund. It is important for service providers to understand what programs exist in their community, what the eligibility is for the program, and how to collaborate and coordinate services.

### [California Community Transitions (CCT) – Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/CCT.aspx)

In January 2007, DHCS was awarded special federal grant number 1LICMS30149 to implement a Money Follows the Person (MFP) Rebalancing Demonstration, known as “California Community Transitions" (CCT).

DHCS works with designated CCT Lead Organizations to identify eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have continuously resided in state-licensed health care facilities for a period of 90 consecutive days or longer.

In addition, in 2021, Assembly Bill (AB) 133 allows for state funding to reduce the required period of residence in an inpatient facility from 90 to 60 days. The State-funded, CCT-like program allows CCT Lead Organizations to provide transition services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who have not yet met the federal, MFP residency eligibility criteria, as a way to help reduce the amount of time beneficiaries are required to remain in an institution during the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE).

CCT Lead Organizations employ or contract with transition coordinators who work directly with willing and eligible individuals, support networks, and providers to facilitate and monitor beneficiaries' transitions from facilities to the community settings of their choice. Eligible individuals of all ages with physical and mental disabilities have an opportunity to participate in CCT.

Visit the [DHCS website](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/CCT.aspx) on CCT for more information.

### [Minimum Data Set 3.0, Section Q](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/MDS3,SectionQ.aspx) - DHCS

The Minimum Data Set (MDS) is part of the federally mandated process for assessing individuals receiving care in certified skilled nursing facilities regardless of payer source.  The process provides a comprehensive assessment of individuals’ current health conditions, treatments, abilities, and plans for discharge.

The MDS is administered to all residents upon admission, quarterly, yearly, and whenever there is a significant change in an individual’s condition. Section Q is the part of the MDS designed to explore meaningful opportunities for nursing facility residents to return to community settings.

The Department of Health Care Services has designated one or more Local Contact Agencies in each county for nursing facilities to refer individuals who wish to return to the community.

Visit the [DHCS website](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/MDS3,SectionQ.aspx) on MDS for more information.

### [1915 (c) Home and Community Based Services Waivers – DHCS](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/Medi-CalWaivers.aspx)

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers allow states that participate in Medicaid, known as Medi-Cal in California, to develop creative alternatives for individuals who would otherwise require care in a nursing facility or hospital. Medi-Cal has an agreement with the Federal Government, which allows for waiver services to be offered in either a home or community setting. The services offered under the waiver must cost no more than the alternative institutional level of care. Recipients of HCBS Waivers must have full-scope Medi-Cal eligibility.

Visit the [DHCS website](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/Medi-CalWaivers.aspx) on HCBS for more information.

### Home and Community- Based Alternative (HCBA) Waiver

The HCBA Waiver provides care management services to persons at risk for nursing home or institutional placement. The care management services are provided by a multidisciplinary care team comprised of a nurse and social worker. The care management team coordinates Waiver and State Plan services (e.g., Medical, Behavioral health, In-Home Supportive Services, etc.), and arranges for other available long-term services and supports available in the local community. Care management and Waiver services are provided in the Participant’s community-based residence. HCBA Waiver Agencies cover identified counties for coordination of services.

Visit the [DHCS website](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/Home-and-Community-Based-(HCB)-Alternatives-Waiver.aspx) on HCBA for more information.

### AIDS Medi-Cal Waiver Program

Local agencies, under contract with the California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS, provide home- and community-based services as an alternative to nursing facility care or hospitalization.

The Medi-Cal Waiver Program (MCWP) provides comprehensive case management and direct care services to persons living with HIV/AIDS as an alternative to nursing facility care or hospitalization. Case management is participant centered and provided using a team-based approach by a registered nurse and social work case manager. Case managers work with the participant, their primary care provider, family, caregivers, and other service providers to determine and deliver needed services to participants who choose to live in a home setting rather than an institution.

Visit the [DHCS website](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/AIDS.aspx) on MCWP for more information.

### Assisted Living Waiver

The Assisted Living Waiver Program is designed to assist Medi-Cal beneficiaries to remain in their community as an alternative to residing in a licensed health care facility. The program provides specified benefits to eligible seniors and persons with disabilities in selected counties.

Visit the [DHCS website](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/AssistedLivingWaiver.aspx) on Assisted Living Waiver Program for more information

### Home and Community-Based Services for the Developmentally Disabled

The Home and Community-Based Services for the Developmentally Disabled (HCBS-DD) Waiver is administered by the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) who will authorize home and community-based services for developmentally disabled persons who are Regional Center consumers.  Twenty-one regional centers throughout California purchase and coordinate services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities. The Waiver services make it possible for consumers to live in the community instead of an Intermediate Care Facility for the developmentally disabled or a State Developmental Center. The DD Waiver is currently the largest HCBS waiver in California as well as the nation.

Visit the [DHCS website](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ltc/Pages/DD.aspx) on HCBS-DD waiver for more information.

### Multi-Senior Services Program (MSSP)

The Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) Waiver provides Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) to Medi-Cal eligible individuals who are 65 years or older and disabled as an alternative to nursing facility placement. The MSSP waiver allows the individuals to remain safely in their homes. MSSP is administered through the [California Department of Aging](https://aging.ca.gov/Programs_and_Services/Multipurpose_Senior_Services_Program/) and is available [in certain counties.](https://aging.ca.gov/Find_Services_in_My_County/)

Visit the [DHCS website](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/MSSPMedi-CalWaiver.aspx) on MSSP for more information.

### Self-Determination Program

The Self-Determination Program waiver was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 7, 2018. The initial 2,500 participants were selected October 1, 2018 and a second selection of participants were selected on November 22, 2019. As of July 1, 2021, the program began to be available to all eligible consumers. The Self-Determination Program allows participants the opportunity to have more control in developing their service plans and selecting service providers to better meet their needs. The program is administered through DDS and Regional Centers.

Visit the [DDS website](https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/sdp/) on Self-Determination Program for more information.

### California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Managed Care– DHCS

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) is a long-term commitment to transform and strengthen Medi-Cal, offering Californians a more equitable, coordinated, and person-centered approach to maximizing their health and life trajectory.

As a key part of CalAIM, [Enhanced Care Management (ECM)](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/ECMandILOS.aspx) is a new statewide Medi-Cal benefit available to select “Populations of Focus" that will address clinical and non-clinical needs of the highest-need enrollees through intensive coordination of health and health-related services. It will meet beneficiaries wherever they are – on the street, in a shelter, in their doctor's office, or at home. Beneficiaries will have a single Lead Care Manager who will coordinate care and services among the physical, behavioral, dental, developmental, and social services delivery systems, making it easier for them to get the right care at the right time.

Additionally, beneficiaries are being connected to [Community Supports](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/ECMandILOS.aspx) to meet their social needs, including medically supportive foods or housing supports. Community Supports are new services provided by Medi-Cal managed care plans as cost effective alternatives to traditional medical services or settings. Community Supports are designed to address social drivers of health (factors in people's lives that influence their health). Community Supports may include nursing facility transition and diversion, housing, home modifications, and other services and supports.

Enhanced Care Management and Supportive Services will be made available through local [Managed Care Plans.](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Pages/MMCDHealthPlanDir.aspx)

Visit the [DHCS website](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CalAIM) on CALAIM for more information.

### [Caregiver Resource Centers - DHCS](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/AdultsCaregiverResourceCenters.aspx)

Founded in 1984, the [California Caregiver Resource Centers](https://www.caregivercalifornia.org/) are a network of 11 centers throughout California which serve family caregivers who are providing support for someone affected by chronic and debilitating health conditions including dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, cerebrovascular diseases (such as stroke or aneurysms), degenerative diseases such as Parkinson’s, Huntington’s and multiple sclerosis, or traumatic brain injury (TBI), among many others.

Visit the [DHCS website](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/AdultsCaregiverResourceCenters.aspx) on Caregiver resource Centers for more information.

The [Community-Based Adult Services](https://www.aging.ca.gov/Providers_and_Partners/Community-Based_Adult_Services/) (CBAS) is administered through the California Department of Aging and offers services to eligible older adults and/or adults with disabilities to restore or maintain their optimal capacity for self-care and delay or prevent inappropriate or personally undesirable institutionalization in certain counties.

### Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS)- DHCS

CBAS services include:

* an individual assessment
* professional nursing services
* physical, occupational and speech therapies
* mental health services
* therapeutic activities
* social services
* personal care
* a meal
* nutritional counseling
  + transportation to and from the participant's residence and the CBAS center.

Visit the [DHCS website](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/Community-BasedAdultServices(CBAS)AdultDayHealthCare(ADHC)Transition.aspx) on CBAS for more information.

### Behavioral Health Programs- DHCS

Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Division (MCBHD) administers, oversees, and monitors the Medi-Cal Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) and Drug Medi-Cal programs. The SMHS program provides medically necessary services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) program provides medically necessary substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The programs are operated at the local level through contracts between DHCS and counties.

Visit the [DHCS website](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/BHS.aspx) on MCBHD for more information.

### In Home Supportive Services (IHSS)- Department of Social Services (CDSS)

The In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program provides in-home assistance to eligible aged, blind and disabled individuals as an alternative to out-of-home care and enables recipients to remain safely in their own homes. The types of services which can be authorized through IHSS are housecleaning, meal preparation, laundry, grocery shopping, personal care services (such as bowel and bladder care, bathing, grooming and paramedical services), accompaniment to medical appointments, and protective supervision for individuals with mental health disabilities. The IHSS program is administered through local County Social Services [IHSS Office.](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/county-ihss-offices)

Once individuals are made eligible through the County IHSS Office, they can get assistance with accessing IHSS providers through local [County Public Authorities](https://capaihss.org/contact-us/contact-ihss-in-your-county/).

Visit the [C[DSS website](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/in-home-supportive-services)](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/in-home-supportive-services) on IHSS for more information.

### Home Safe Program- CDSS

The Home Safe Program was established by Assembly Bill (AB) 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018) to support the safety and housing stability of individuals involved in Adult Protective Services (APS) by providing housing-related assistance using evidence-based practices for homeless assistance and prevention. The program is administered locally through

Adult Protective Services.

Visit the [C[DSS website](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/housing-programs/home-safe-program)](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/housing-programs/home-safe-program) for more information.

### CalFresh -CDSS

### DSS

CalFresh is for people with low-income who meet federal income eligibility rules and want to add to their budget to put healthy and nutritious food on the table. Individuals can access CalFresh benefits online or through local County [Social Services Agencies](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/county-offices)

Visit the [CDSS website](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/calfresh) for more information on CalFresh.

### Deaf Access Program -CDSS

The Deaf Access Program (DAP) was created in 1980 to ensure that California’s public programs are adapted to meet the communication needs of deaf and hard of hearing children, adults, and families so they may receive the public benefits and services to which they are entitled and achieve economic independence to fully participate in mainstream society. Services are provided by eight contracted private non-profit organizations with several outreach offices.

Visit the [CDSS website](https://www.cdss.ca.gov/deaf-access) on DAP for more information.

### Aging and Disability Resources Connections- California Department of Aging (CDA)

Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) is a collaboration between local Area Agency on Aging (AAA) offices and Independent Living Centers (ILC) working together with a community network of public, private, and non-profit agencies to form No Wrong Door (NWD) Systems that assist individuals in navigating the complex system of LTSS. These NWD Systems assist individuals of any age, ability, and income level in navigating and accessing the full range of available LTSS options and provide objective and unbiased information, advice, counseling, and assistance. ADRC core services includeEnhanced Information and Referral Services, Options Counseling,Short-Term Service Coordination (Expedited access to services and supports for individuals at risk of institutionalization, generally for 90 days or less, until a longer-term plan is in place) and Transition Services (For people who are currently in a hospital, nursing facility, or other institution and wishes to receive long-term services and supports at home or in a community-based setting).

Visit the [CDA website](https://aging.ca.gov/Providers_and_Partners/Aging_and_Disability_Resource_Connection/) on ADRC for more information.

### Area Agency on Aging- CDA

The California Department of Aging (CDA) administers programs that serve older adults, adults with disabilities, family caregivers, and residents in long-term care facilities throughout the State. The Department contracts with the network of 33 Area Agencies on Aging, who directly manage a wide array of federal and state-funded services that provide meals, help finding employment; supportive services to assist older individuals as well as younger adults with disabilities to live as independently as possible; promote healthy aging and community involvement; and support family members in their vital care giving role. The CDA contracts with and oversees the local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) that coordinate a variety of services for older adults, adults with disabilities, informal caregivers, and family caregivers.

AAAs provide:

* + Information and Assistance
  + Home delivered and congregate meals
  + Family caregiving support
  + Disease prevention and health promotion
  + Legal assistance
  + Home modifications
  + Transportation
  + Personal care programs
  + Adult day care
  + Case management

Visit the [CDA website](https://www.aging.ca.gov/Providers_and_Partners/Area_Agencies_on_Aging/) for more information.

### Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program -CDA

Long-Term Care Ombudsman representatives assist residents in long-term care facilities with issues related to day-to-day care, health, safety, and personal preferences. All Ombudsman services are provided for free, and all complaints are confidential. The Ombudsman Program is operated through [local](https://aging.ca.gov/Find_Services_in_My_County/) Area Agencies on Aging.

Visit the [CDA website](https://aging.ca.gov/Programs_and_Services/Long-Term_Care_Ombudsman/) for more information.

### Independent Living Centers- Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

Independent Living Centers (ILCs) serves people of any age and with any type of disability and are designed and operated by a majority of people with disabilities. [There are twenty-eight Independent Living Centers in California](https://www.dor.ca.gov/Content/DorIncludes/documents/IndependentLiving/ILC%20Directory%202018.DOCX).

ILCs provide the following services:

* Information and Referral
* Independent Living Skills
* Individual and Systems Advocacy
* Peer Counseling
* Personal Assistance Services
* Assistive technology
* Housing
* Transition and Diversion
* Other services and programs

Visit the [DOR website](https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/IndependentLiving) for more information.

### Assistive Technology Program- DOR

The Assistive Technology (AT) Act of 2004 funds the State Grant for Assistive Technology Program, which supports state efforts to improve the provision of AT to individuals with disabilities of all ages through comprehensive, statewide programs that are consumer responsive. The State Grant for AT Program makes AT devices and services more available and accessible to individuals with disabilities and their families. DOR’s AT Program contracts with the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers to provide and coordinate AT services statewide through its [Ability Tools Program](https://abilitytools.org/) and through twenty-eight ILCs.

Services include:

* Information and referral
* Coordination and collaboration
* Public awareness
* Technical assistance and training
* AT for transition to community-based living
* Device lending and demonstration program
* Free or low-cost AT through device reutilization
* Low-interest loan guarantee program

Visit the [DOR website](https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/AssistiveTechnology) on AT programs for more information.

### Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Program- DOR

The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Program provides five core services designed to increase independent living skills to maximize the ability of individuals with TBI to live independently in a community of their choice. These core services are also preventative as many TBI survivors who do not have access to a network of services and supports are at a higher risk of chronic homelessness, institutionalization, imprisonment, and placement in skilled nursing facilities due to an inability to perform activities of daily living and impaired emotional regulation.

Visit the [DOR website](https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/TraumaticBrainInjury) on TBI for more information.

The Older Individuals who are Blind (OIB) Program provides services to visually impaired individuals age 55 and older to assist them to live independently in California. The OIB seeks to stimulate independent living, empowerment and full inclusion of older individuals who are blind. Provide training and skill building for professionals and consumers serving the older blind population.

### Older Individuals who are Blind (OIB) Program- DOR

Visit the [DOR website](https://www.dor.ca.gov/Home/OlderIndividualswhoareBlind) on OIB for more information.

Since 1983, California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR), a statewide nonprofit 501 (c)(3) advocacy organization, has been dedicated to improving the choices, care and quality of life for California’s long term care consumers. Through direct advocacy, community education, legislation and litigation it has been CANHR’s goal to educate and support long term care consumers and advocates regarding the rights and remedies under the law, and to create a united voice for long term care reform and humane alternatives to institutionalization.

### California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform (CANHR)

Visit the [CANHR website](http://www.canhr.org/) for more information.

Department of Developmental Services (DDS) oversees the coordination and delivery of services for Californians with developmental disabilities through a statewide network of 21 community-based, non-profit agencies known as regional centers. [Regional centers](https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/lookup-rcs-by-county/) provide assessments, determine eligibility for services, and offer case management services. Regional centers also develop, purchase, and coordinate the services in each person’s Individual Program Plan.

### Regional Centers- Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

Visit the [DDS website](https://www.dds.ca.gov/rc/) for more information.

### Public Housing Authorities- U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Public housing was established to provide decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Public housing comes in all sizes. HUD administers multiple special purpose housing vouchers to local Public Housing Authorities including:

* [Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/ned) to enable non-elderly persons or families with disabilities to access affordable housing on the private market and to assist non-elderly persons with disabilities currently residing in nursing homes or other healthcare institutions to transition into the community.
* [Emergency Housing Vouchers](https://www.hud.gov/ehv) to assist individuals and families who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability.

Visit [HUD website](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts) for more information.