

# DSH IST Diversion & Community-Based Restoration Infrastructure Project

## Forum for Contracting Counties and CBOs

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# Alternative Sources of Funding



## Agenda

1. Medi-Cal
2. MHSA/BHSA
3. CalAIM
4. New and other opportunities
5. Grants

# Goals of FIST Diversion

- Frees state hospital bed space to allow more expeditious admissions
- Reduces the length of stay in jail for defendants
- Provides early identification of defendants who are appropriate for community-based services
- Provides early identification of appropriate pathways for FISTs
- May help overcrowding in jails



# DSH Permanent Diversion and Community-Based Restoration Program Funding

DSH provides \$228 per day to counties for services for each FIST client for wraparound services. In addition, DSH provides funding for:

- Administrative Overhead
- Justice Partner Funding
- Violence Risk Assessment Evaluation Funding
- Diversion Court Liaison Funding



# Public Behavioral Health Funding



Individuals with **serious mental illnesses and/or substance use disorders** who are **low income and uninsured or covered by Medi-Cal** may receive community-based treatment services covered by public community funding sources.

# Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (MCP) Funding

These services include:

- Screening for behavioral health disorders
- Outpatient mental health treatment
- Psychotropic medications and medications for addiction treatment.

Funding comes from federal Medicaid dollars or Federal Fund Participation (FFP) and State General Funds.



# County Behavioral Health Services Mental Health Treatment

## County Behavioral Health Services (Medi-Cal)

Specialty Mental Health Services for persons who meet the medical necessity criteria for serious mental illnesses (SMI):

- Care coordination and case management
- Therapy
- Day Treatment and rehabilitation
- Crisis intervention and stabilization
- Psychiatric inpatient services
- Residential treatment
- Medication support
- Mental Health services for qualifying low-income or uninsured residents

# County Behavioral Health Services—Substance Use Treatment

## County Behavioral Health Services Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Services

- Early Intervention Services
- Outpatient Treatment Services
- Intensive Outpatient Treatment Services
- Partial Hospitalization Services
- Residential Treatment and Inpatient Services
- Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP)
- Withdrawal Management Services
- Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT)
- Medi-Cal Peer Support Services
- Contingency Management
- Recovery Services
- Care Coordination
- Clinician Consultation
- Mobile Crisis Services

# How Medi-Cal Works for County Behavioral Health

County Behavioral Health Departments are considered Health Plans for Specialty MH and SUDs  
Contracted with DHCS

- Medi-Cal requires a local or state “match” to draw down federal funding (FFP)
- Cal AIM has changed the process for Counties
  - The County must provide Inter Governmental Transfer funds prior to receiving Medi-Cal funds
  - Services are billed as Fee For Service
  - Rates for services vary from county to county and are set by the State

# Medicare



**Medicare** is the federal health insurance program for people who are 65 and over. If under 65, individuals may be eligible to get Medicare earlier if they have a disability.

- Medicare will cover hospital services, psychiatric services, and certain psychotherapy or day treatment services.
- Medications are covered by Medicare Part D with certain limitations.

# California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM)

**CalAIM** is a DHCS multi-year plan to transform California's Medi-Cal program with several goals:

- Strengthen mental health and substance use disorder services and better integrate them with physical health
- Increase community support services to meet basic needs
- Modernize and standardize benefits across the state
- Increase services supported by Managed Care Plans in coordination with community programs

[Initiatives | Medi-Cal Transformation](#)

# Enhanced Care Management (ECM)

**ECM** is a new statewide Medi-Cal benefit available to eligible members with complex needs, including:

- Access to a single Lead Care Manager who provides comprehensive care management and coordinates their health and health-related care and services.
- Connections to quality care, no matter where members seek care.
- ECM is a time limited service.



[Enhanced Care Management & Community Supports](#)

# Community Supports

**Community Supports** are services that help address members' health-related social needs, help them live healthier lives, and avoid higher, costlier levels of care. These include:

- Support to **secure and maintain housing**.
- Access to **medically tailored meals** to support short term recovery.
- A variety of other community-based services.

[DHCS-Medi-Cal-Community-Supports-Supplemental-Fact-Sheet.pdf](#)



# Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

SSI provides monthly payments to people with disabilities and older adults who have little or no income or resources. Adults and children might be eligible for SSI if they have:

1. Little or no income, and
2. Little or no resources, and
3. A disability, blindness, or are age 65 or older.



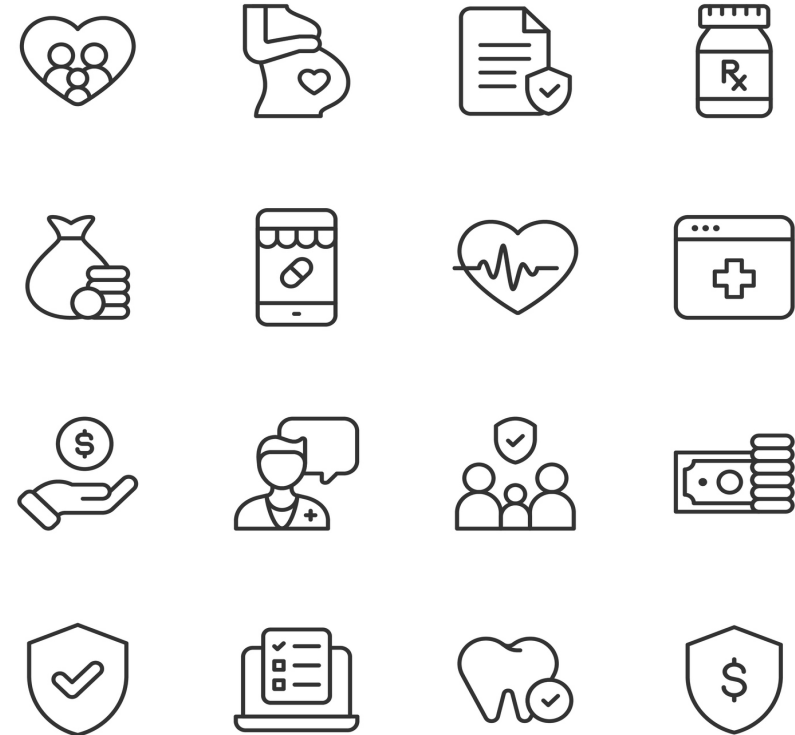
[Information on SSDI and SSI Benefits Programs](#)

# Social Security and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

Individuals may be eligible for **SSDI** if they have:

1. A disability or blindness, **and**
2. Sufficient work history that has contributed to the federal program under SSDI

[Information on SSDI and SSI Benefits Programs](#)



# Mental Health Services Act Programs (MHSA) Changes to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)

Funding for **MHSA** program is shifting with the passage of Proposition 1.

- The new version is called the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)
- Counties will receive a smaller percentage of the funds than in the past and will potentially need to cut current programs
- Refocuses on FSP's, BH services and supports, and housing

## [Resources](#)



# BHSA Funding Percentages

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Entity Percentage	Service Type
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>90%</b> <b>County Allocation</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">35% Full-Service Partnerships</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">35% Behavioral Health Services and Supports</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">30% Housing Interventions</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10%</b> <b>State Directed</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">4% Population-based Prevention</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">3% Behavioral Health Workforce</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">3% State Admin.</p>

# Proposition 1 resulted in: Senate Bill (SB) 326 and Assembly Bill (AB) 531

SB 326, the Behavioral Health Services Act, and AB 531, the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023, were approved by voters in March 2024.

- SB 326 will change how MHSA funding is allocated and the amount of local decision making that will be involved in services.



[Bill Text - SB-326 The Behavioral Health Services Act.](#)

# Proposition 1 resulted in: Senate Bill (SB) 326 and Assembly Bill (AB) 531

- AB 531 is bond funding that is intended to build more than 10,000 new treatment beds and supportive housing.
- Some funding is allocated for veterans with mental health and substance abuse treatment needs who are homeless.

[Bill Text - AB-531 The Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2023.](#)



# Other Opportunities

- Medi-Cal reimbursable 90-day in-reach services for persons nearing release from jail or prison.
  - [Justice-Involved Initiative Home](#)
- California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) for workforce supports [Initiatives - HCAI](#)
- Many other funding opportunities emerge regularly that might also be used for potential braiding with the FIST project



# Federal and State Grants

- SAMHSA
  - Mental Health State Block Grant (SBG) and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SAPTBG)
  - People Assisting the Homeless Grant (PATH)
  - Many others
- Department of Justice/Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- CalAIM Providing Access and Transforming Health Initiative (CalAIM PATH)
- California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)
- California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) Program
- California Workforce Development Board (CWDB) for re-entry



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