

California DHCS's Community Supports Program Showing Promising Outcomes

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On June 3, California's Department of Health Care Services issued its [annual report](#) that highlights how all 12 of its Community Supports studied have addressed needs of Medi-Cal beneficiaries while reducing costs and improving efficiencies. These Community Supports were approved as part of the 1915(b) CalAIM waiver and were phased in by Medi-Cal managed care plans starting in 2022. The Community Supports services include such efforts as supporting in-home care, providing nourishing meals, and fostering housing stability, with an end goal of helping Medi-Cal patients avoid costlier hospital or emergency care.