



**Orange County
Service Provider Forum
August 17, 2023**

Welcome and Introductions
Nishtha Mohendra, Chair

Agenda Item #1

Introductions

- Those in attendance are invited to introduce themselves.
- Please share your:
 1. Name
 2. Title or Role
 3. Agency or Affiliation

Public Benefits Presentation
Orange County Social Services Agency (SSA)



Public Benefits Overview

SSA Overview

Providing assistance to Orange County residents:

- 🍊 1 out of 2 children
- 🍊 1 out of 3 adults
- 🍊 1 out of 4 seniors

SSA is made up of four divisions:

- 🍊 Assistance Programs (AP)
- 🍊 Children & Family Services (CFS)
- 🍊 Family Self-Sufficiency & Adult Services (FSS & AS)
- 🍊 Administrative Services (Admin)



A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a red credit card over a black payment terminal. The terminal has a keypad with numbers 1-9, 0, and a power button. The background is a blurred indoor setting, possibly a store or office. The text 'CalFresh' is overlaid on the left side of the image.

CalFresh

CalFresh

- 🍊 Benefit allotment ranges depending on:
 - Household size
 - Income
 - Expenses
- 🍊 Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card



What can be purchased?

- 🍊 Food and beverages for human consumption:
 - Fruits and vegetables
 - Meat
 - Dairy products
 - Frozen foods
 - Snack food (candy and soda)
- 🍊 Seeds or plants to grow food

What can't be purchased?

- 🍊 Hot food (any food that will be eaten in store)
- 🍊 Alcoholic beverages or tobacco products
- 🍊 Vitamins and medicines
- 🍊 Pet food
- 🍊 Nonfood items





Where to Shop with EBT Card

- 🍊 Visit: www.cdss.ca.gov/ebt-card
- 🍊 Popular chains such as Walmart, Target, Ralphs, Dollar Tree, etc.
- 🍊 Mas Fresco: www.masfresco.org
- 🍊 Market Match: www.marketmatch.org

Restaurant Meals Program



- 🍊 For elderly, disabled and homeless
- 🍊 More than 300 Orange County restaurants participate
- 🍊 Participating restaurants:
<https://www.ssa.ocgov.com/calfresh/calfresh/rmp>

CalFresh Household

- 🍊 A CalFresh household can consist of:
 - An individual living alone or with others who buys and prepares food separately.
 - A group of individuals related or unrelated residing together who purchase or prepare food together.
 - If an individual is under 22 years of age and lives with parents, this is considered one household and they must apply together.



CalFresh - Who May Be Eligible?

- 🍊 Must be a resident of Orange County
- 🍊 Must be a citizen or eligible non-citizen
- 🍊 Eligible elderly or disabled individuals who receive Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) benefits



Gross Income Limits

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income - 200% Federal Poverty Level
1	\$2,266
2	\$3,052
3	\$3,840
4	\$4,626
5	\$5,412
6	\$6,200
7	\$6,986
8	\$7,772
Each additional member	Add \$788

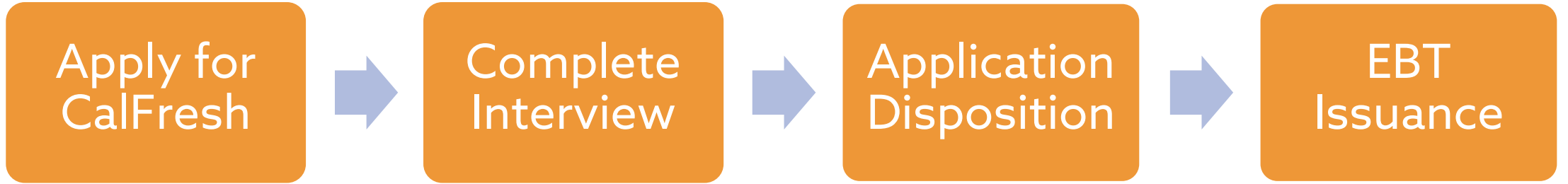
Effective 10/01/2022 through 9/30/2023

CalFresh Allotment - Standard Benefit Maximums

CalFresh Household Size	Maximum CalFresh Allotment
1	\$281
2	\$516
3	\$740
4	\$939
5	\$1,116
6	\$1,339
7	\$1,480
8	\$1,691
Each additional member	Add \$211

Effective 10/01/2022 through 9/30/2023

CalFresh Application Process



CalFresh Emergency Allotments

- CalFresh recipients received extra benefits, or emergency allotments, during the Public Health Emergency.
- Beginning April 2023, households enrolled in CalFresh will experience a decrease of at least \$95 a month with the end of the emergency allotment.
- The regular CalFresh benefit is the CalFresh amount loaded on your EBT card between the 1st and 10th of each month. This amount will not change.
- For questions about the Emergency Allotment, please call the California Department of Social Services at (877) 847-3663.

A photograph of a healthcare professional in a white lab coat holding a clipboard, standing next to a couple sitting on a couch. The couple is holding hands, symbolizing support and care. The scene is set in a clinical or office environment.

Medi-Cal & Health Care Programs

What is Medi-Cal?

- 🍊 Medi-Cal is California's version of the federal Medicaid public health insurance program that provides no-cost or low-cost health coverage to California residents who meet the program's eligibility requirements.
- 🍊 Applications for Medi-Cal can be submitted year-round



Medi-Cal Eligibility Factors

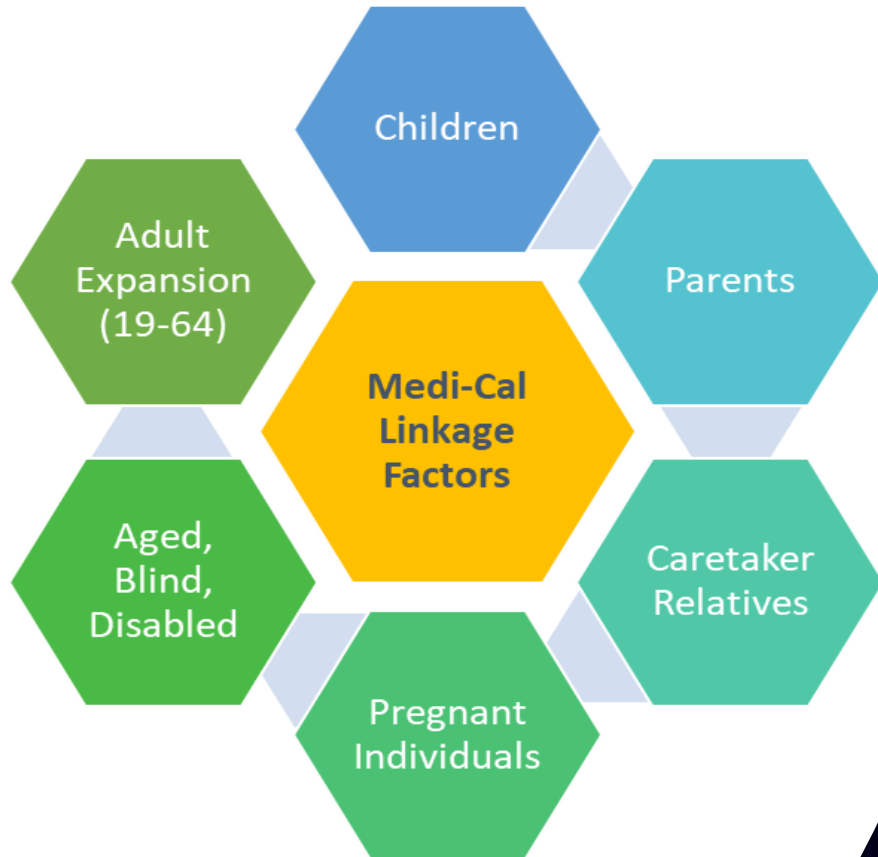
California
residency

Property
(applicable to
some programs)

Tax filing
status

Income

Medi-Cal - Who is Eligible?



What Does Medi-Cal Cover?

🍊 Medi-Cal offers a full set of benefits called Essential Health Benefits that covers a core set of medical services:

- Outpatient services (e.g., doctor's visits)
- Emergency services
- Hospitalization
- Maternity and newborn care
- Mental health services
- Substance use disorder services (e.g., drug or alcohol addiction treatment)
- Prescription drugs (Medi-Cal RX)
- Laboratory services (e.g., blood tests)
- Physical therapy
- Preventive and wellness services
- In-home care and other long-term services
- Dental services
- Vision services



Retroactive Medi-Cal

Three months of retroactive Medi-Cal can be requested at the time of application.

Customers have up to one year from the date medical services were received to submit an application for retroactive coverage.

Immigration Status

- 🍊 For Medi-Cal, immigration status only effects the scope of coverage (full or restricted)
 - Individuals with Satisfactory Immigration Status (SIS) are eligible for **full-scope Medi-Cal** (e.g., U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents, refugees).
 - Immigrants who do not meet SIS criteria may still be eligible for **restricted-scope Medi-Cal**.
 - Restricted scope covers emergency and/or pregnancy related Medi-Cal
- 🍊 Note: Full-scope Medi-Cal is granted to individuals under the age of 26 and those 50 and older regardless of immigration status if otherwise eligible.

Immigration and Medi-Cal Questions

- 🍊 The California Department of Social Services funds qualified nonprofit organizations to give services to immigrants who live in California. There is a list of these organizations at <https://bit.ly/immigration-service-contractors>
- 🍊 For immigration information and resources, visit California's Immigrant Guide at <https://immigrantguide.ca.gov/>

Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) and Non-MAGI Medi-Cal

MAGI	Non-MAGI
California residency	California residency
Linkage provided to children (up to 18); parents/caretaker relatives; pregnant individuals; and adults (ages 19 to 64)	Linkage provided to aged (65 or older), blind or disabled (ABD); children (up to 21); parents/caretaker relatives; pregnant individuals
Tax filing status	Financial responsibility
No asset test	Asset test required
Income test	Income test
Immigration status affects scope of benefits (full or restricted)	Immigration status affects scope of benefits (full or restricted)
Rely primarily on electronic verification; if not successful, paper verification is required	Paper verification is required

Older Adult Expansion: Benefits

- 🍊 Full-scope Medi-Cal is different from restricted scope Medi-Cal.
- 🍊 Restricted scope Medi-Cal only covers a limited number of services and does not cover medicine or primary care.
- 🍊 Full-scope Medi-Cal provides comprehensive health care including medical, dental, mental health, family planning, foot care, hearing aids / vision care (eyeglasses) and services to help individuals remain at home such as In-Home Supportive Services. Full-scope Medi-Cal also covers treatment for alcohol and drug use, prescribed medicine and more.
- 🍊 Beginning May 2022, adults 50 and older are eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal coverage.
- 🍊 For more information from DHCS about Older Adult Expansion please visit: www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medical/eligibility/Pages/OlderAdultExpansion.aspx

Postpartum Care Extension

- 🍊 Beginning April 2022, pregnant individuals will be eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits postpartum during both pregnancy and postpartum periods
- 🍊 The Medi-Cal Postpartum Care coverage will be extended from 60 days to 12 months
- 🍊 For more information from Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) about Postpartum Care Extension please visit: [Medi-Cal Pregnancy page](#)
- PCE Informational Flyer is toward the bottom under the Supplemental Materials



Benefits Identification Cards

- Individuals determined eligible for Medi-Cal will be issued a Benefits Identification Card (BIC)
- BIC is used to access Medi-Cal benefits

NEW BIC:





Authorized Representative



An authorized representative (AR) is a person or organization specifically appointed by the customer to assist with matters related to Medi-Cal eligibility.



An AR appointment can be made through any means by which an application is submitted or by completing the "Appointment of Authorized Representative" form (MC 382).



Appointment is valid until the customer or AR makes a change or otherwise revokes it; or at the next application if there is a break in aid.

Medi-Cal Annual Redetermination / Renewals

- 🍊 During the Public Health Emergency (PHE), counties stopped processing Medi-Cal annual renewals and were required to maintain continuous coverage for customers.
- 🍊 Effective April 1, 2023, as part of the continuous coverage unwinding process, County of Orange Social Services Agency (SSA) will start processing June annual redeterminations.
- 🍊 Medi-Cal customers will maintain their current renewal month in their case records and SSA **will conduct a full renewal** at the customer's **next scheduled renewal month** – beginning with June 2023 renewals.

Annual Renewals

- 🍊 Customers will receive a letter about Medi-Cal Coverage

The letter will tell you if:

SSA needs information from you to renew your Medi-Cal

Your Medi-Cal was renewed automatically.

● **If you get a renewal form in a yellow envelope, please fill it out and return it right away.**

Check that SSA has your current information, including your name, mailing address, email address and phone number

Call 1-800-281-9799



Text Messages from SSA

- 🍊 SSA will send the following Text Messages, if applicable:
 - 🍊 “Your Medi-Cal Redetermination has been mailed. Questions? 1-800-281-9799”
 - 🍊 “We did not get your Medi-Cal Redetermination Packet. Please call 1-800-281-9799 so your benefits don’t stop.”
 - 🍊 “You have verification(s) due. Disregard if already submitted”
- 🍊 You will **never be asked to provide personal information** via text message
- 🍊 Medi-Cal will **never require payment** in the renewal process.

Reporting a Change

- 🍊 Any changes reported during the unwinding period that could lead to a **negative action shall be paused**, **until the customer’s annual renewal** is due and initiated during the unwinding period.
- 🍊 Changes that result in a positive change will be processed upon receipt of the change.

Social Services Agency/ CalOptima Role

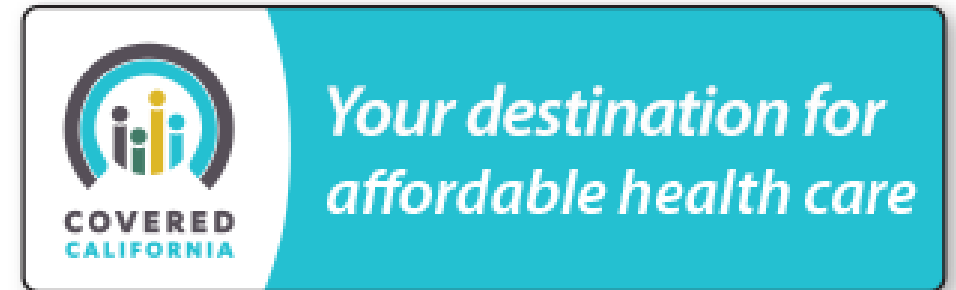
- 🍊 SSA determines Medi-Cal eligibility
- 🍊 CalOptima manages/administers health insurance program
- 🍊 New beneficiaries will be enrolled in fee-for-service, also known as straight Medi-Cal. Recipients will have fee-for-service until they are enrolled in a CalOptima Managed Care Plan

Before MEDS Renewal	After MEDS Renewal
<p>Applicant approved June 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligibility posted to MEDS June 14• June is fee-for-service• CalOptima enrollment begins July 1	<p>Applicant approved June 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eligibility posted to MEDS June 29, after MEDS renewal• June and July are fee-for-service• CalOptima enrollment begins August 1

What is Covered California?

- 🍊 State's health insurance marketplace
- 🍊 Offers assistance via premium tax credits to subsidize the cost of health care
 - Advanced Premium Tax Credit
 - Cost-Sharing Reduction
- 🍊 Unsubsidized health plans without premium assistance are also available

Note: Eligibility for subsidized and unsubsidized plans are evaluated during the annual open enrollment or a special enrollment period when a qualifying life event is reported.

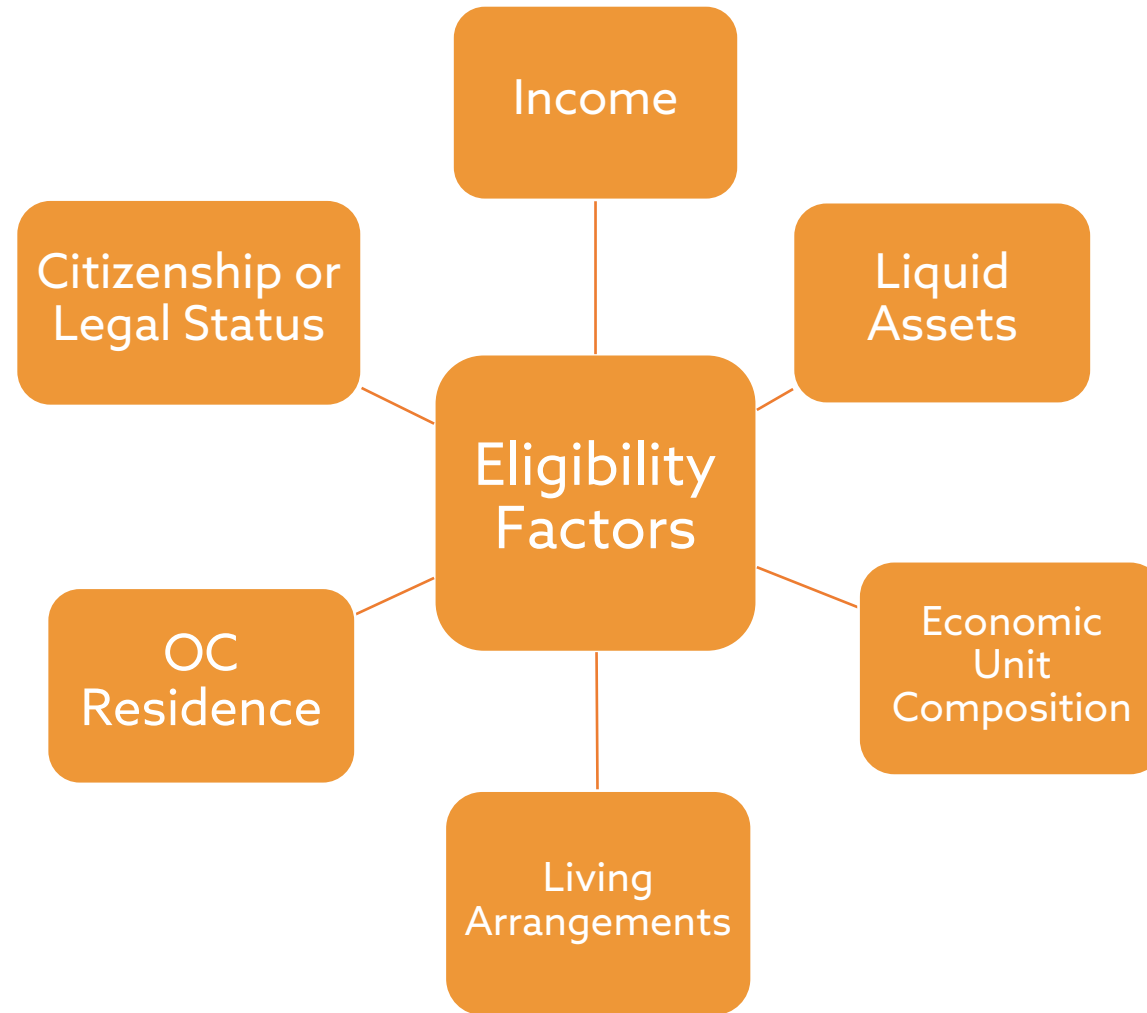


General Relief

- 🍊 Cash Assistance program funded by County of Orange
- 🍊 Provides temporary cash aid to eligible indigent adults
- 🍊 U.S. citizen or legal immigrant residing in Orange County



Eligibility Criteria



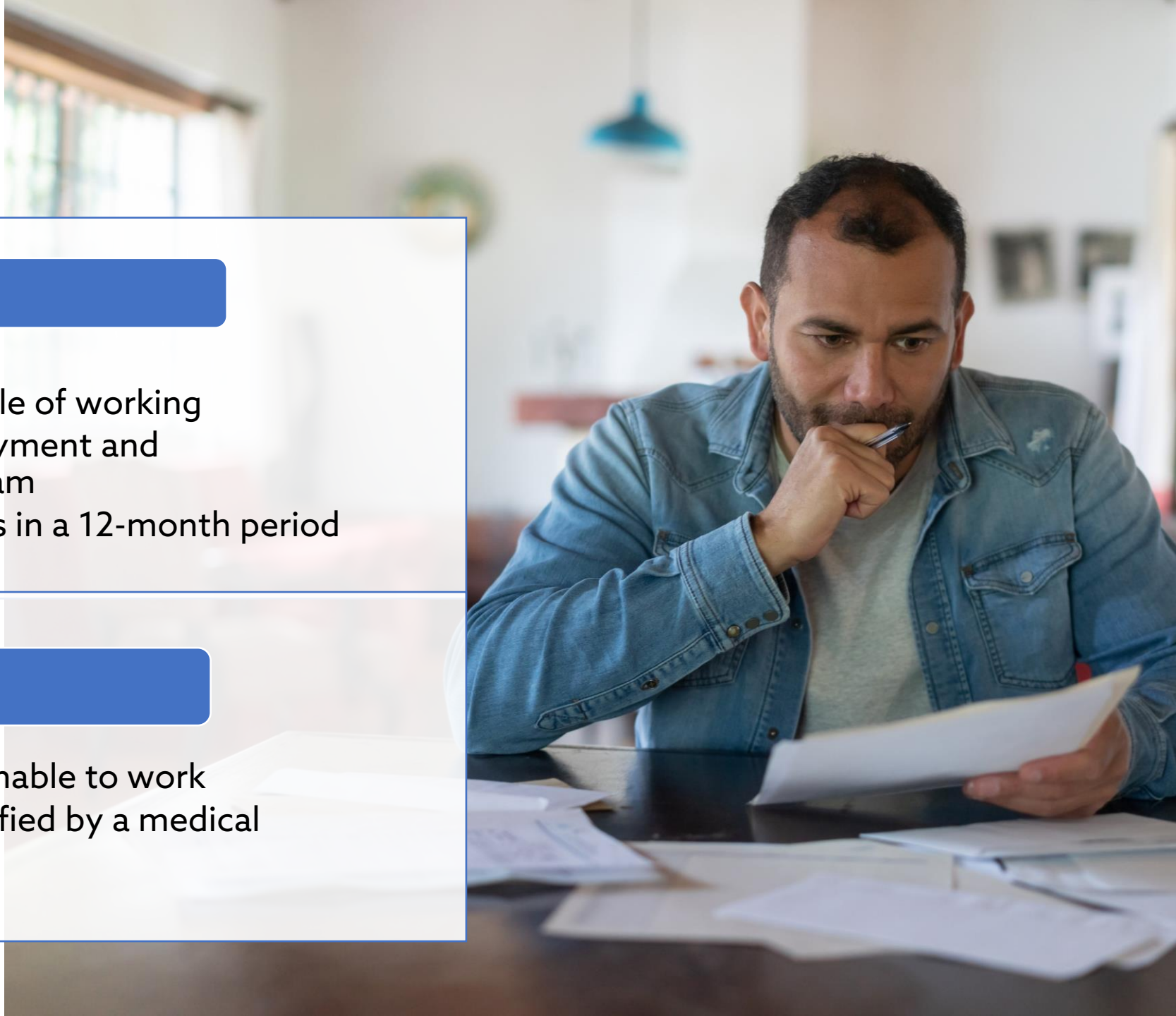
Categories

Employable:

- 🍊 Physically and mentally capable of working
- 🍊 Register with CalFresh Employment and Training/General Relief Program
- 🍊 Benefits are limited to 90 days in a 12-month period

Unemployable:

- 🍊 Permanently or temporarily unable to work
- 🍊 Eligible if the incapacity is verified by a medical provider
- 🍊 Benefits are not time limited



California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs)



What is CalWORKs?

- 🍊 CalWORKs, also referred to as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), is a cash aid program for low-income families to help meet basic needs:
 - Benefits are delivered via Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card monthly or can be deposited to your bank account through direct deposit
- 🍊 Provides education, employment and training programs to help families get jobs and move toward self-sufficiency:
 - Adults are eligible for 60 months (effective May 2022)
 - Children may receive cash aid until they turn 18



CalWORKs – Who May Be Eligible?

- 🍊 Must be the parent/caretaker relative of a child under the age of 18 living in the home
 - Possible exception for teens over age of 18
- 🍊 Have children in a home deprived of parental support or care because of absence, disability, underemployment or death
- 🍊 Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident and reside in California
- 🍊 Property Limit: Effective January 1, 2023, the maximum property/resources limit increased from \$10,211 to \$10,888 for a CalWORKs Assistance Unit. For Assistance Units that include at least one member aged 60 or older or disabled, the limit increased from \$15,317 to \$16,333.



Welfare-to-Work

- 🍊 CalWORKs includes an employment services program called Welfare-to-Work (WTW)
- 🍊 WTW is a mandatory program under the CalWORKs Act
- 🍊 WTW's goal is to move participants from welfare dependency to economic self-sufficiency through employment-focused and educational activities that lead to employment
- 🍊 WTW participants are provided with supportive services to remove barriers to employment, which may include:
 - Child Care
 - Transportation
 - Ancillary Funding



Barrier Removal Services

- 🍊 Barrier Removal Services should minimize how long a family experiences instability stemming from a specific crisis or situation
- 🍊 Domestic Abuse Services are available to assist individuals who are current or past victims of domestic abuse
 - If you know of households with children where domestic violence may be occurring and children may be at risk, call the Child Abuse Registry hotline at (714) 940-1000
- 🍊 Behavioral Health Services
- 🍊 Homeless/Housing Support
- 🍊 Cal-Learn



Cal-Learn



- 🍊 The CalLearn Program strives to reduce the chances of long-term welfare dependency by serving pregnant and custodial teen parents under the age of 19 who are receiving CalWORKs and have not yet earned a high school diploma or equivalent.
- 🍊 Requirements include attending school full-time and earning a high school diploma/equivalent.
- 🍊 A specialized case manager monitors participants' academic progress.
- 🍊 CalLearn provides fiscal incentives, supportive services and intensive case management to support pregnant/parenting youths' success within the CalLearn program to achieve a high school diploma or equivalent.

CalWORKs Regional Offices

🍊 Anaheim Regional Center

- 3320 E. La Palma Ave. Anaheim, CA 92806
- Phone: (714) 575-2400

🍊 Laguna Hills Regional Center

- 23330 Moulton Pkwy. Laguna Hills, CA 92653
- Phone: (949) 206-4000

🍊 Santa Ana Regional Center

- 1928 S. Grand Ave. Santa Ana, CA 92705
- Phone: (714) 435-5800

Anaheim Regional Center



Laguna Hills Regional Center

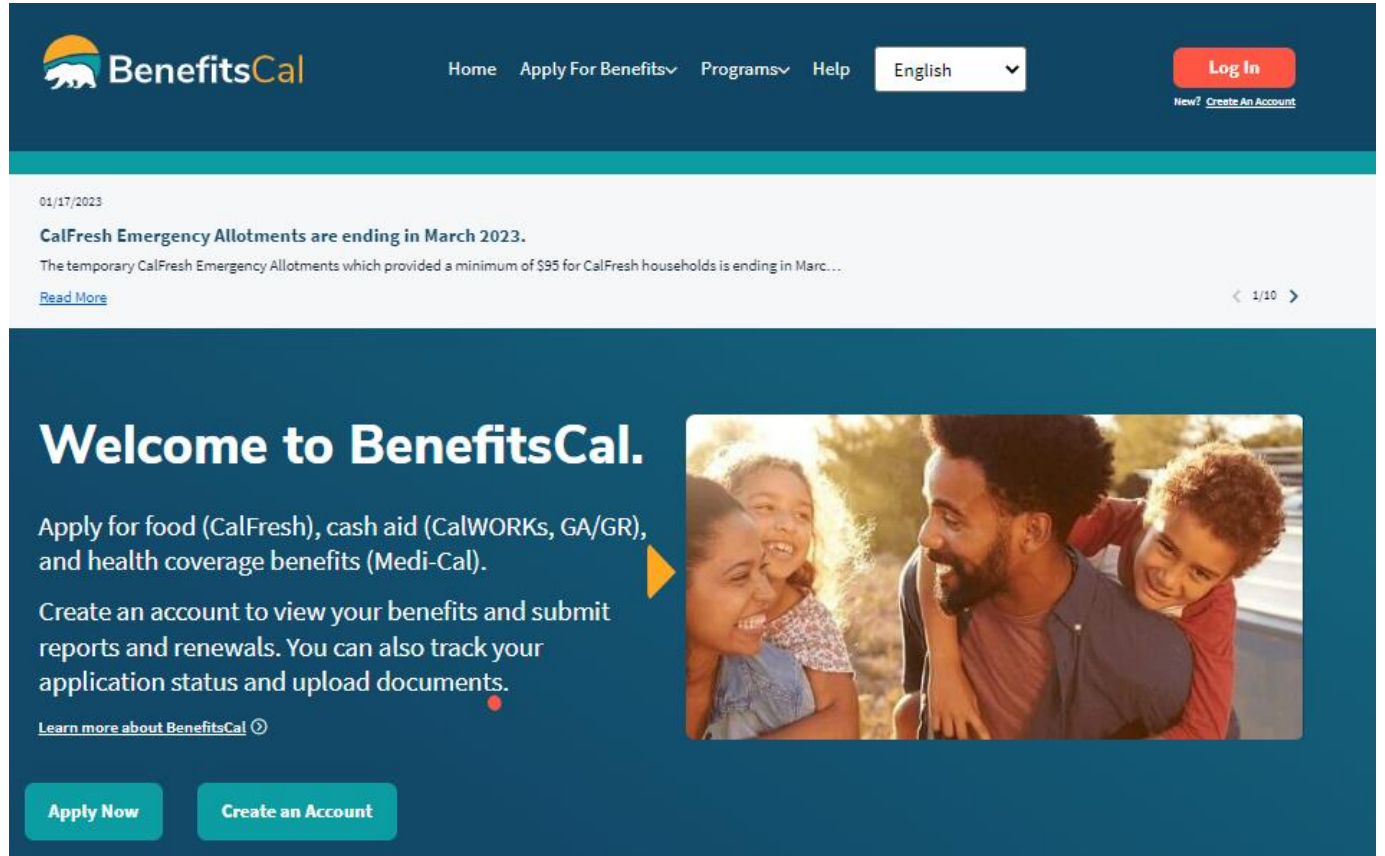


Santa Ana Regional Center



BenefitsCal

- 🍊 Orange County is on BenefitsCal.com.
- 🍊 BenefitsCal.com allows users to:
 - 🍊 Renew benefits
 - 🍊 Report Changes
 - 🍊 Upload Documents
 - 🍊 View case details
- 🍊 Watch BenefitsCal How-To Videos at benefitscal.com/Help/HCVID
- 🍊 Customers will have to create an account if they haven't already.



The screenshot shows the BenefitsCal website homepage. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the BenefitsCal logo on the left, navigation links for Home, Apply For Benefits, Programs, and Help in the center, a language dropdown menu set to English on the right, and a red Log In button with a link for New? Create An Account below it. Below the header is a teal horizontal bar. Underneath, a white notification banner dated 01/17/2023 states: "CalFresh Emergency Allotments are ending in March 2023. The temporary CalFresh Emergency Allotments which provided a minimum of \$95 for CalFresh households is ending in Marc..." with a "Read More" link and a pagination indicator "< 1/10 >". The main content area has a dark blue background. It features a large white heading "Welcome to BenefitsCal." followed by text: "Apply for food (CalFresh), cash aid (CalWORKs, GA/GR), and health coverage benefits (Medi-Cal)." and "Create an account to view your benefits and submit reports and renewals. You can also track your application status and upload documents." Below this text is a link "Learn more about BenefitsCal" with an external link icon. To the right of the text is a photograph of a smiling family (a man, a woman, and two children). At the bottom of the main content area, there are two teal buttons: "Apply Now" and "Create an Account".

How to Apply?



ONLINE:

Individuals / families may apply online at www.BenefitsCal.com www.coveredca.com

[SSA Submit](#) online portal allows clients to upload document/verifications



BY PHONE:

Call the SSA Call Center at (800) 281-9799
Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday
6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Call Covered California at (800) 300-1506
Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.



IN PERSON:

At select [SSA locations](#)
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



BY FAX:

Medi-Cal, CalFresh and General Relief applications to (714) 645-3489

SSA's Service Center

- 🍊 Phone Number: 800- 281-9799
- 🍊 Hours of operations: Monday – Friday 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- 🍊 Answer general questions regarding active cases and accept applications
- 🍊 Request new Benefit Identification Card (BIC)
- 🍊 Report changes, such as: Change of address, phone number, birth or adoption of a child, marriage/divorce, income changes (new job, increase/decrease in pay or hours, job loss)



Covered California Service Center

- 🍊 Phone Number: 800-300-1506
- 🍊 Hours of operations: Monday – Friday
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- 🍊 Covered California agents answer the calls and screen for benefits
- 🍊 Calls can be transferred to SSA's Service Center to process applications
- 🍊 SSA's Service Center are available to assist with Covered California escalation calls, process tasks, generating letters of eligibility or escalating customer complaints



Alternative Access Points

- 🍊 [BenefitsCal](#) online portal to apply, review benefits and report changes for:
 - Medi-Cal
 - CalFresh
 - General Relief
 - CalWORKs
- 🍊 [Coveredca.com](#) online application portal to apply for health insurance and enroll in a marketplace plan or referral for Medi-Cal eligibility
- 🍊 [GetCalFresh.org](#) online application portal can also be used to apply for CalFresh benefits
- 🍊 [SSA Submit](#) online portal allows clients to upload document/verifications



For more information, please visit: ssa.ocgov.com

**Service Provider Highlight:
CalOptima Health**

Jasmine Awadallah, CalOptima Health



CalOptima Health

Nonprofit Healthcare Academy Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

August 17, 2023

Our Mission

To serve member health with excellence and dignity, respecting the value and needs of each person.

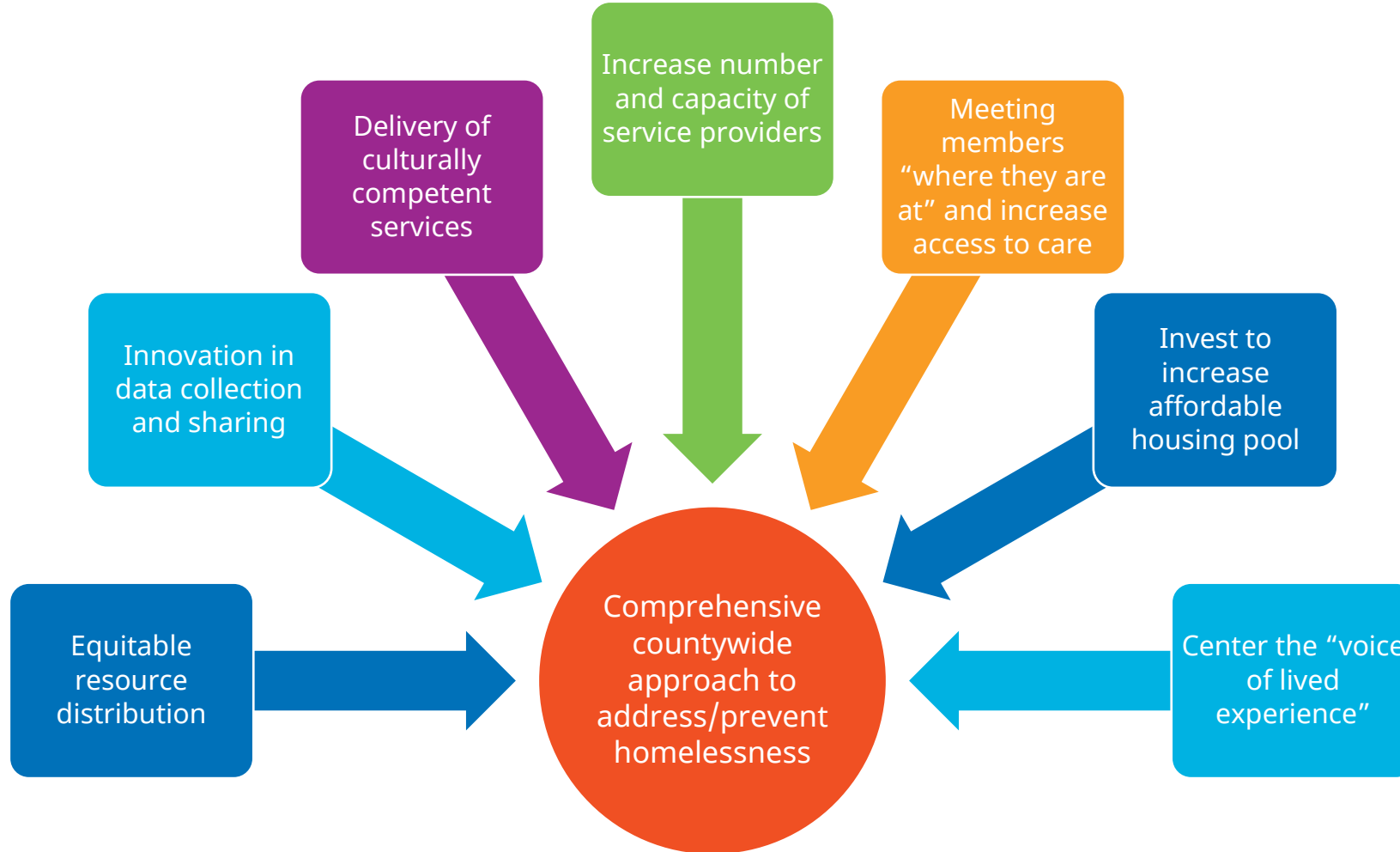
Our Vision

By 2027, remove barriers to health care access for our members, implement same-day treatment authorizations and real-time claims payments for our providers, and annually assess members' social determinants of health.

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- CalOptima Health's Investment Commitment
- Funding Opportunity
 - Program Overview
 - Program Workplan
 - Applicant Eligibility
- Timeline
- Q&A

CalOptima Health's Commitment



Program Overview

- Support grassroots, community-based organizations (CBOs) serving populations experiencing health disparities.
- The program will offer:
 - Technical assistance
 - Skill-building sessions
 - 1:1 support
 - Strengthen leadership commitment
 - Tools to develop SMART goals
- Prepare CBOs for contracted partnership with the healthcare sector.

CalOptima Health will identify and onboard up to 20 CBOs who are interested in participating in the Nonprofit Healthcare Academy. Each will receive a \$5,000 stipend for their time after participation in the Academy is complete.

Program Workplan

Month 1

- Academy Kick-Off and Orientation
- Health Academy Leadership Retreat

Month 2

- Hands-On Skill Building Workshop
- Developing a Logic Model

Month 3

- Hands-On Skill Building Workshop
- Develop SMART Goals

Month 4

- Present findings on team's work
- Next Steps and provide training topics

Applicant Eligibility

1. Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) or equivalent in good standing with the IRS.
2. Applicants must service in Orange County and currently serve CalOptima Health members.
3. Priority will be given to those applicants that serve at **least one** specific populations of focus (POF) including but not limited to:
 - a. LGBTQIA+,
 - b. Asian populations that have established communities within in Orange County,
 - c. the Native American population, and
 - d. Individuals involved with the justice system.
4. Applicants must have annual operating budgets less than or equal to \$5 million.
5. If an applicants previously received funding from CalOptima Health; they must be/have been in good standing.
6. Applicants that are **not** already contracted to provide Enhanced Care Management (ECM) or Community Supports (CS).

Timeline

Action	Date
Application Release Date	8/7/2023
Application Portal Opens	8/7/2023
Community Forum and Q&A	8/22/2023
Application Deadline	9/15/2023 (5 p.m. PST)
Internal Review	9/15 – 9/29
Nonprofit Selection	9/29/2023
Acceptance Letters	10/6/2023
Anticipated Grant Start Date	11/1/2023

Start date may change and all participating applicants will be notified.

Q & A

Contact:

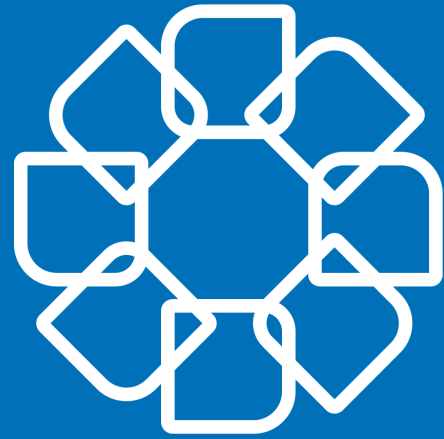
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Important Links:

[Nonprofit Healthcare Academy Application](#)

[NOFO Outline Document](#)



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Continuum of Care (CoC) Updates

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,
Office of Care Coordination

Agenda Item #4

FY 2023 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

NOFO Release

- HUD released the CoC NOFO Competition on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

Funding Available Nationwide:

- CoC Program – \$2,662,000,000
- Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus – \$52,000,000
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) – \$80,000,000
- A portion of funds will be available for CoC Renewal Projects and CoC Bonus Projects.

Estimated Funding Available to the Orange County CoC:

- Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) – \$30,555,374
- CoC Bonus – \$2,138,876
- DV Bonus – \$2,076,061
- CoC Planning – \$1,500,000

Application Due Date: September 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. PDT

Agenda Item #4

CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, and Reallocation Projects Request for Proposals

- On August 4, 2023, the County of Orange on behalf of the Orange County CoC made available FY 2023 Request for Proposals (RFP) for Continuum of Care Bonus, Domestic Violence Bonus and Reallocation Projects on the [FY 2023 CoC NOFO webpage](#).
 - ❖ **Bid Title:** FY 2023 RFP for Domestic Violence Bonus, Continuum of Care Bonus and Reallocation Projects
 - ❖ **Bid Starts:** August 4, 2023, at 4:50 p.m. (PDT)
 - ❖ **Bid Ends:** August 24, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. (PDT)
 - [RFP Detailed Description: FY 2023 Request for Proposals for Domestic Violence Bonus, Continuum of Care Bonus and Reallocation Projects \(PDF\)](#)
 - [RFP Application: FY 2023 Request for Proposals for Domestic Violence Bonus, Continuum of Care Bonus and Reallocation Projects \(PDF\)](#)

Agenda Item #4

FY2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation RFP: Panel Review Members Needed

- The County of Orange's Office of Care Coordination serves as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC and is looking for local partners representative of those most impacted by homelessness to evaluate proposals as part of a panel review.
 - ❖ There will be two (2) separate panels, one for the CoC Bonus and Reallocation funding proposals and another panel for the DV Bonus funding proposals.
 - ❖ Each panel will include at minimum three (3) members and the review panel discussion will be facilitated by the Office of Care Coordination.
 - ❖ Further information and expectations for participation are included in the online interest form.
- If you are interested in reviewing project proposals, you are invited to complete an interest form on SurveyMonkey, linked here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/panelmember23>.
- All interest forms are due by end of day **Thursday, August 17, 2023**.

Please reach out to the Office of Care Coordination at CareCoordination@ocgov.com if you have any questions or difficulty filling out the survey.

Agenda Item #4

FY 2023 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- The timeline below details internal dates of proposal and application submittals, as well as HUD deadlines.

DATE	ACTIVITY
August 1, 2023	Release of the FY2023 CoC Renewal Projects Application
August 4, 2023	Release of FY2022 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects
August 16, 2023	CoC Renewal Project Applications due at 12:00 p.m. PDT.
August 24, 2023	CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Project Applications due at 12:00 p.m. PDT
August 29, 2023	Project Applications are required to be submitted to the CoC no later than 30 days before the application deadline.
September 13, 2023	Agencies notified in writing of inclusion of project acceptance, rejection, reduction and/or ranking by the Orange County CoC (Per HUD 15 days before deadline).
September 26, 2023	Consolidated Application posted on website for community review (Per HUD 2 days before application submission)
September 28, 2023	CoC NOFO Submission Deadline per HUD guidelines

Agenda Item #4

Training Opportunity: National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE)

The Office of Care Coordination will be hosting a training on the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE).

This training will provide an overview of the NSPIRE and important guidance for CoC and ESG grant recipients that have housing obligations. Please find details on the upcoming training below:

- **Date:** Thursday, September 14, 2023
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This virtual training requires registration. Please register to attend by Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

- Registration Link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMsduCqrT8jGNJfsFq-7-KZJzeOcC65YKrq>

Agenda Item #4

"VAWA 2022" CoC and ESG Webinar Series

- HUD is sponsoring a webinar series about the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 ("VAWA 2022") to increase the capacity and knowledge of Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and CoC housing and homeless services providers about housing protections for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in homeless services systems.
- This series features technical assistance providers, policy experts, and community leaders to showcase both requirements and best practices around VAWA implementation.
- CoC/ESG leadership, Victim Service Providers, Youth Action Board members, and direct service staff/program management staff who work directly with project participants.
- Participants do not need to register in advance. More information can be found on the [HUD Exchange website](#).

Webinar Title	Description	Date and Time
VAWA Emergency Transfer Plans: CoC and ESG Requirements and Best Practices	<p>This session will provide in-depth knowledge for CoCs and ESG recipients about developing an ETP as required by VAWA. Presenters will provide information about both requirements and best practices for ensuring ETPs are tailored to local strengths and needs.</p> <p>Join the VAWA Emergency Transfer Plans Webinar Passcode: 434094</p>	August 17, 2023 1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT
Community Conversations: VAWA in Practice	<p>This session will feature a panel of VAWA experts and community leaders discussing all aspects of VAWA implementation for CoCs and CoC/ESG recipients.</p> <p>Join the Community Conversations Webinar Passcode: 796807</p>	August 31, 2023 1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT

California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness

- The California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness (CASPEH), conducted by The University of California, San Francisco Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative (BHHI), is the largest representative study of homelessness in the United States since the mid-1990s.
- The study, released on June 20, 2023, provides a comprehensive look at the causes and consequences of homelessness in California and recommends policy changes to shape programs in response.
- The full report can be viewed on the [BHHI webpage](#).
- Additionally, Dr. Tiana Moore, Policy Director of Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative, presented on the CASPEH at the August 16, 2023, meeting of the Commission to End Homelessness.
 - ❖ A recording of the meeting and presentation can be viewed on the [Commission to End Homelessness webpage](#).

**Announcements, Closing Remarks
and Questions**

Nishtha Mohendra, Chair

Networking

Thank you for joining!

Next Meeting:

November 9, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

