

January 18, 2024

Changes for Individuals Living in Intermediate Care Facilities

Dear providers,

Beginning January 1, 2024, California's CalAIM initiative will begin standardizing benefits for the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) members residing in Long-Term Care (LTC) Intermediate Care Facilities.

Who is impacted: These changes will have implications for the following facilities: Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) Homes, Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled-Habilitative (ICF/DD-H) Homes, and Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled-Nursing (ICF/DD-N) Homes.

What is staying the same: HPSM members residing in an ICF/DD homes will remain covered by HPSM. HPSM will continue to cover Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) and Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) for these members. Transportation services will be coordinated between HPSM and the ICF/DD home. Additionally, through HPSM, members living in ICF/DD Homes are eligible for basic population health management, transitional care services, care management programs, and CalAIM Community Supports as appropriate and in coordination with the Regional Center. HPSM CalAIM page: <https://www.hpsm.org/provider/calaim>

A member's relationship with their Regional Center will remain the same. Access to Regional Center services and to the current Individualized Program Plan (IPP) process will remain the same. Regional Centers develop an IPP for each member with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities based on a member's person-centered goals and needs. Members residing in an ICF/DD home shall also have an Individual Service Plan (ISP) developed for them by the ICF/DD home's interdisciplinary care team.

What is changing: HPSM will coordinate all medically necessary covered services for members residing in or obtaining care in an ICF/DD home including home services, professional services, ancillary services, and transportation services. This coordination previously took place with the member's Regional Center. HPSM will reimburse providers at the Medi-Cal fee-for-service rates. Medicare does not cover Long Term Care (LTC) ICF/DD home benefits, but members may receive other benefits from Medicare in addition to the ICF/DD benefits that fall under Medi-Cal.

To provide this coverage, HPSM must receive a copy of the Certification for Special Treatment Program services form HS 231. You can find the form here: https://mcweb.apps.prd.cammis.medi-cal.ca.gov/assets/7F3DBDBF-4A2D-4779-AAEA-9EBA2873CBC6/hs_231.pdf

For more information regarding these policy changes, please see APL 23-023:
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2023/APL23-023.pdf>

Please direct questions to our Long Term Services and Supports liaison, HPSM's Inpatient Review Nurse Raquel Rivera at Raquel.Rivera@hpsm.org. All other inquiries can go to HPSM Provider Services at PSInquiries@hpsm.org.

Thank you,

The Health Plan of San Mateo