

## **AIDS MEDI-CAL WAIVER PROGRAM**

### **What we do:**

The AIDS Medi-Cal Waiver Program (MCWP) is authorized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a 1915(c) Home- and Community- Based Waiver for Medi-Cal recipients under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. MCWP provides comprehensive case management and direct care services at no cost to persons with HIV disease or AIDS as an alternative to nursing facility care or hospitalization. Case management incorporates a collaborative interdisciplinary team approach consisting of a nurse case manager and a social work case manager, who work with the client and his/her physician, family, caregiver(s), and other service providers, to determine and provide needed services. The goals of the program are to:

- Provide home- and community-based services for persons with HIV-related disabilities who may otherwise require institutional services;
- Assist clients with disease management, preventing disease transmission, stabilizing their health, improving their quality of life, and avoiding costly institutional care;
- Assist client and family in moving toward self-determination; and
- Increase coordination among service providers and eliminate duplication of services.

### **Who we serve:**

Clients must have a written diagnosis of HIV/AIDS with current symptoms related to HIV disease, AIDS, or HIV disease treatment, have health status that is stable enough to make home care appropriate, and a home setting that is safe for the client and service providers. Clients must be Medi-Cal eligible on date of enrollment and each month thereafter, and must be certified to meet the Nursing Facility Level of Care or higher as defined in Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Sections 51334 and 51335.

### **What you should know:**

All services and expenses must be necessary to maintain or improve the client's health status or well-being. Services for clients in the MCWP may include:

- Attendant Care
- Homemaker Services
- Skilled Nursing – RN/LVN
- Nutritional Counseling
- Psychotherapy
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Durable Medical Equipment/Medical Supplies
- Minor Physical Adaptations to the Home
- Nutritional Supplements/Herbal Therapy
- Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Nurse and Social Work Case Management



- Clients' Medi-Cal Aid Code must have full benefits (excludes long-term care) and federal financial participation.
- There are no costs to the client for MCWP services. Individuals with a Medi-Cal share of cost must meet that share of cost each month to be eligible for services.
- Each client has a \$13,209 per calendar year cost limit.
- Medical equipment, medical supplies, and minor physical adaptations to the home have an annual maximum amount payable. Non-emergency medical transportation, nutritional supplements, and home-delivered meals have a monthly maximum amount payable.
- Individuals cannot be simultaneously enrolled in State Targeted Case Management Services Program or any other MCWP.
- Individuals may be simultaneously enrolled in Medicare Hospice or Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans except for the Program for All-inclusive Care for the Elderly Program.
- Find the nearest MCWP [here](#).  
These MCWP agencies can provide additional information regarding eligibility and program services, enrolling and disenrolling clients, and direct provision of case management by a nurse and social worker. If you are not eligible for MCWP, you may be eligible for other programs within the same agency or its parent agency.

**Helpful resources:**

- If you are a Medi-Cal recipient, for information on other California Department of Health Care Services waiver programs see Web site:  
[www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/Medi-CalWaiversList.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/Medi-CalWaiversList.aspx).
- For information on other local HIV/AIDS services, see the California Clearinghouse Resource Directory at Web site:  
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/OACAC.aspx>
- For information about HIV/AIDS, call the:  
California AIDS Hotline at (800) 367-AIDS (English/Spanish/Filipino) or (888) 225-AIDS (TDD)  
National AIDS Hotline at (800) 342-AIDS (English); (800) 344-SIDA (Spanish); or (800) 243-7889 (TDD)
- For information on the Office of AIDS mission, programs, and other helpful resources, see Web site: [www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS/Pages/Default.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/AIDS/Pages/Default.aspx)