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CalAIM Incentive Payment Program 2024 **Request for Letter of Interest**

Dear Provider,

Kern Health Systems (KHS) is pleased to announce the availability of the Incentive Payment Program (IPP) for Program Year 3. The IPP is intended for Delivery System Infrastructure and Implementation of Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Programs and Community Supports Services (CSS). ECM is a whole-person, interdisciplinary approach to care that addresses the clinical and non-clinical needs of Members with the most complex medical and social needs. ECM provides systematic coordination of services and comprehensive care management that is community based, interdisciplinary, high touch and person centered. CSS are alternative services covered by KHS that are cost-effective substitutes by allowing Members to obtain care in the least restrictive setting possible and to keep them in the community as medically appropriate.

The IPP funds for Program Year 3 will be allocated based on identified geographical needs of our members. KHS is extending this IPP opportunity to current and prospective ECM Providers and Community Based Organizations (CBO) that can deliver the following services in the areas listed below.

Enhanced Care Management:

Geographical areas where ECM services are needed:

- Bakersfield (ONLY for: Children and Youth, Individuals Transitioning from Incarceration, or Pregnancy, Postpartum and Birth Equity Populations of Focus)
- Buttonwillow
- Lake Isabella
- Lost Hills
- Ridgecrest



Providers who are interested in implementing an ECM program must be willing to serve the populations of focus listed below.

The provider must also have experience serving the population(s).	
Children and Youth with serious mental health and/or SUD needs, or who are experiencing homelessness, or who are at risk for avoidable hospital or emergency department care or enrolled in California Children's Services (CCS) or CCS Whole Child Model with additional needs beyond their CCS condition(s), or Children and youth involved in child welfare (foster care).	Pregnancy, Postpartum and Birth Equity (Adults and Youth who are pregnant or postpartum, up to 12 months, and are subject to racial and ethnic disparities as defined by the California Department of Public Health data on maternal morbidity and mortality, currently identified as four groups including Black, American Indian, Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander)
Individuals Transitioning from Incarceration (Youth and Adult)	Individuals Experiencing Homelessness
Adults Living in the Community and are at Risk for Long-Term Care Institutionalization	Nursing Facility Residents Transitioning to the community
Adults with Serious Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder Needs	Adults at Risk for Avoidable Hospital or ED Utilization

Community Support Services:

Geographical area

- Ridgecrest and East Kern

Services needed:

- Housing Navigation services to assist Members with resources to obtain housing.
- Housing Deposits to assist with identifying, coordinating, securing, or funding one-time services and modifications necessary to enable a person to establish a basic household that do not constitute room and board.
- Housing Sustainability services provides tenancy and sustaining services, with a goal of maintaining safe and stable tenancy once housing is secured.
- Recuperative Care, also referred to as medical respite care, is short-term residential care for individuals who no longer require hospitalization, but still need to heal from an injury or illness (including behavioral health conditions) and whose condition would be exacerbated by an unstable living environment.

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- Short Term-Post Hospitalization Housing provides Members who do not have a residence and who have high medical or behavioral health needs with the opportunity to continue their medical/psychiatric/substance use disorder recovery immediately after exiting an inpatient hospital (either acute or psychiatric or Chemical Dependency and Recovery hospital), residential substance use disorder treatment or recovery facility, residential mental health treatment facility, correctional facility, nursing facility, or recuperative care.

Please submit your letter of interest by **Friday January 12, 2024, no later than 5:00pm** to Dina.Aldaco@khs-net.com and Gaudi.Bercian@khs-net.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dina Aldaco at 661-617-2540

Sincerely,

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