



**Cal MediConnect Consumer Advisory Board  
Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2018**

**1. Welcome:** Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) members were welcomed by Joyce Felix, Santa Clara Family Health Plan (SCFHP) and ThanhThuy Luu, Anthem Blue Cross (ABC). Members were reminded about the confidentiality agreement and to not share personal health information in the open group forum and any individual health concerns can be addressed privately with health plan representatives after the meeting.

**2. HICAP, Medicare, and Medi-Cal Coverage:** Presented by Stephanie Thompson of HICAP/Sourcewise

1. Services covered by Sourcewise

- MOW
- Care Management
- Information and Awareness
- Senior Employment Services
- HICAP

2. Medicare

- Eligibility: 65+, under age 65 w/SSDI, or any age w/ESRD (End-Stage Renal Disease)
- Parts: Part A (Hospital Insurance), Part B (Medical Insurance), Part C (Medicare Advantage Plans), Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage)
- Not covered by Medicare Part A or B: Long term care in skilled nursing homes, routine dental care, dentures, vision, cosmetic surgery, acupuncture, hearing aids and exams for fitting hearing aids

3. Medi-Cal Eligibility Limits

- Eligibility for Aged & Disabled Federal Poverty Level Program (A&D FPL): Monthly Income Limit: \$1242 – Single, \$1682 – Couple;  
Asset Limits: \$2,000-Single, \$3,000 Couple
- Medically Needy Program: Monthly Income Limit: >\$1,242 – Single, >\$1,682 – Couple; Asset Limits: \$2,000-Single, \$3,000-Couple
- Working Disabled 250% FLB
- Monthly Income Limit: \$2,529-Single, \$3,429-Couple;  
Asset Limits: \$2,000 – Single, \$3,000 - Couple

#### 4. Coordination rules for duals

- Is it a Medicare covered benefit? If yes:
  - Medicare Part A,B,C, and D is the primary insurance
  - Medi-Cal or Medi-Cal plan should receive remainder of the bill (except for D)
  - Duals cannot be billed for Medicare A, B, or C deductibles or copays in California
- Is it a Medi-Cal only benefit (not covered by Medicare):
  - Must use Medi-Cal or Medi-Cal plan network providers, suppliers, and pharmacies (except for Denti-Cal)
  - No out-of-pocket costs for those w/full-scope Medi-Cal (except for lower drug co-pays)

#### 5. Cal MediConnect

- Medicare and Medi-Cal benefits are under one plan that cover medical, prescription drugs and long-term services
- Extra benefits include personal care coordinator, Silver Sneakers Program (for Anthem members), transportation to medical appointments, \$100-\$200 eyewear/contact every 2 years
- Hearing aids \$1510 per year

### 3. Issues:

- a. None reported

### 4. Input

- Positive comments were given to HICAP presenter, Stephanie, for a comprehensive and excellent presentation.
- An Anthem Blue Cross Member said she was happy with all she had received from the program and suggested that members be provided with free transportation to places other than medical services.

### 5. Questions and Answers:

Q1: (Anthem Blue Cross Member) Wanted to know with non-medical transportation, can I go to church or shopping?

A1: Non-medical transportation refers to a vehicle which is not medically equipped. Transportation provided by the plan is for medical services (to and from medical services) only.

### 6. Final Comments: None

**Next meeting:** October 31 @ 11 a.m.