

**Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission (VCMCC)  
dba Gold Coast Health Plan**

**Regular Meeting**

**Monday, June 24, 2024 2:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Location: 711 E. Daily Drive, #110 Camarillo, CA 93010**

**Community Room**

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**AGENDA**

**CLERK ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

**INTERPRETER ANNOUNCEMENT**

**ROLL CALL**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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## **CONSENT**

### **1. Approval of Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Regular Commission meeting minutes of May 20, 2024**

Staff: Maddie Gutierrez, MMC Clerk to the Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the minutes as presented.

## **UPDATES**

### **2. Operations Of The Future (OOTF) Update**

Staff: Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer  
Alan Torres, Chief Information & Systems Modernization Officer  
Paul Aguilar, Chief of Human Resources & Organizational Performance Officer  
Anna Sproule, Executive Director of Operations  
Jan Schmitt, Principal Project Manager

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive and file the update.

## **FORMAL ACTION**

### **3. Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Audit Plan**

Staff: Sara Dersch, Chief Financial Officer  
Moss Adams Representatives

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Plan requests that the Commission receive and file the presentation.

### **4. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget Approval**

#### **A. CEO Report on Budget Objectives and Strategic Vision**

Staff: Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer

#### **B. Development of a Quality Investment Focused Budget: MCAS Return on Investment**

Staff: Eve Gelb, Chief Innovation Officer  
Felix Nunez, M.D., Chief Medical Officer  
Kim Timmerman, Sr. Director of Quality Improvement

#### **C. Development of a Quality Investment Focused Budget: Health Engagement Program Return on Investment (GCHP – Wellth Partnership)**

Staff: Erik Cho, Chief Policy & Program Officer  
Erin Slack, Sr. Manager, Population Health  
Matt Loper, Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder - Wellth  
Dinesh Apte, Senior Vice President of Growth & Strategy – Wellth  
Russ Gagnon, Chief Product Officer – Wellth  
Haley Kesler, Customer Success Manager - Wellth

#### **D. Development of a Quality Investment Focused Budget: Review of April 2023/2024 Year-to-Date as Solid Financial Foundation**

Staff: Sara Dersch, Chief Financial Officer

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff requests that the Commission approve the April 2024 Financials.

## **E. Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and 3-Year Quality Investment Program**

Staff: Sara Dersch, Chief Financial Officer  
Executive Team

RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests that the Commission approve the 2024/2025 Budget.

## **REPORTS**

### **5. Discussion on Dignity’s Notice of Contract Termination**

Staff: Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the report.

### **6. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Report**

Staff: Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the report

### **7. Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Report**

Staff: Felix L. Nuñez, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer

RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file the report

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **8. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9.: Two cases.

### **9. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Title: Chief Executive Officer

### **10. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Agency designated representatives: Commission &  
Chief of Human Resources & Organization Performance Officer  
Unrepresented employee: Chief Executive Officer

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be on held on August 26, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., **location to be determined**.

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## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 1**

**TO:** Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission  
**FROM:** Maddie Gutierrez, MMC, Clerk for the Commission  
**DATE:** June 24, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2024

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the minutes.

### **ATTACHMENT:**

Copy of Commission regular meeting minutes of May 20, 2024

**Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission (VCMMCC)  
Commission Meeting  
Regular Meeting via Teleconference & In Person**

**May 20, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Chair Laura Espinosa called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm. in the Community Room located at Gold Coast Health Plan, 711 East Daily Drive, Suite 110, Camarillo, California.

**INTERPRETER ANNOUNCEMENT**

The interpreter made her announcement.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

The Oath of Office was administered to new Commissioner Phil Buttell,

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Anwar Abbas, Allison Blaze, M.D., Phil Buttell, James Corwin, Tabin Cosio, Laura Espinosa, Melissa Livingston, Supervisor Vianey Lopez, Anna Monroy, Dee Pupa, Sara Sanchez, and Scott Underwood, D.O.

Absent: None.

Attending the meeting for GCHP were Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer, Alan Torres, Chief Information Officer, CPPO Erik Cho, CFO Sara Dersch, Marlen Torres, Executive Director, Strategy and External Affairs, Paul Aguilar, Chief of Human Resources, Felix Nunez, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Robert Franco, Chief Compliance Officer, Ted Bagley, Chief Diversity Officer, Eve Gelb, Chief Innovation Officer, and Scott Campbell, General Counsel.

Also in attendance were the following GCHP Staff: Kim Timmerman, Nicole Kanter, David Tovar, Mayra Hernandez, Adriana Sandoval, Michelle Espinosa, Lupe Gonzalez, Lily Yip, Joanna Hioureas, James Cruz, M.D., Kris Schmidt, Benjamin Lacey, Kim Marquez-Johnson, Anna Sproule, Chris Dulan, Vicki Wrihster, Josephine Gallella. Erin Slack, TJ Piwowarski, Rachel Lambert, Lucy Marrero, Rachel Ponce, Pauline Preciado, Bob Bushey, Paula Cabral, Lupe Harrion, consultants Don Harbart, and Amit Jain.

Guests: Kyle Edrington, CDCR CEO Gagan Pawar, M.D., and CFO Fred Barbarash.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **CONSENT**

### **1. Approval of Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Regular Commission meeting minutes of April 22, 2024**

Staff: Maddie Gutierrez, MMC Clerk to the Commission

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the minutes as presented.

Commissioner Cosio motioned to approve Consent Agenda Item 1. Commissioner Pupa seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

**AYES:** Commissioners Anwar Abbas, Allison Blaze, M.D., James Corwin, Tabin Cosio, Laura Espinosa, Melissa Livingston, Supervisor Vianey Lopez, Anna Monroy, Dee Pupa, Sara Sanchez, and Scott Underwood, D.O.

**ABSTAIN:** Commissioner Phil Buttell

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **2. Operations Of The Future (OOTF) Presentation on Provider Portal and Core Administration**

Staff: Anna Sproule, Executive Director of Operations  
Vicki Wrihster, Sr. Director of Network Operations  
Paul Aguilar, Chief of Human Resources & Organization Performance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive and file the presentation

Anna Sproule, Exec. Director of Operations stated GCHP has been working toward the implementation of the OOTF in July. Ms. Sproule introduced Vicki Wrihster, Sr. Director of Network Operations. She will review the new provider portal that will be kicking off on July 1, 2024. Ms. Wrihster will review the functionalities of the provider portal. The portal will enable GCHP to provide faster access to member information and it is intended to boost satisfaction for both providers and our members. Ms. Wrihster will provide a high-level overview of what the portal looks like and its capabilities. She gave a comparison of our current portal versus the new portal. She noted that in the current portal in order for providers to register, there would have to reach out to us in order to get an access code. If there was a user who belonged to a group that had multiple sites, that user would be required to have a separate identification number for each site. There is also a





limitation in the current portal that our providers can only submit professional claims, which will be different in the new portal. Electronic submission of authorizations and claims was more cumbersome in the current portal as opposed to the new portal. The current portal can do global messaging, and with the new portal we will be able to have targeted messages to our provider, as well as global messaging. Also, in the event that our providers would lose their user ID, they had to contact us.

The new portal allows us to have enhanced autonomy with the providers for registration with the process that we have set up. Providers will now have the ability to set up and add their own users. Ms. Wrihster noted that the portal is very user friendly. It is intuitive with that the providers need in order to go from one screen to another.

Our eligibility information is more clear, more thorough, and it also includes other insurance information, this is a critical piece for our providers. The portal will tell us the effective date of other insurance, the name of the other insurance and whether or not it is a primary or secondary. We have also strengthened our security on this portal. The portal has a two-factor authentication process to be able to go into the portal.

We needed to have user roles, meaning there are user levels; from highest level of functionality within the portal to various levels such as authorization, which does not give access to claims, or eligibility.

Our providers see so many different types of members, and we need to make sure that they understand that we see who they see, and that we also see them as a diverse provider network. Our providers have two methods in which they can register for the portal – one is at a vendor level or tax ID level, and another is at the office level. The user can click on a drop-down screen for any location attached to the tax ID number. They would click on the location they want to have access to and click validate. It provides an opportunity for our providers to have an overall view of what their practice looks like. They will have the ability to search for claims and authorizations that are associated under the tax ID number. We will also have the ability to send an individual notification to a provider. Once the message is opened, it will be archived, and the provider will have access to it. General information is also available to our provider network.

Claim status and authorizations are only eligible to be seen by provider administrators. It tells providers what happens for them on an operational basis within a specific period of time. They will know whether they have been paid, denied or if a claim is pending. There are various statuses for authorizations too.

Providers will have various ways to access member information. There is also member PCP information. The provider can also search member eligibility dates. The provider can look up a particular member and have the ability to check on claims and authorizations.



Commissioner Espinosa asked if providers are able to change eligibility status. Ms. Wrihster replied no, they can only see eligibility dates. Commissioner Espinosa stated that eligibility verification is not always up to date. Anna Sproule stated the date listed is what we receive from the state of California. Eligibility is updated every day, and that information is shared with the portal daily. Retro-eligibility gets updated as we receive the information from the state. Commissioner Cosio asked if the data that feeds the system is stored with a vendor or stored in-house. Ms. Sproule stated she would answer that question in the next section.

Commissioner Pupa asked how much history is loaded into the portal. Chief Information & Systems Modernization Officer, Alan Torres stated it was two years of historical information.

Anna Sproule, Exec. Director of Operations reviewed the core administration system, which is one of the systems being replaced. We have selected HealthEdge based on capabilities, performance, and industry reputation. GCHP is currently operating with a claims system that struggles with efficiency, accuracy, outdated technology that can lead to delays, error, and increased operational costs. We are replacing this system with a more modern, technologically driven platform that enables us to optimize operations through automation and utilization of our data. The operations team will achieve improvements in efficiency, accuracy, and scalability with the new system, which will enhance provider satisfaction and operational excellence. HealthEdge will provide GCHP the opportunity to leverage integration capabilities, improve deficiencies with reduced processing time. We will have timely claims processing, streamlined workflows by standardizing the processes which will eliminate bottlenecks and redundancies. CI Alan Torres stated we have made investments in our new modern data warehouse capability that is a cloud solution that is owned and maintained by GCHP – that will be the source of the information that will be then sourcing information to our provider portal. The data flows from HealthEdge into our data warehouse and it is done in real time.

CEO Liguori stated that we will be working closely with Netmark on reviewing all of the auto-adjudicated claims and on manual processing for a period after we go-live. Our intention is to maintain a high level of performance.

Commissioner Cosio asked what the testing involves. He asked if there is a parallel testing or “flip a switch.” He asked what it will look like. CIO Torres state as part of our implementation phase there will be multiple phases of testing; one is functional testing, another is system integration testing, user acceptance testing and end to end testing and how that data flows as it comes in through our front door from EDI transaction, electronic transaction to our core system. We are in the middle of testing now. Our target date is July 1, and we will be testing up until mid-June. It is important to maintain collaboration with our providers and make sure that we have the continuity.

Commissioner Cosio asked what the provider training looks like. Ms. Wrihster responded that we are doing provider training in phases. The training plan will be from June 10<sup>th</sup> through the end of the month. The last week of training will be an open session.



We will be fully prepared to receive calls and respond. We will also have additional communications with the status of the portals and where information can be found.

We would also like to extend an invitation to the Commission to any of the trainings, being mindful of Brown Act guidelines.

Commissioner Abbas motioned to approve Agenda Item 2, OOTF Provider Portal and Core Administration presentation. Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

**AYES:** Commissioners Anwar Abbas, Allison Blaze, M.D., Phil Buttell, James Corwin, Tabin Cosio, Laura Espinosa, Melissa Livingston, Supervisor Vianey Lopez, Anna Monroy, Dee Pupa, Sara Sanchez, and Scott Underwood, D.O.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

### **FORMAL ACTION**

#### **3. 2024 Quality Improvement and Health Equity Transformation (QIHET) Program**

Staff: Felix L. Nuñez, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer  
Kim Timmerman, Sr. Director of Quality Improvement

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the 2024 Quality Improvement and Health Equity Transformation Program Description and Work Plan.

Chief Medical Officer, Felix Nunez, M.D., will present an executive summary of the QIHET program. He noted that all documents have been reviewed and approved by the Quality Improvement Health Equity committee, and upon final approval by the Commission will be submitted to DHCS in fulfillment of our regulatory mandate.

Kim Timmerman, Sr. Director of Quality Improvement, noted she will review the annual updates to the QI program description and the QI workplan for 2024. The QI program description serves as a formal document and defines updates in our processes for continuous quality improvement. Key focus areas include clinical and non-clinical care and services, patient safety, and member experience, which is aligned with DHCS, CMS and NCQA. The core values of the program include advancing health of the community by reducing health inequity and maintaining respect and diversity for members, providers, and employees.

The 2024 updates include the Model of Care being part of the GCHP mission, vision, and values. The Model of Care is recognized as a tool built to meet the unique needs of



our members and community. Ms. Timmerman highlighted changes. She noted that the Pharmacy & Therapeutics committee is being reinstated as part of DSNP and there are also three new sub-committees: Behavioral Health, Quality Committee, MCAS Steering Committee, and NCQA Stakeholder forum. Key functional areas feed content into the QIHET program description that were updated in 2024. She noted there were forty-eight metrics reviewed and updated. Objectives were modified to align with NCQA standards.

Ms. Timmerman noted there are always five objectives. She reviewed Objectives 1 through 5; including their measures, goals and objectives and what department was responsible for each of these items. She stated that the work plan is updated quarterly with updates to our QUHEC and then reported to the Commission. There will be a further focus on areas to be determined based on our measurement year 2024 outcomes, which are pending.

Commissioner Pupa thanked the team for the daily work, and her appreciation of the program. Commissioner Espinosa noted the utilization of the PAC, CAC and CalAIM committees.

Commissioner Pupa motioned to approve Agenda Item 3 – QIHET Program. Commissioner Abbas seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

**AYES:** Commissioners Anwar Abbas, Allison Blaze, M.D., Phil Buttell, James Corwin, Tabin Cosio, Laura Espinosa, Melissa Livingston, Supervisor Vianey Lopez, Anna Monroy, Dee Pupa, Sara Sanchez, and Scott Underwood, D.O.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

#### **4. March 2024 Year-To-Date Financial Results**

Staff: Sara Dersch, Chief Financial Officer

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff requests the Commission approve the March 2024 Year-to-Date financial results.

Commissioner Abbas motioned to approve Agenda Item 4 – March 2024 Financials. Supervisor Lopez seconded the motion.

Chief Financial Officer, Sara Dersch, reminded the Commission that it takes approximately three weeks to “close our books” and we are currently in the process of closing April. Our latest results are currently being presented.

CFO Dersch stated that she will only review highlights. Our underlying financial performance continues to be strong. Items that are within our control we continue to oversee and manage as well as keep close to budget. We work hard not to exceed our budget. We are diligent about ensuring that we implement mitigating activities. If we do go over budget, it is so that we begin to realign with our budget. There are some material adjustments that have been made to our statements /financial results. One of them is beyond our control – one was the retroactive rate adjustment that the state invoked. They do a reconciliation at the end of every year, and they look at the relative health of our members and what they paid us to cover healthcare costs. They decided that they overpaid us, so they took back monies. She noted that they did this with every managed care organization across the state. Our take back was approximately 1.8% which is \$16.1 million.

Another item CFO Dersch highlighted was a quality incentive pool and program that we stated late last year to get investment dollars that are related to quality improvements out to our provider community. We have had initial success, and we were able to accelerate the availability. Although it does reflect an increase in our medical expense, it is actually a good thing because we are getting the dollars out to the providers where they can use it to ensure we are meeting our mission. Our Medi-Cal populations have grown in premium categories that are experiencing decreases in premiums. That is going to be a significant influence of our 2024/25 budget.

There will always be economic events that are beyond our control. The State is in a tight fiscal challenge and there are numerous things they can do, and we will not have any control over that.

CFO Dersch stated that we have no control over what members are assigned to us. What we can control is how we manage our administrative expenses and ensure that we do everything we can to provide high quality services for our members. Commissioner Espinosa stated that for the expansion population, we know that the premium payment will be a reduced payment. She asked if we would receive the normal Medi-Cal rate or will it be reduced further than the normal Medi-Cal rate. CFO Dersch stated that our rates are determined by a “category of aid”, and there are multiple categories which are characterized by different demographics; children are a category, adults are a category, seniors with disabilities, and there is the newly eligible population which are people between the ages of 26 to 49 who do not have sufficient immigration documentation. The rates we receive for those members are less than the rate we receive for that same group who do have appropriate documentation. In Medi-Cal reimbursements there are two components: the federal component and the state component. This new group is only eligible for state monies and not federal dollars. Rates are different for every category of aid. There is no standard Medi-Cal rate. The rate development is changing over the next few years. Commissioner Abbas asked if we are keeping anything in the reserve funds for issues/events out of our control. CFO Dersch stated our TNE is very high compared to some of our peers. Our reserves are dollars that we have that we can turn to in times of need. The state mandates that we keep a certain amount of TNE on our books at all times. We also have an internal rule that was approved by the Commission last June stating that we maintain 700% of that. The state minimum for TNE is approximately three months of operating expenses. Our current TNE is over 1000%, we have available reserves, and we can tap into

that with Commission approval. We are in a healthy fiscal position right now. General Counsel, Scott Campbell stated that part of our safeguard is that in addition to the TNE that the Commission set, in the approval of the budget will constitute a planned work down or commitment of that money over a three-year period. If the State wants to take money, we have an argument that we have a Commission approved plan on how the funds will go directly to our community and providers.

Commissioner Cosio asked if the state and federal rates were proportional. CFO Dersch stated that California uses their own actuarial services firm, Mercer – they build the rates from the ground up. They look at what the utilization of a particular demographic, do their studies, crunch numbers, and determine what they believe that particular category of aid will incur in medical services in a month – this includes the medical care and administrative expenses. Instead of starting with a higher rate and then going down, it starts with zero and builds up. There is no added to see if they qualify for additional funding from the federal government. The premium for the new cohort basically ends with what the state contributes. For each category of aid, they have to rate, develop a price premium to the health plans that they believe is adequate to cover all of the costs of care plus other things. California is taking that cost entirely.

In a time of fiscal stress for the state, it is not surprising that they are being on the conservative side with this new cohort. As services are provided, the state will review what services were utilized, how much did they pay in premiums, and they will either take away or give us more. There will be a final reconciliation. Commissioner Corwin stated that ultimately the reality is there will be some finite budget. We will use best information today and then adjust it as we go along.

CFO Dersch noted that we have a higher membership than expected. With the new cohort we were expecting 5,000 and we got 17,000. We are expecting 23,000 over time, so we are still expecting 8,000 more to come. We did not expect 17,000 in January. Even though we have more members than expected, due to our member mix we are slightly unfavorable. We budget for a particular member mix. The PMPM is going to influence our next fiscal year's budget. We normally have some level of immaterial retroactivity every month, the state adjusts enrollment records and people qualify retroactively.

In medical cost benefits we are \$30 million over our projected spend. This is good because we have a \$29.4 million in the QIPP expense versus a forecast of \$12.1 million. We accelerated this payment. This means that our members are going to benefit more quickly because providers have more money for additional office hours to expand quality in order to make the services available.

In our fee for service claims from a year-to-date perspective, we are over, but we would expect that because our membership is higher, so we will have a higher volume of claims. In administrative costs, which we can control, we have reported that our Operations Of The Future costs have exceeded what we had forecast due to acceleration of some of the implementations so we can be ready July 1. We are now \$1.5 million favorable. We are able to manage those costs that we control from an administrative expense perspective that is not related to project portfolio. We are slightly unfavorable to budget that is explainable by a primary



increase in volume. We send out welcome kits to all of our new members and our budget did not contemplate 17,000 members in January. We did end up \$9.1 million deficit, but that is planned and is reflective of the acceleration of the quality incentive pool dollars that we made available for our providers on a year-to-date basis. We are adding back to our reserves, and we are increasing our TNE. CFO Dersch stated that we do have a new targeted rate increase, which is where some categories of services are now eligible for a higher reimbursement from the state. There will be a final reconciliation in that we provide the same level of services that the state thought we would. CFO Dersch stated there is a membership breakdown, along with a balance sheet, and cash flow statements the Commission can review.

Commissioner Abbas motioned to approve Agenda Item 4 – March 2024 Financials. Supervisor Lopez seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

**AYES:** Commissioners Anwar Abbas, Allison Blaze, M.D., Phil Buttell, James Corwin, Tabin Cosio, Laura Espinosa, Melissa Livingston, Supervisor Vianey Lopez, Anna Monroy, Dee Pupa, Sara Sanchez, and Scott Underwood, D.O.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** None.

## **5. Year-To-Date Financial Review and Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget Review**

Staff: Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer, and GCHP Executive Team

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff requests the Commission review information and provide feedback to staff for budgeting and planning purposes.

CEO Nick Liguori thanked the commission for their time, attention, and guidance in the development of plans and budgets. This information has also been presented to the Executive Finance Committee. CEO Liguori stated that there is a planned use of our reserves, a planned spend down of our reserves. DHC develops our premiums with three components. Eighty-eight percent of the premium is to be dedicated to benefit related costs, 10% on the operations of the health plan, and 2% for ongoing addition to reserves. We seek to put more money into the benefit and services to our members. In the years to come we are proposing in partnership with the Commission to budget a spend down of serves where our bottom line will show a reduction in assets. We find ourselves approaching a \$50 million spend down in reserves. We are approaching this budgetary planning with caution and prudence. The plans and budgets developed are based on a deep understanding of our members and their healthcare needs.

CFO Dersh stated that we are still a maturing organization. We are making improvements to meet the quality needs for our members. We will review how we designed our budget and what are the fundamentals that we looked at. We will get into



the details of our proposed budget. We are coming out of the pandemic era and are going back to smaller margins. We are in a position to put infrastructure in place both internally and externally within the community and providers.

We are presenting a budget that responsibly spends down some of our assets in order to better prepare for a future that is going to be harder to navigate. We are going to review the regulatory environment and review marketplace environment. The accumulation of our reserves over the last few years shows good financial management. We have guiding principles which align to support our mission.

Eighty-eight percent of our premiums go to Medi-Cal member benefits, their medical cost, 10% goes to efficient operations, and 2% we are going to retain for future reserves for this next fiscal year's budget and for the subsequent 2 years after that. We are proposing that we draw down our reserves by approximately 2% each year to ensure we have the investment needed. It is critical that we develop quality programs now so that when we do need to have those quality scores and be able to document those scores and member acuity, we are able to do so. Our budget is shaped around our mission and guiding principles, it is also influenced by regulatory space.

Marlen Torres, Executive Director of Strategy & External Affairs stated that in the Governor's May Revise he noted that we are experiencing a \$27 billion deficit, The Governor has gone through Rainy Day fund proposal, cut through other programs such as IHSS as well as key programs that he is no longer funding. Although the Medi-Cal portion of the state budget was not impacted we need to be cautious because it is going to impact plans through rate development. We are being asked to do more as a health plan and step outside of our traditional health plan rule and maintain our commitment to CalAIM. We are being asked to go into social drivers of health. This has remained funded in the DHCS budget for us to be able to do. There is a theme of continue to do more with less. We are working to increase our quality scores, and our redetermination efforts have been successful because we have come together as a community. There are contractual requirements letting us know what we need to do in order to be able to advance. We must maintain our commitment to what we said we would achieve from a federal perspective. Not everyone is going to get increase in rates as the Governor had committed, due to the deficit. He is now looking into Medicare rates because he is going to build that into the MCO tax to be able to get the funding that he may need to address a deficit.

CFO Dersch introduced Kyle Edrington, founder of Edrington Health Consulting. He has provided actuarial, financial, and strategic support services to local Medi-Cal plans including GCHP. He is our Chief actuary and an expert in California Medi-Cal. CFO Dersch stated there would be a brief Q&A with Mr. Edrington.

CFO Dersch asked what is driving the changes in the Medi-Cal program. Mr. Edrington stated the first key consideration is that DHCS is focused on continuing to ensure that payments to Medi-Cal health plans are appropriate and reinforce the goals of the program. This is resulting in additional oversight to the context of care delivered to Medi-





Cal beneficiaries and the financial performance of health plans as well as its providers. He also noted that profit is cyclical. Health plans have been healthy in recent years. There is actual utilization and claims expenses that drive future revenue.

CFO Dersch asked if Mr. Edrington could expand more on the premium environment, what changes we can expect and what is being seen in our actual cost data that might influence those premiums. Mr. Edrington stated that we are exiting a period of Covid impacted data. Data from 2024 is very difficult to use in rate development. The 2024 capitation rates that the plan receives this year are informed by experience back in 2021 and 2022. Buildup of utilization was slowed through the pandemic and now we are seeing is the actual experience is driving the rates. So, the experience on which many plans have been profitable goes back to the cyclical nature of rates now being used to inform the future. Rates might not be reduced but they will not increase at the same rate as before. The trend is now going to catch up to the right development.

Mr. Edrington then explained regional rates. Regional rates are the aggregation of experience across counties with multiple health plans involved. There is a broader perspective on utilization expense. The aggregate experience is paid out with appropriate adjustment. Data will drive the revenue. There will be additional oversight requirements for the plan just to make sure they are aware of where they sit within that region.

CFO Dersch asked where GCHP might be on an outlier as far as having higher or lower reimbursement. Mr. Edrington stated that hospital services are reimbursed toward the upper end. CFO Dersch also asked how important GCHP development of care is, cost management capabilities and Model of Care. Mr. Edrington stated it is exceptionally important; it improves members lives and promotes better quality of care overall. You need to prioritize the data aggregation which is diagnosis codes and other clinical information so that when the states sees that they can align the financial revenue to match the population acuity.

CFO Dersch introduced CPPO Erik Cho, who will give a brief overview of the provider environment. We must create an integrated system, working together toward a common cause. We are working to understand our providers needs, challenges, and opportunities to design our quality funding plan and get our members the care they need.

Commissioner Blaze left the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

CPPO Cho reviewed key findings such as workforce shortages impacting access to care, the aftereffects of Covid, with limitations on hiring and retaining talent. GCHP is moving forward on recruitment grants. We continue to improve our processes to get grants awarded and money out faster. Recruitment grants have already provided funding for thirty-eight providers in our community. Chief Innovation Officer, Eve Gelb stated there is a constant concern that the cost of providing care is going up. We want to provide the funding needed to create a solid environment and push forward our goals. The state is telling us to do ore and do better. The way they measure how we do better is through



our quality outcomes and then they will pay us differently. We must ensure that our scores are high. The state has told us that not only will they withhold money, but they will also sanction for failure to perform. We must meet the outcomes.

CMO Nunez moved onto membership trends. The state is looking for a return on investment. They want to see greater value in how we administer and how we are stewards of taxpayer funds. We must continue to address quality and access to care for our members.

CFO Dersch stated that we currently we have approximately 250,000 members. We expect that it will remain steady. We do not expect much deviation from the 250,000 members. Commissioner Abbas asked where the members go. CFO Dersch stated some members age out to Medicare Advantage plan, they might move to another state or county, or they might no longer qualify. Ms. Anna Sproule can send data to the Commissioners with the data requested. Commissioner Sanchez asked about the efforts in redetermination and outreach as well as communication with Spanish speakers. Ms. Torres stated that during the redetermination there was a team that focused on conducting outbound calls, assist members over the phone or in person. There were also team members who were out in the community in both English and Spanish and provided them with information as well as assist with transfers to Covered California or any other program that would be able to support them.

CIO Gelb state that we have been implementing our Model of Care. We have launched risk assessments so we can understand their needs and connect them with services and care as soon as possible. We are not just focusing on health needs we are also focusing on mental health needs and social drivers of health. There are members experiencing food insecurity. We need to provide them with resources. As we get these members connected with services, we will see them become more engaged in their health. CIO Gelb reviewed categories of aid, the different reimbursement rates and how they are changing. We have launched may great programs and we expect them to reduce acute utilization, increase management and increase use of medications to support the management of chronic diseases.

CFO Dersch stated that we are proposing to have a 92% medical benefit ratio that includes \$82.5 million spend. We are projecting 10% spent on administrative costs which means the result be to spend about \$22.5 million of our reserves. She stated that the medical benefits ratio might go to 91.8 or go to 92.3 but that is where we are prosing and projecting us to be fiscally. We are proposing as part of this budget is a resetting of reserves in the following way: We have restricted funds set at 700% that is \$258 million. We believe that is enough reserves to weather issues over the next few years and allow us to think and plan for the long term. We have set aside reserves for D-SNP because we expect to lose money for the first three years. We propose to add \$60 million to the restricted funds for D-SNP. The concepts are laid out clearly and we will have guidelines. We will be reporting back on a monthly basis on how we are doing in conjunction with the budget. We are committed to our mission.



Commissioner Abbas motioned to approve Agenda Item 5 - 2024/2025 Budget Review. Commissioner Pupa seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

**AYES:** Commissioners Anwar Abbas, James Corwin, Tabin Cosio, Laura Espinosa, Melissa Livingston, Supervisor Vianey Lopez, Anna Monroy, Dee Pupa, Sara Sanchez, and Scott Underwood, D.O.

**NOES:** None.

**ABSENT:** Allison Blaze, M.D.

## **REPORTS**

### **6. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Report**

Staff: Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive and file the report

CEO Liguori noted that in the interest of time, brief summaries of the reports will be presented. He noted that Marlen Torres has spearheaded this important event, and he noted her hard work. Ms. Marlen Torres stated that on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> GCHP will be having a Family Health Fair at Oxnard College. There will be a number of preventative screenings available. She invited commissioners to join staff at this event. Informational flyers were handed out and the Clerk will e-mail a copy to all commissioners as well.

### **7. Human Resources (H.R.) Report**

Staff: Paul Aguilar, Chief of Human Resources & Organization Performance Officer

**RECOMMENDATION:** Receive and file the report

Paul Aguilar Chief of HR highlighted the survey conducted in April. There had not been a survey in four years. He noted that the results were very positive. There is a lot of work within the organization and its transformation. One of the key indicators was the engagement index. The average was at 82%. Overall, the initial index and scores were positive. There was feedback on the Executive team as well as feedback on directors and managers. There was also feedback on recognition – giving better recognition for work that is being completed. There was also feedback on work balance. Attrition is at 5% which is very good. Commissioner Sanchez asked if more surveys would be done on a regular basis. Mr. Aguilar stated that he will determine if it will be done yearly or quarterly. Commissioner Abbas asked how burn-out will be reduced. Mr. Aguilar stated that some staff was not aware that other benefits were available for mental health. Staff needs to take their breaks, vacations, etc. Vacation is not being denied.



Commissioner Espinosa asked what will be done with the results. Do not put them on a shelf. This has been a rough two years for staff. She asked for innovative ideas for work/life balance.

Mr. Aguilar stated that a recognition program will also be implemented. New concepts will be presented to Commission.

Commissioner Espinosa asked about a CDO Report – there has not been a report in a long time. She does not want to lose sight of the CDO Report. They are critical to the organization. CDO Ted Bagley stated diversity is alive and well. Mr. Bagley will send out a report to the commission to bring them up to speed. Many have worked from home and so face to face relationships have been minimal due to Covid. Lunch and Learns are still done, Cultural months are being done, but this will all pick up again.

Commissioner Abbas motioned to approve Agenda Items 6 and 7 – CEO / HR Reports. Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

AYES: Commissioners Anwar Abbas, James Corwin, Tabin Cosio, Laura Espinosa, Melissa Livingston, Supervisor Vianey Lopez, Anna Monroy, Dee Pupa, Sara Sanchez, and Scott Underwood, D.O.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: Allison Blaze, M.D.

Open session ended at 5:27 p.m. General Counsel, Scott Campbell reviewed the titles of the Closed session items to be discussed. There will only be discussion on agenda item 9 – Conference with labor negotiators.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**8. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**9. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**

Agency designated representatives: Commission &  
Chief of Human Resources & Organization Performance Officer  
Unrepresented employee: Chief Executive Officer

The Commission went into closed session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m. There was no reportable action.

Approved:

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Maddie Gutierrez, MMC  
Clerk to the Commission



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2**

**TO:** Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission

**FROM:** Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer  
Alan Torres, Chief Information & System Modernization Officer  
Paul Aguilar, Chief of Human Resources & Organization Performance Officer  
Anna Sproule, Executive Director of Operations  
Jan Schmitt, Principal Project Manager

**DATE:** June 24, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Operations Of The Future (OOTF) Update

**PowerPoint with  
Verbal Presentation**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

*Operations of The Future Readiness for July 1 "Go Live"*

# Operations of the Future Readiness for July 1 “Go Live”

Alan Torres, Chief Information and System Modernization Officer  
Anna Sproule, Executive Director of Operations  
Dr. Felix Nunez, Chief Medical Officer

Jan Schmitt, OOTF Principal Project Manager and Integration Leader  
Kari Shankar, Managing Director, Netmark Business Services  
Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer

Nicole Kanter, Senior Director of Medical Management

Paul Aguilar, Chief Human Resources and Organizational Performance Officer  
Rachel Lambert, Senior Director of Care Management  
Stacy Loney, Director of Operations

Susana Enriquez-Euyoque, Director of Communications  
Thomas Cooper, Senior Manager of Claims Operations  
Tom Vargas, Director of Call Center Operations

Vicki Wrighster, Senior Director of Network Operations

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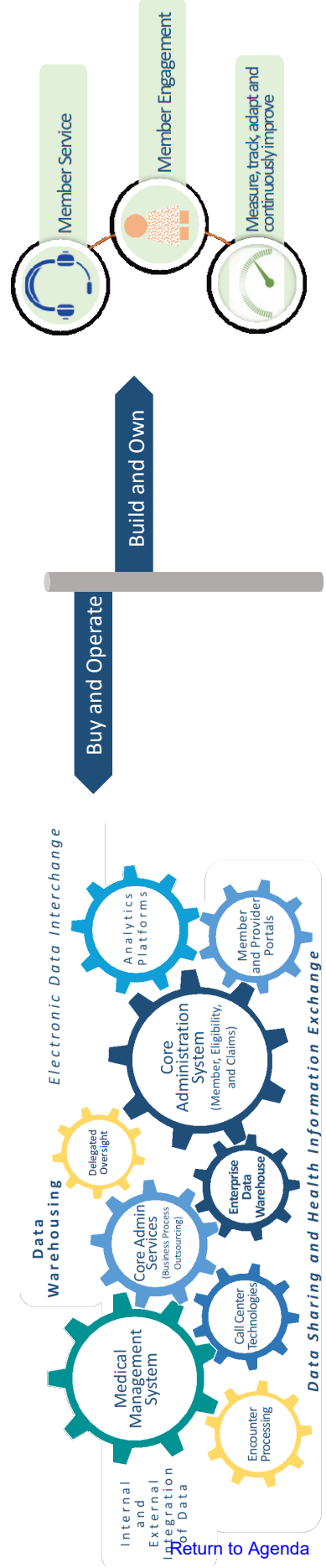
**Accountability**

**Collaboration**

**Trust**

**Respect**

In 2021, the GCHP Commission and Management together envisioned a future in which operations would be performed by the health plan on leading-edge systems, with modern capabilities, in house or working with the industry best vendors to economically and sustainably provide the highest level of services and supports to members and providers – *now and into the foreseeable future*. After 18 months of unprecedented planning, procurement, hiring, configuration, testing, and training, **GCHP is ready to “Go Live”** with our new operations on July 1 2024. This corresponds with the end of a more than a decade of outsourcing of health plan operations to a single vendor.





# Management Assessment – GCHP is Ready

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Ready for July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Go Live

**Core Admin**  
*HRP*



Ready for July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Go Live

**Provider Portal**  
*NTT vendor*



Ready for July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Go Live

**Medical and  
Care  
Management**  
*TruCare*



Ready for July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Go Live

**Data Conversion**  
*EDP/MDW*



Ready for July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Go Live

**BPO**  
*Netmark*



Ready for July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Go Live

**Call Center**



Ready for July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Go Live

**Print/Fulfillment**



Ready for July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Go Live

**Member  
Experience**



Ready for July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Go Live

**Mail Room/  
Imaging**



Ready for July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Go Live

**Org Readiness**



Ready for July 1<sup>st</sup>  
Go Live

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**Member Portal**  
*NTT vendor*

# OOTF Optimization and Mitigation Planning

As the business team continues to oversee the testing and configuration efforts for our new systems, we are identifying gaps in functionality that may not be resolved by July 1<sup>st</sup>. This is normal course for any system build and old-to-new transition and it is planned for in our Operations of the Future Workplan.

For these gaps, we have developed mitigation strategies that will involve some time-limited work around solutions. We do not expect these to have significant impacts from the standpoint of duration (time) or adverse experience for providers.

We expect to be working through this “Optimization” of the new systems for at least the first 60 days. This is as planned from the outset of our Operations of the Future transformation initiative.

# Hypercare Process



**Continuous 24/7 Monitoring and Support:** Immediately after the go-live date, we will implement continuous monitoring of the system to promptly identify and address any issues that arise.



**Dedicated Hypercare Team:** A specialized team of GCHP and vendor resources will be available around the clock to provide support and resolve any incidents or defects.



**User Feedback and Issue Tracking:** All issues reported will be logged, tracked, and prioritized for resolution based on their impact on business operations.



**Vendor Support:** We have established a process to manage coordination with the new additional vendors.



**Knowledge Transfer and Documentation:** Throughout the hypercare period, we will ensure that all knowledge gained is documented and transferred to the permanent support teams.



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3**

**TO:** Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission  
**FROM:** Sara Dersch, Chief Financial Officer  
**DATE:** June 24, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit Plan

**SUMMARY:**

Moss Adams will be presenting the audit plan for Gold Coast Health Plan (“Plan”) for the year ending June 30, 2024.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Plan requests that the Commission receive and file the presentation.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Audit Entrance Presentation



# Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission dba Gold Coast Health Plan **2024 AUDIT PLANNING**

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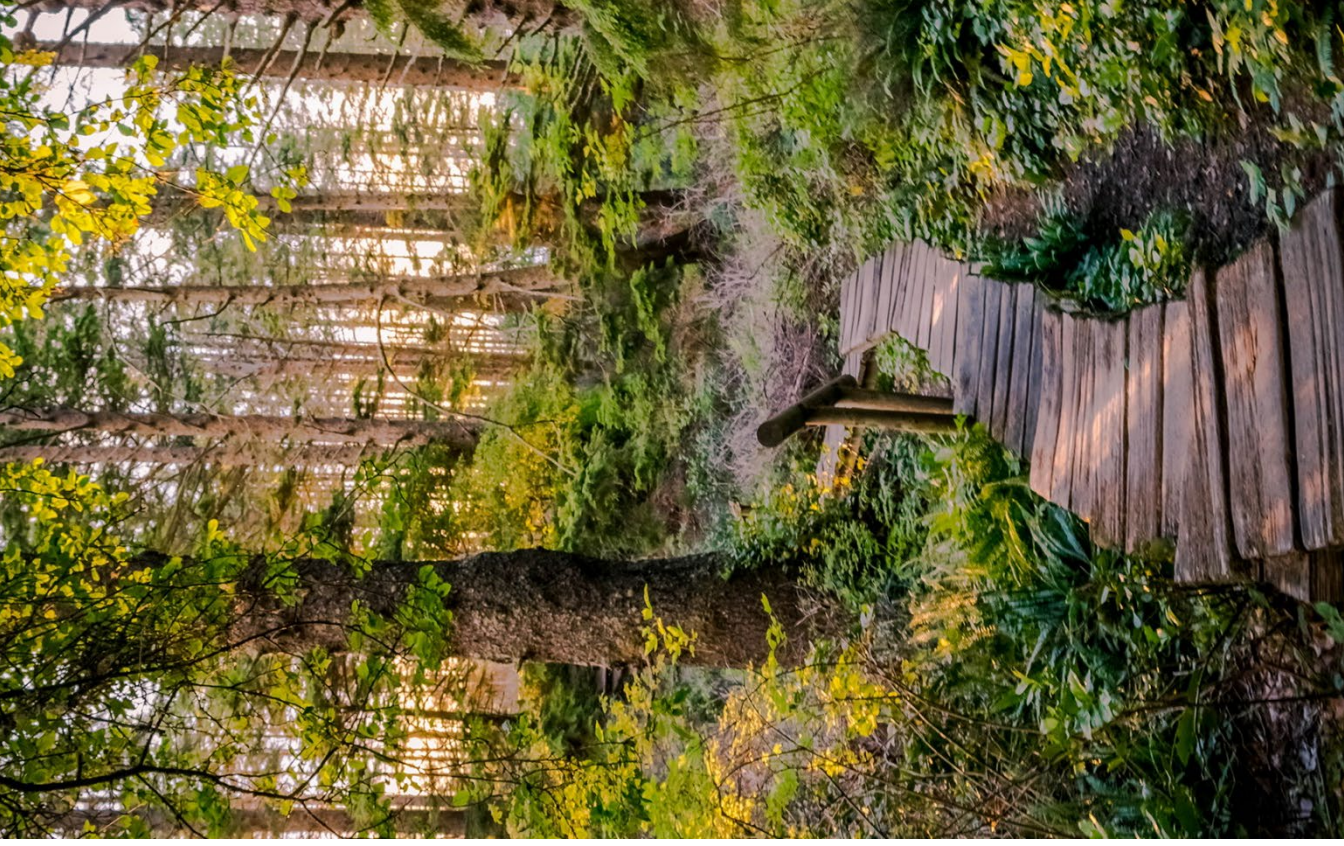
Discussion with Management and the  
Executive Finance Committee



# Agenda

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1. Your Service Team
2. Scope of Services
3. Auditor's Responsibility in a Financial Statement Audit
4. Significant Risks Identified
5. Risks Discussion
6. Consideration of Fraud
7. Audit Timeline
8. Audit Deliverables
9. Expectations
10. Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
11. About Moss Adams
12. Executive Session



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# Scope of Services

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Relationships between Moss Adams and Gold Coast Health Plan:

## Annual Audit



- Annual financial statement audit for the year ending June 30, 2024.

## Non-Attest Services



- Consulting services associated with Adaptive Insights financial and budgeting solution.
- Assist management with drafting the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2024.





# Auditor's Responsibilities in a Financial Statement Audit

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- Auditor is responsible for:
  - forming and expressing an opinion on whether the financial statements are prepared, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
  - performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards issued by the AICPA
  - communicating significant matters, as defined by professional standards, arising during the audit that are relevant to you
  - when applicable, communicating particular matters required by law or regulation, by agreement with you, or by other requirements applicable to the engagement
- The audit of the financial statements doesn't relieve management or you of your responsibilities.
- The auditor is not responsible for designing procedures for the purpose of identifying other matters to communicate to you.



# Significant Risks Identified

During the planning of the audit, we have identified the following significant risks:

| Significant Risks                      | Procedures   |
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| <b>Capitation Revenue Recognition</b>  | We will test internal controls around revenue recognition, vouch membership and rates to supporting documentation, and reconcile revenue recognized to monthly cash payments from the State of California.   |
| <b>Medical Claims Liability</b>        | We will test internal controls over the claims process, perform a lookback analysis on the prior year medical claims liability estimate, review the actuarial specialist's model and report, and perform analytical procedures around the current year estimate. |
| <b>Management Override of Controls</b> | We will perform inquiries of accounting and operational personnel, perform risk assessment procedures, and test risk-based manual journal entry selections.  |






# Risks Discussion

1. What are your views regarding:
  - Gold Coast Health Plan's objectives, strategies and business risks that may result in material misstatements
  - Significant communications between the entity and regulators
  - Attitudes, awareness, and actions concerning
    - Gold Coast Health Plan's internal control and importance
  - How those charged with governance oversee the effectiveness of internal control
  - Detection or the possibility of fraud
  - Other matters relevant to the audit
2. Do you have any areas of concern?



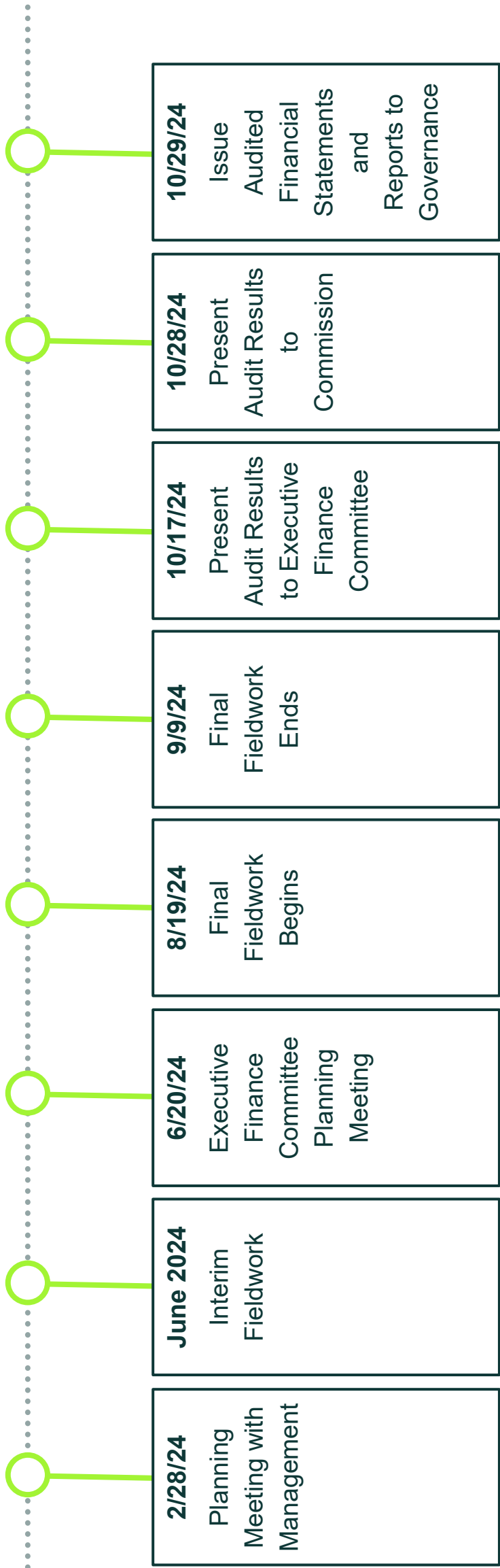
# Consideration of Fraud in a Financial Statement Audit

Auditor's responsibility: Obtain reasonable assurance the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement – whether caused by fraud or error

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|   | <b>Procedures to address the risk of fraud</b>                                      | Engagement team discussion  |
|   | <b>Identify the risks of material misstatement due to fraud</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform procedures to address identified risks</li> <li>• Inherent limitation of an audit</li> </ul> |
|  | <b>Unavoidable risk exists that some material misstatements may not be detected</b> |   |



# Audit Timeline



# Audit Deliverables

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**Report of Independent Auditors**  
on financial statements for the year ended  
June 30, 2024



**Report to Management**  
(communicating internal control related matters  
identified in an audit)



**Report to Those Charged  
With Governance**  
(communicating required matters and other  
matters of interest)



# Expectations

## Client will:



- Have no significant adjusting journal entries after beginning of field work.
- Close books and records before beginning of field work.
- Provide auditor requested information in CAP schedule by requested due dates.

## Moss Adams will:



- Communicate proposed adjustments with management when identified.
- Communicate control deficiencies with management when identified.
- Discuss any additional fees over estimate in engagement letter with management.



# Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report



Our responsibility under generally accepted auditing standards.



Request for advance notification when you intend to include audited financial statements and the independent auditor's report in a document.



Arrangements to obtain the other information prior to report issuance.

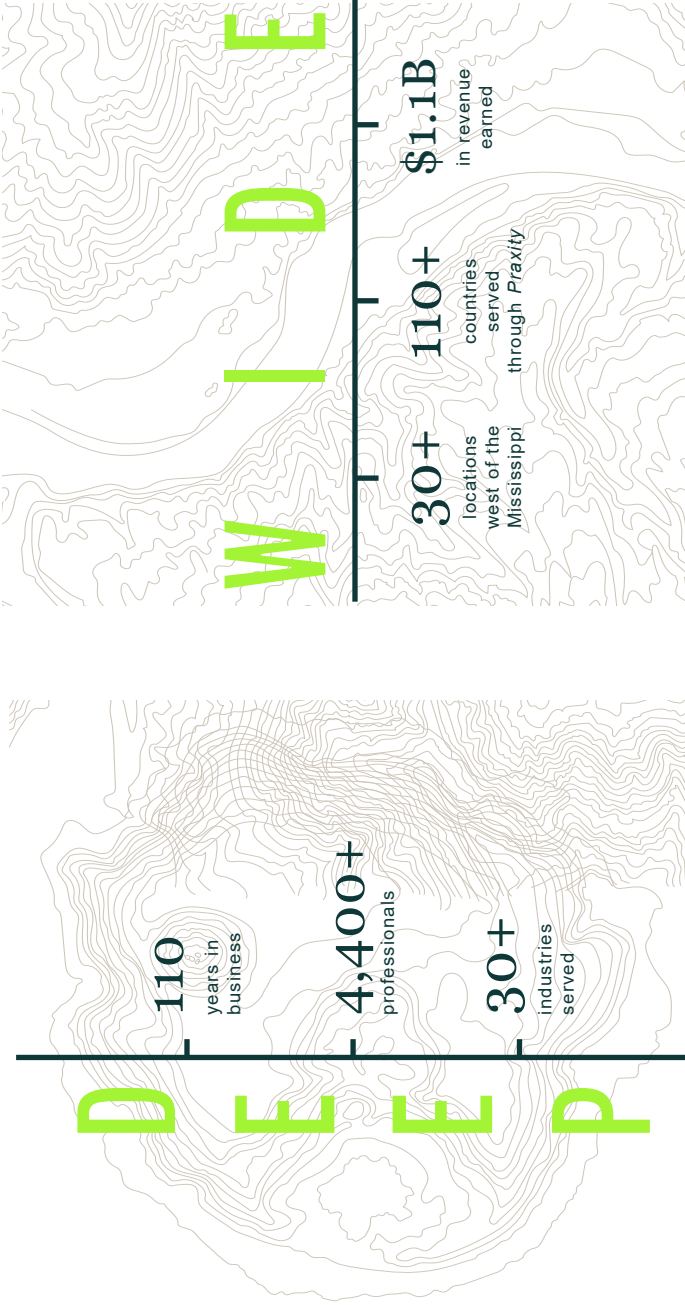


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A monument to perseverance,  
America's deepest lake filled to  
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At 277 miles long and up to 18 miles  
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Data as of January 2023

Expertise

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- Corporate Compliance

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SAVE THE DATE! Nov. 6-8, 2024

Join C-suite professionals from across the health care ecosystem to discuss the state of the industry and prepare leaders for 2025.

**DATE:** Nov. 6-8, 2024

**LOCATION:** Las Vegas, NV

**Red Rock Casino, Resort & Spa**

## HIGHLIGHTS:

**Nov. 6:** Women's Executive Leadership Forum

**Nov. 7:** State of the Union

Political Point-Counterpoint  
Reception with Keynotes

**Nov. 8:** Economic Forecast

2024 Keynotes will be announced soon.

*Past keynotes have included:*



**Newt Gingrich**  
Former Speaker of the House



**Donna Brazile**  
Political Strategist and Author



**Jeff Flake**  
Former US Senator



**Tom Daschle**  
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# Executive Session

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**THANK YOU**

## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 4**

**TO:** Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission  
**DATE:** June 24, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and 3-Year Planning

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff requests that the Commission approve the 2024/2025 Budget.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- A** CEO Report on Budget Objectives and Strategic Vision
- B** Development of a Quality Investment Focused Budget: MCAS Return on Investment
- C** Development of a Quality Investment Focused Budget: Health Engagement Program Return on Investment (GCHP – Wellth Partnership)
- D** Development of a Quality Investment Focused Budget: Review of April 2023-2024 Year-To-Date as Solid Financial Foundation
- E** Proposed Budget Fiscal 2024 / 2025 and 3-Year Quality Investment Program  
Budget FY 2024-25 Financial Statements (including vendor contract listing)



**AGENDA ITEM NO. A**

TO: Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission  
FROM: Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer  
DATE: June 24, 2024  
SUBJECT: CEO Report on Budget Objectives and Strategic Vision

**VERBAL PRESENTATION**



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4B**

**TO:** Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission

**FROM:** Eve Gelb, Chief Innovation Officer  
Felix Nunez, M.D., Chief Medical Officer  
Kim Timmerman, Sr. Director of Quality Improvement

**DATE:** June 24, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Development of a Quality Investment Focused Budget: MCAS Return on Investment

**PowerPoint with  
Verbal Presentation**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

*Investments in the Model of Care – Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS) Investment Impact*

# Investments in the Model of Care—Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS) Investment Impact

Felix Nunez, MD, Chief Medical Officer

Kim Timmerman, Sr. Director Quality Improvement

Marlen Torres, Executive Director Strategy and External  
Affairs

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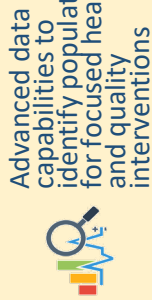
Accountability

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# GCHP Model of Care—Co-Designing for Quality Health Outcomes



Advanced data capabilities to identify populations for focused health and quality interventions



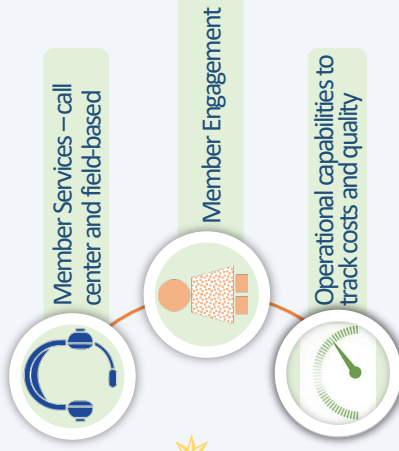
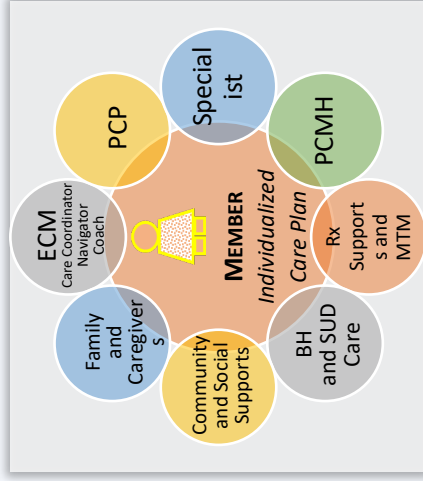
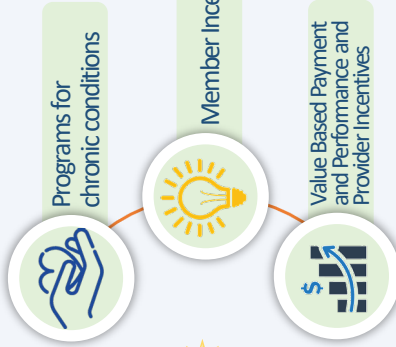
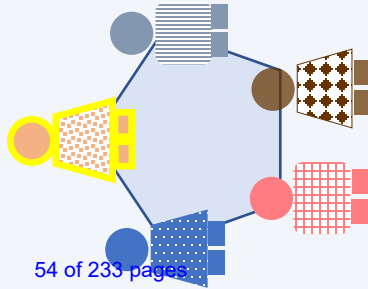
Advanced capabilities to improve quality and satisfaction while controlling costs (VALUE)



An Integrated Care Team Model that applies individualized member management/support on a population scale



Member-centered health plan operations to improve member experience and engagement



The impact of investment in Model of Care results in high quality care and superior member experience and shifts care from acute facilities to primary, specialty and behavioral health care and care and services where and when our members want and need that care and services.

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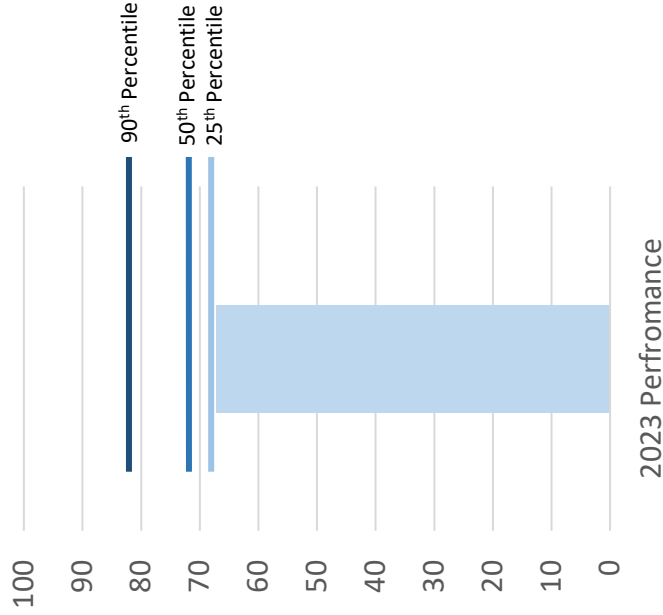
Member engagement in accessing care

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Reducing total cost of care

# Analysis Drives Model of Care Effectiveness

Our current performance (2023 measurement year) for Adults' Access to Preventive/Ambulatory Health measure (an MCAS measure not held to MPL), is below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile nationally. This performance has remained consistently low for the past 3 measurement years.



Our Model of Care is being built to get/keep people in regular engagement with their PCP (and specialists and behavioral healthcare providers).

Our Model of Care is designed to Connect Members with Care that helps them manage the complex chronic physical and mental health conditions that impact their lives.

| Top 25 EDC's Based On Filters                                  |                            |               |
|--|----------------------------|---------------|
| EDC  | # Of Subscriber IDs Active | % Of Total    |
| Hypertension   | 28,913                     | 11.59%        |
| Disorders of lipid metabolism                                  | 28,193                     | 11.30%        |
| Anxiety, neuroses  | 20,061                     | 8.04%         |
| Type 2 diabetes  | 17,181                     | 6.88%         |
| Obesity  | 16,132                     | 6.46%         |
| Asthma, w/o status asthmaticus                                 | 9,966                      | 3.99%         |
| Major depression   | 9,440                      | 3.78%         |
| Degenerative joint disease                                     | 9,316                      | 3.73%         |
| Depression   | 8,730                      | 3.50%         |
| Refractive errors  | 8,391                      | 3.36%         |
| Developmental disorder   | 7,145                      | 2.86%         |
| Hypothyroidism   | 5,952                      | 2.38%         |
| Chronic liver disease  | 5,705                      | 2.29%         |
| Musculoskeletal disorders, other                               | 5,495                      | 2.20%         |
| Other endocrine disorders                                      | 4,770                      | 1.91%         |
| Chronic renal failure  | 4,619                      | 1.85%         |
| Ischemic heart disease (excluding acute myocardial infarction) | 4,578                      | 1.83%         |
| Deafness, hearing loss   | 4,529                      | 1.81%         |
| Cardiac arrhythmia   | 4,482                      | 1.80%         |
| Migraines  | 4,242                      | 1.70%         |
| Autism Spectrum Disorder                                       | 3,882                      | 1.56%         |
| Neurologic disorders, other                                    | 3,680                      | 1.47%         |
| Substance use  | 3,546                      | 1.42%         |
| Disorders of the immune system                                 | 3,524                      | 1.41%         |
| Benign and unspecified neoplasm                                | 3,514                      | 1.41%         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>88,357</b>              | <b>35.40%</b> |

When looking at the top 25 diagnoses (ECD), Hypertension, Metabolic Disorders, Anxiety and Diabetes rank at the top in almost all population cohorts.

# MCAS 2023

## Why These Measures Matter

| Children's Health        |   | Behavioral Health                 |   |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| WCV                      | Child and Adolescent Well – Care Visits                                       | FUA                               | Follow Up After an Emergency Department (ED) Visit Substance Use Disorder - 30 Days |
| W30-6+                   | Well-Child Visits in the First 0 to 15 Months of Life – 6+ Well-Child Visits  | FUM                               | Follow Up After an ED Visit Mental Health - 30 days                                 |
| W30-2+                   | Well-Child Visits in the First 15 to 30 Months of Life – 2+ Well-Child Visits | <b>Chronic Disease Management</b> |   |
| CIS-10                   | Childhood Immunization Status – Combo 10                                      | AMR                               | Asthma Medication Ratio   |
| IMA-2                    | Immunizations for Adolescents – Combo 2                                       | CBP                               | Controlling High Blood Pressure   |
| DEV                      | Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life                      | HBD                               | Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients With Diabetes – > 9%*                           |
| LSC                      | Lead Screening in Children  | <b>Reproductive Health</b>        |   |
| TFL                      | Topical Fluoride for Children   | CHL                               | Chlamydia Screening in Women  |
| <b>Cancer Prevention</b> |   | PPC - Pre                         | Prenatal and Postpartum Care: Timeliness of Prenatal Care                           |
| BCS                      | Breast Cancer Screening   | PPC - Post                        | Prenatal and Postpartum Care: Postpartum Care                                       |
| CCS                      | Cervical Cancer Screening   |                                   |   |



# MCAS Measurement Year 2023 Performance Highlights\*

83% at Minimum  
Performance Level  
(MPL) or above

15 of 18 Measures  
**improved** compared  
to MY 2022

7 Measures at **75<sup>th</sup>%**  
**or above** (39%  
compared to 17% in  
MY 2022)

7 measures **increased**  
in percentile level  
performance

3 measures achieved  
**MPL** for the **first time**  
in GCHP history

3 “High Five”  
measures **met High**  
Performance Level  
(HPL)

\* All rates noted within this presentation are considered preliminary until auditor approval and finalization on 6/14/24

# MCAS/HEDIS MY 2023

## High Five Measures

- PPC-Prenatal: Met 90<sup>th</sup> percentile
- PPC-Postpartum: Met 90<sup>th</sup> percentile
- HBD: Met 90<sup>th</sup> percentile
- BCS: 75<sup>th</sup> percentile
- CCS: 50<sup>th</sup> percentile – 2 hits away from 75<sup>th</sup> percentile



***“Even when it is not fully attained, we become better by striving for a higher goal.” – Viktor Frankl***

# MCAS 2023 Interventions

## A Team Effort



- \$55M Quality Funding
  - ✓ Incentivized Provider focus on quality of care through QIPP
  - ✓ Provider grants to improve access and quality
- Data Improvements
  - ✓ EMR Data feeds from 3 largest health systems
  - ✓ Conversion to Inovalon file format
  - ✓ Data validation and documentation process improvement
  - ✓ Data deep dives in Partnership with health systems
  - ✓ Mom to baby linkage refinement
  - ✓ Non-standard supplemental data collection through medical record abstraction
- Member Outreach Campaigns
  - ✓ CareNet gap closure appointment scheduling
  - ✓ Internal call campaign
  - ✓ Health Education outreach
- Meeting members where they are
  - ✓ Health Fairs
  - ✓ Home health visits
  - ✓ Wellth Behavioral Economics Program
- Member Incentive Expansion
  - ✓ Point of Care Member Incentive locations increase ~400%
  - ✓ 20,000 members using member incentives in 2023

# Connecting with Care Connecting with Community

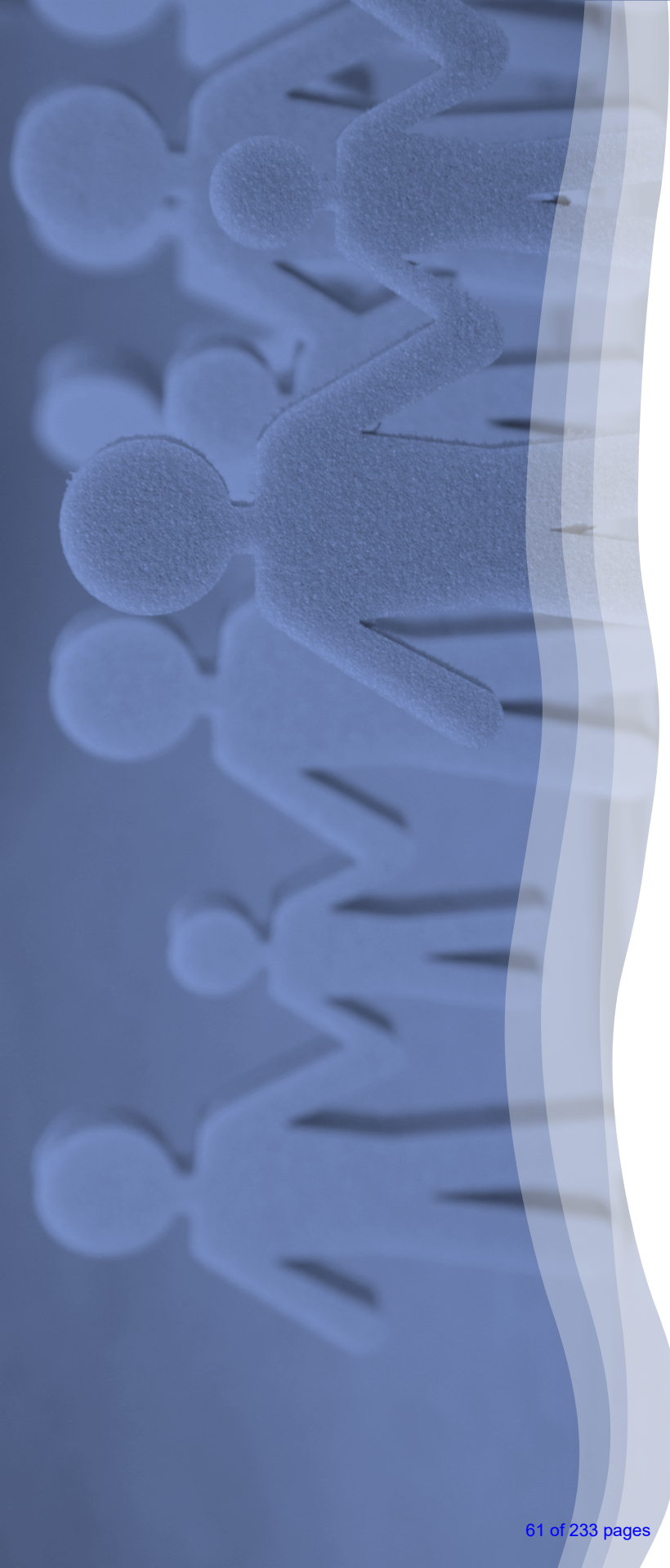


| MCAS Measure             | Screenings |
|--------------------------|------------|
| AMR                      | 8          |
| Blood Pressure           | 213        |
| Breast Cancer Screen     | 38         |
| Chlamydia-Self Test Kits | 20         |
| Fluoride                 | 162        |
| HbA1c- Self Test Kits    | 130        |
| HbA1c-Point of Care      | 90         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>             | <b>661</b> |

| MCAS Measure   | Care Management Referrals |
|----------------|---------------------------|
| AMR            | 6                         |
| Blood Pressure | 57                        |
| Chlamydia      | 2                         |
| Fluoride       | 9                         |
| HbA1c          | 59                        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>133</b>                |

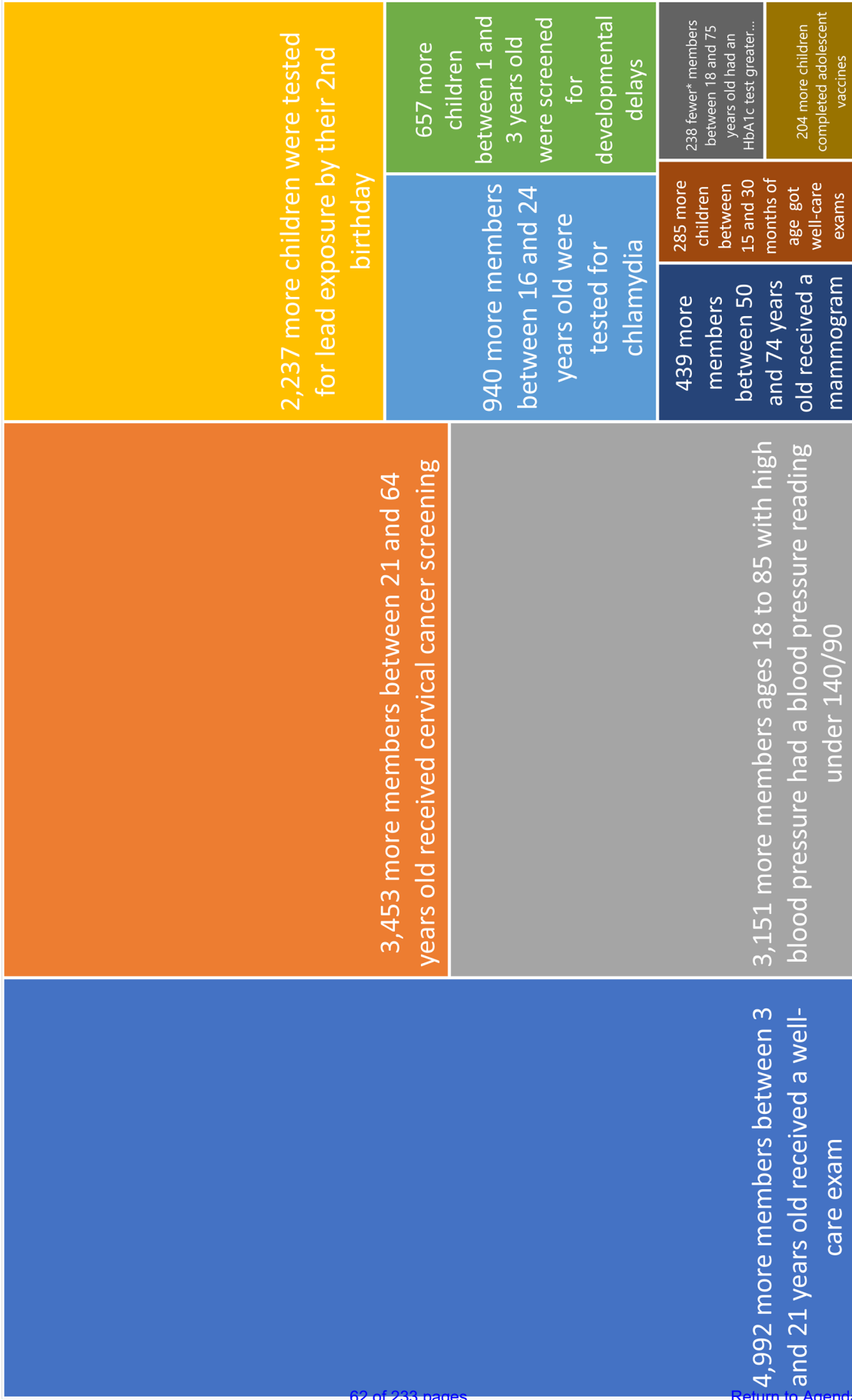
## Thank You to Participating Community Organizations and Provider Partners

- Alinea
- Carelon
- Clinicas del Camino Real
- Community Memorial
- Livingston Memorial
- Sugarbug Dental
- Ventura County Health Care Agency
- Ventura County Behavioral Health
- Ventura County Public Health
- California Children's Services
- Child Development Resources
- Community Action
- El Concilio
- Every Woman Counts
- First 5
- MICOP
- National Health Foundation
- Oxnard PAL
- Promotoras Y Promotores
- Planned Parenthood
- Rainbow Connection
- Tri-Counties Regional Center
- Ventura County Child Support
- Ventura County Human Services Agency
- Vista Real Charter High School
- Westminster Free Clinic



# MY 2023 MCAS Member Impact

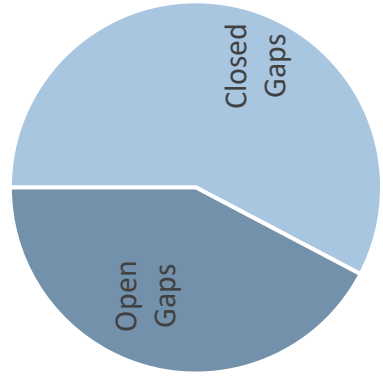
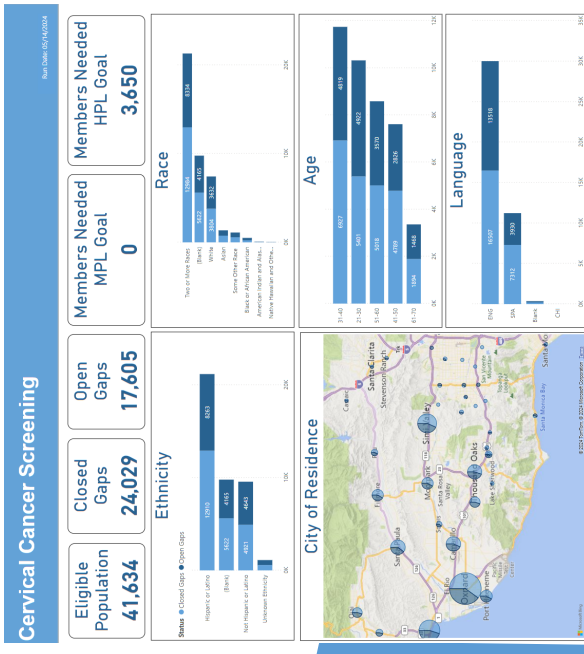
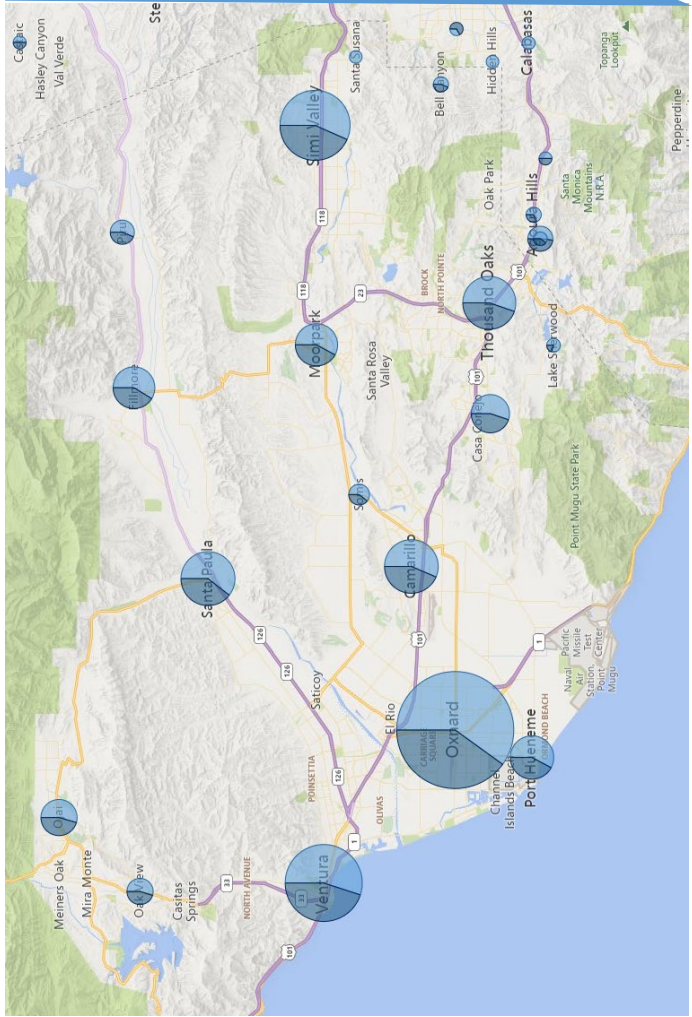
# 15,657 More Connections with Care in 2023



**Data improvements reflected 24,180 more children between 1 and 21 years old received at least two topical fluoride varnish applications.**

# Countywide Impact: Cervical Cancer Screening Gap Closure Example

Member and provider focused interventions are showing outcomes across the county including high need areas such as Oxnard and Santa Paula.



# Areas for Continued Focus



Mental Health and  
Asthma measures did  
not meet MPL



Continued data  
analytics to recognize  
the care that is being  
delivered



Full implementation of  
Transportation  
improvements



Continued innovation  
and collaboration  
including chronic  
condition management  
and community care



Continued investment  
in Quality Funding Plan



Voice of the Member





# Appendix—Details of Measures Meeting MPL

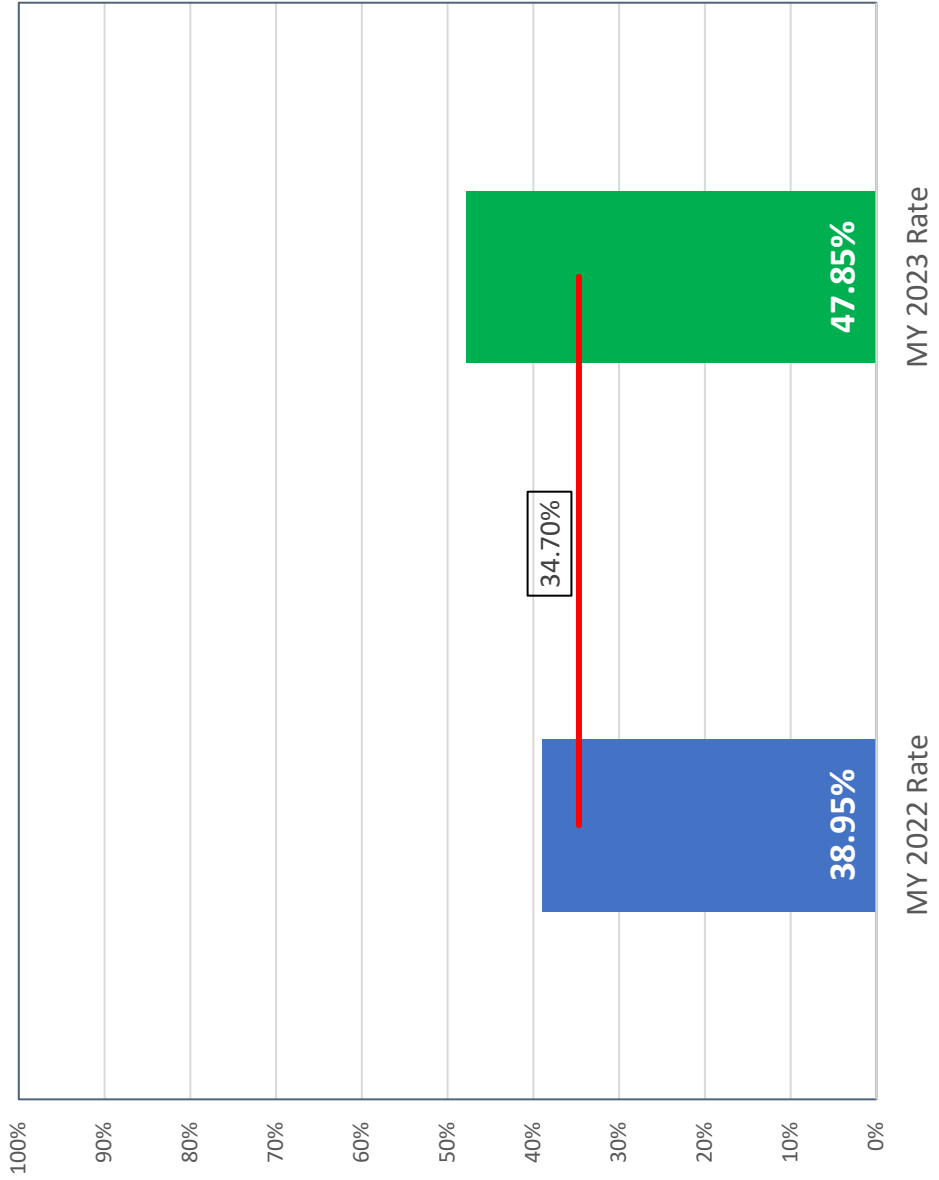
## LEAD SCREENING IN CHILDREN (LSC)



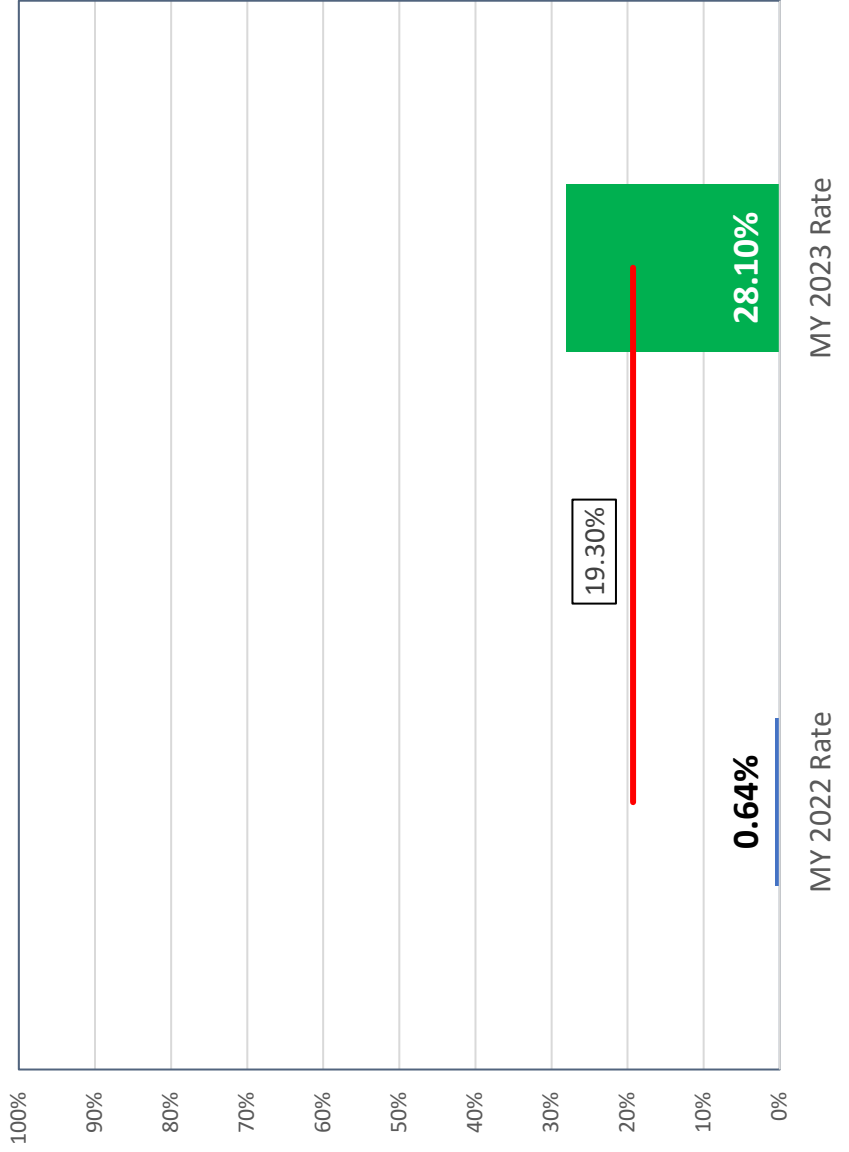
**2,237** more children were tested for lead exposure by their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday in 2023 compared to 2022.

## DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING IN CHILDREN (DEV)

**657** more children between 1 and 3 years old were screened for developmental delays in 2023 compared to 2022.



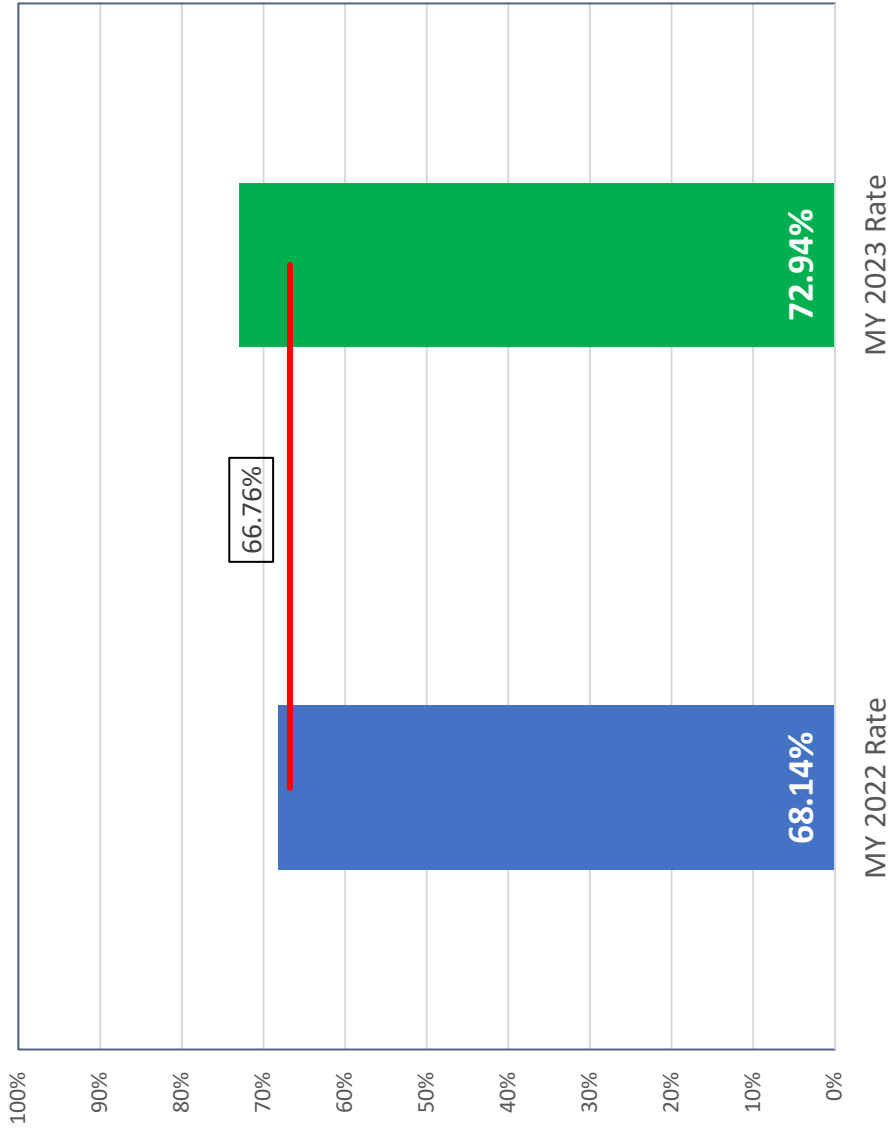
## TOPICAL FLUORIDE FOR CHILDREN (TFL)



**24,180<sup>1</sup>** more children between 1 and 21 years old received at least two topical fluoride varnish applications in 2023 compared to 2022.

**1** Note: Data mapping improvement conducted for MY 2023

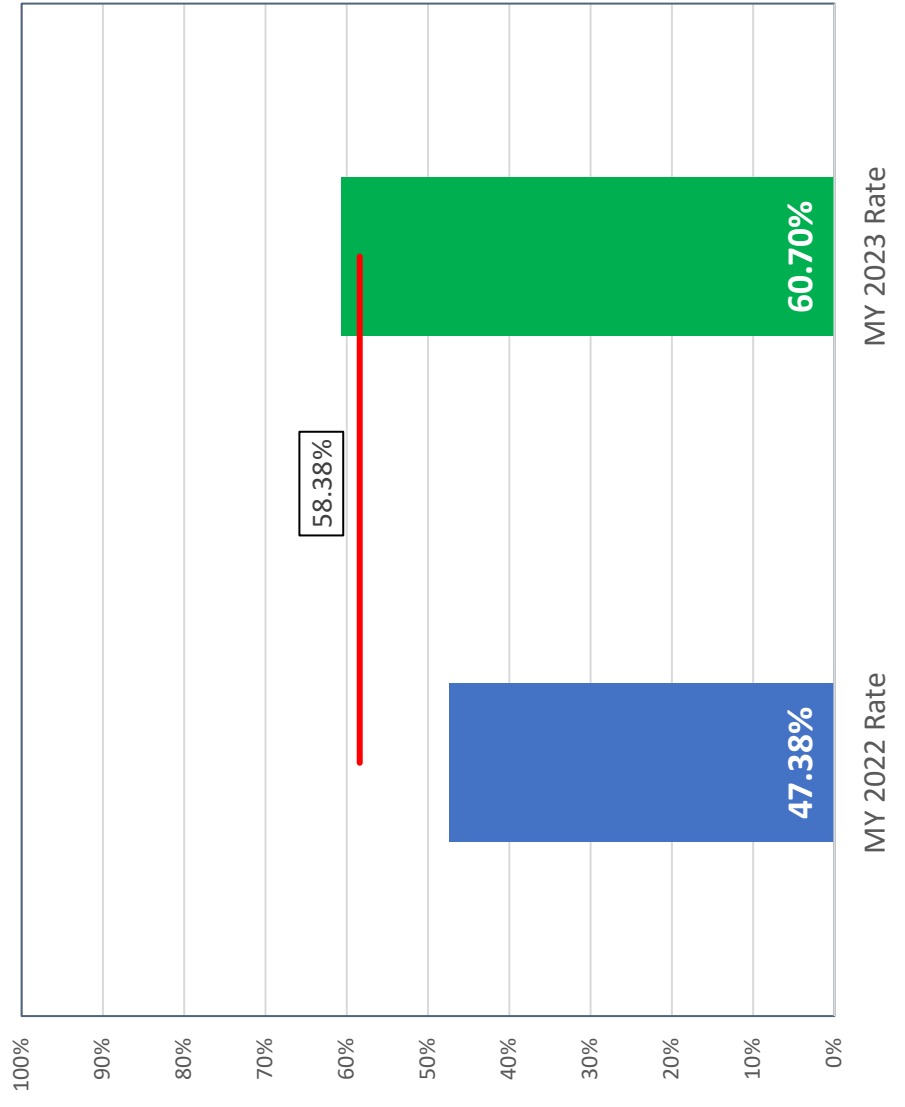
## WELL CHILD VISITS IN THE FIRST 15 MONTHS OF LIFE (W30-6+)



**12 fewer\* children between 0 and 15 months of age received at least six well-care exams in 2023 compared to 2022.**

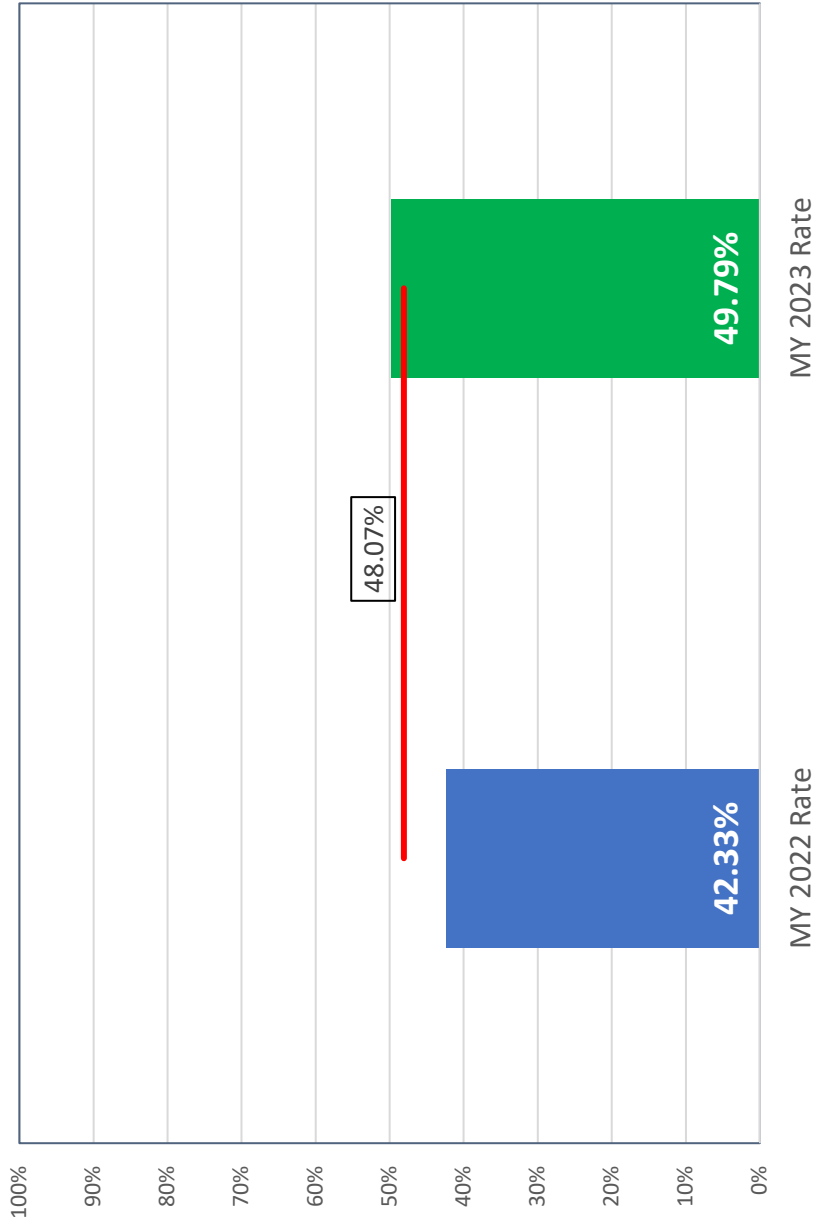
\*While 12 fewer children received well-care exams, 264 fewer children were due for a well-care exam, resulting in an overall improvement in the percent of children who received a well-care exam.

## WELL CHILD VISITS IN THE FIRST 30 MONTHS OF LIFE (W30-2+)



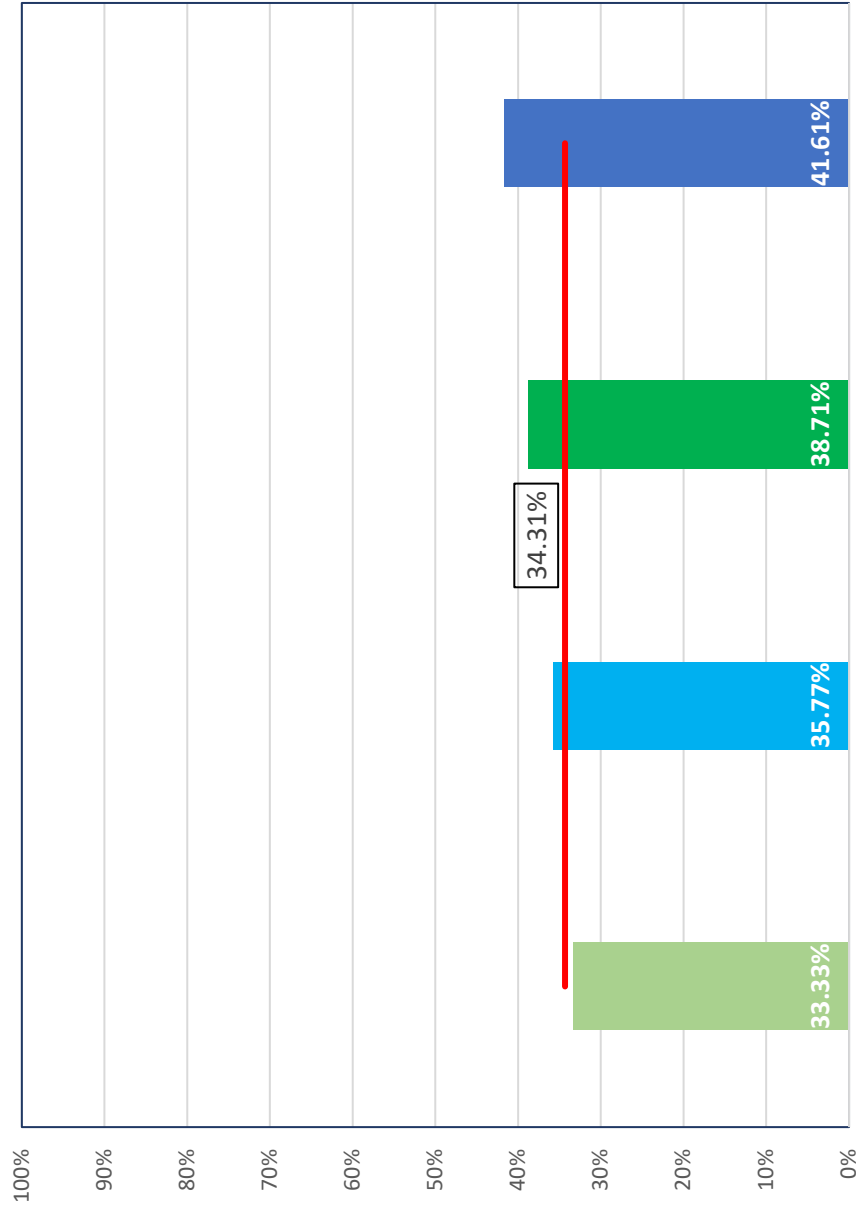
**285** more children between 15 and 30 months of age received at least two well-care exams in 2023 compared to 2022.

## CHILD AND ADOLESCENT WELL-CARE VISITS (WCV)



**4,992** more members between 3 and 21 years old received a well-care exam in 2023 compared to 2022.

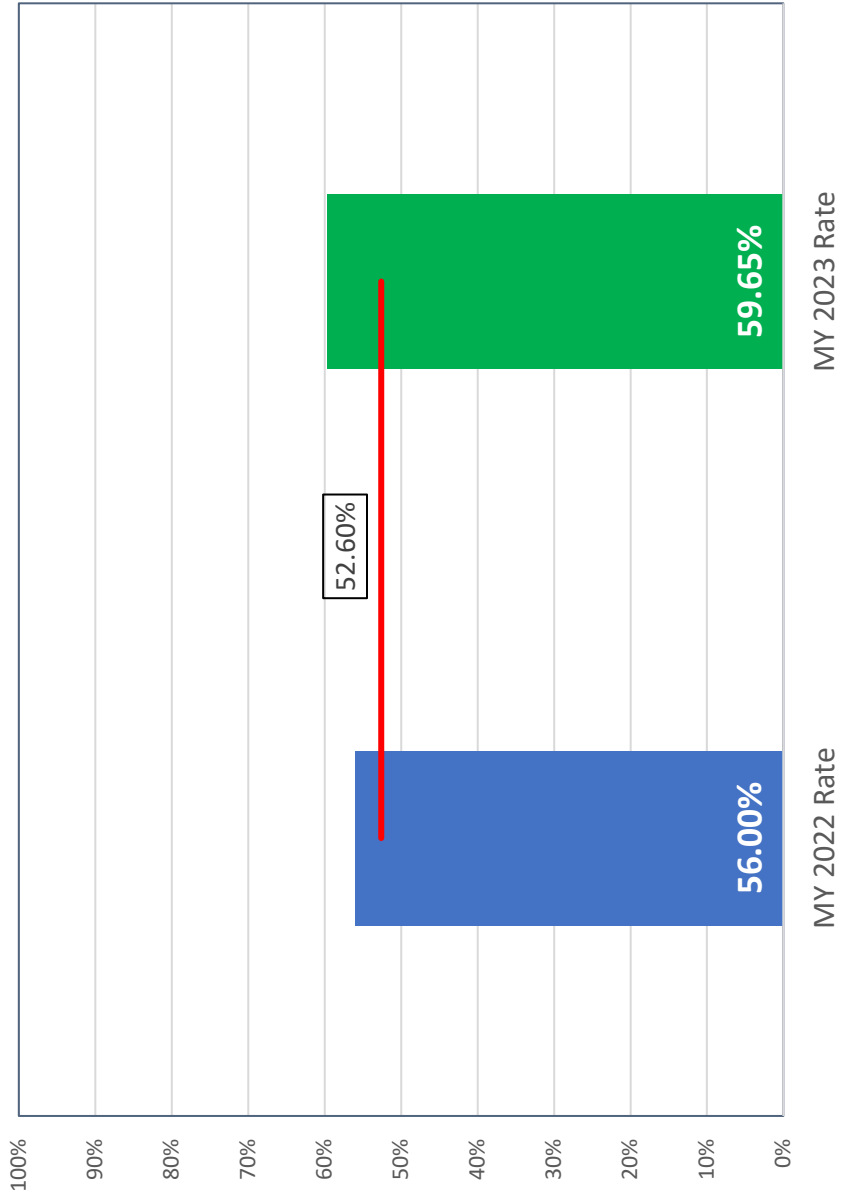
## IMMUNIZATIONS FOR ADOLESCENTS – COMBO 2 (IMA-2)



**204** more children completed all recommended adolescent vaccines by their 13<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2023 compared to 2022.



## BREAST CANCER SCREENING (BCS)



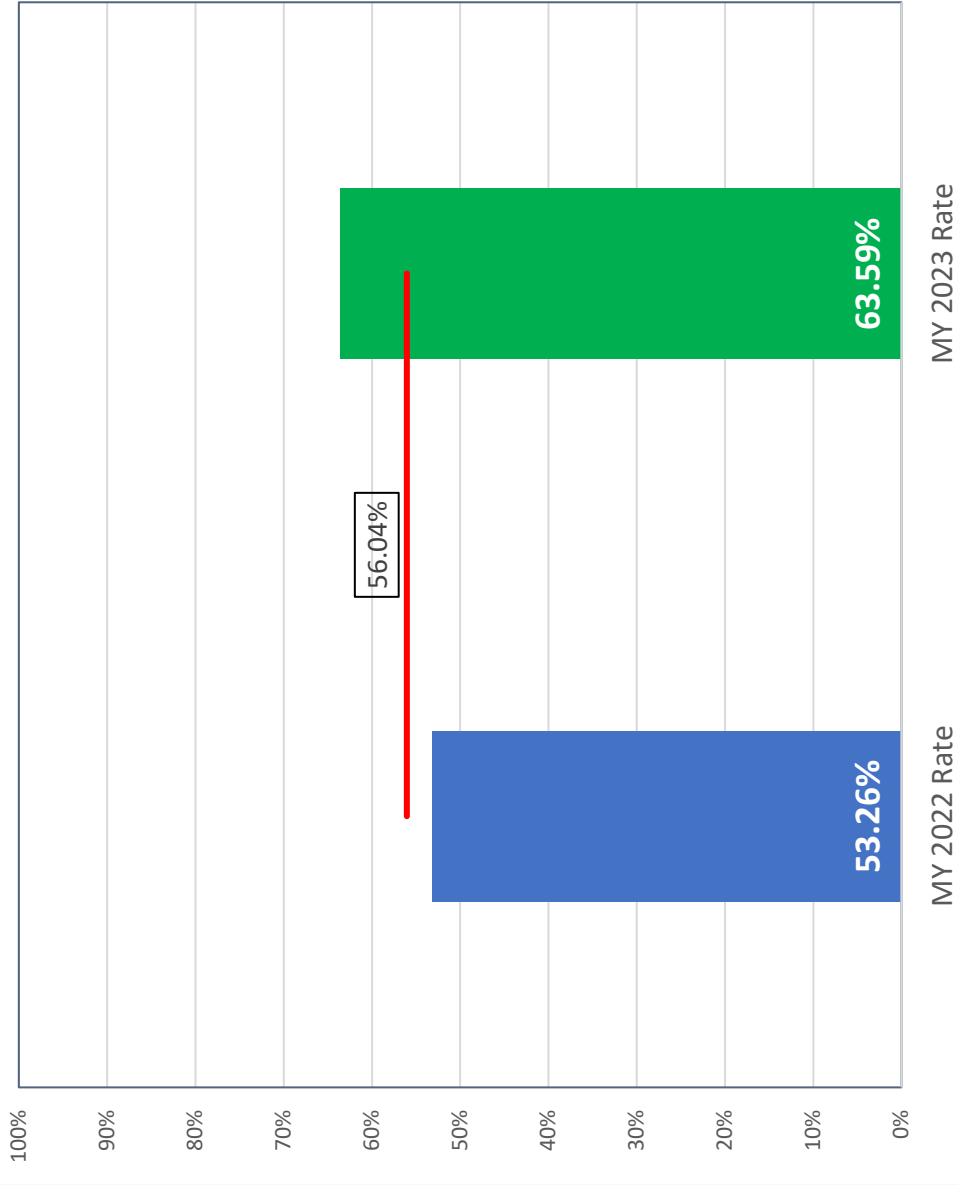
**439** more members between 50 and 74 years old received a mammogram in 2023 compared to 2022.

## Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS)



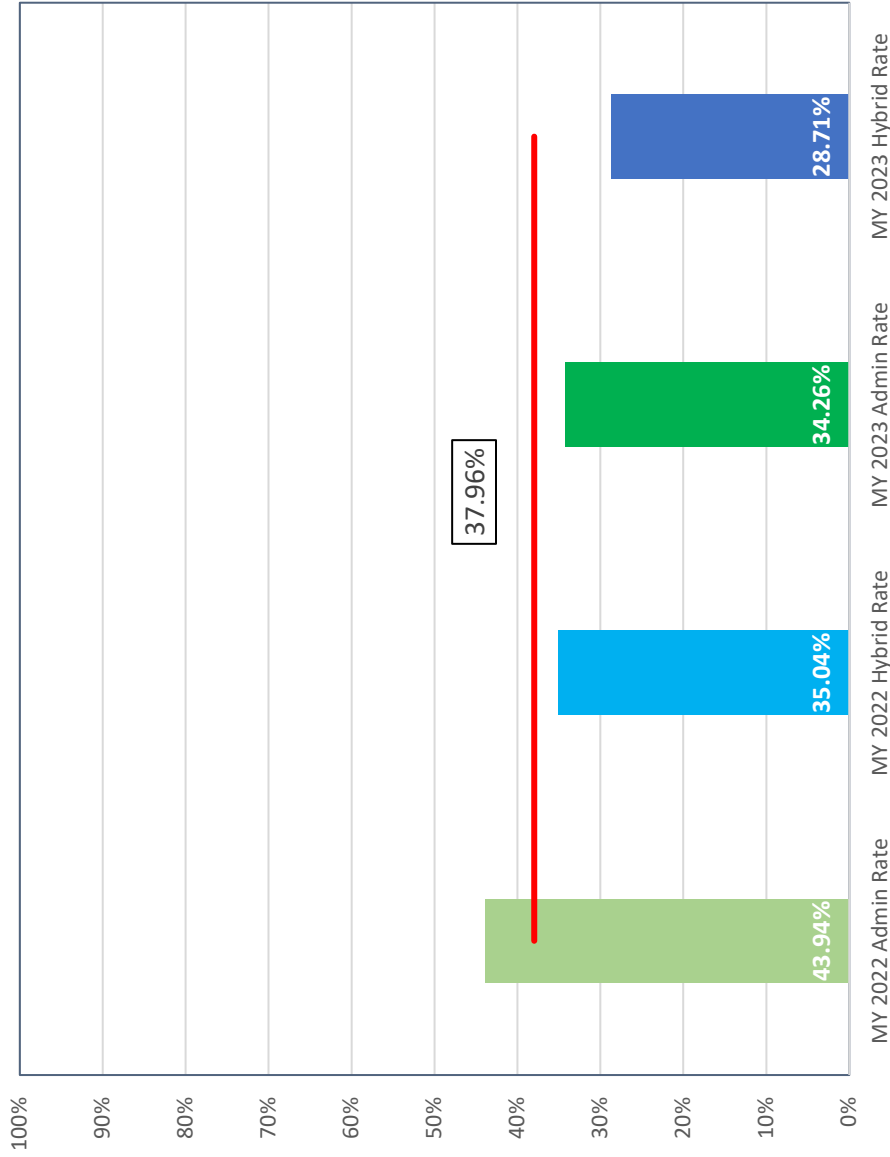
**3,453** more members between 21 and 64 years old received cervical cancer screening in 2023 compared to 2022.

## CHLAMYDIA SCREENING IN WOMEN (CHL)



**940** more members between 16 and 24 years old were tested for chlamydia in 2023 compared to 2022.

## Hemoglobin A1C Control for Patients with Diabetes(HbD)

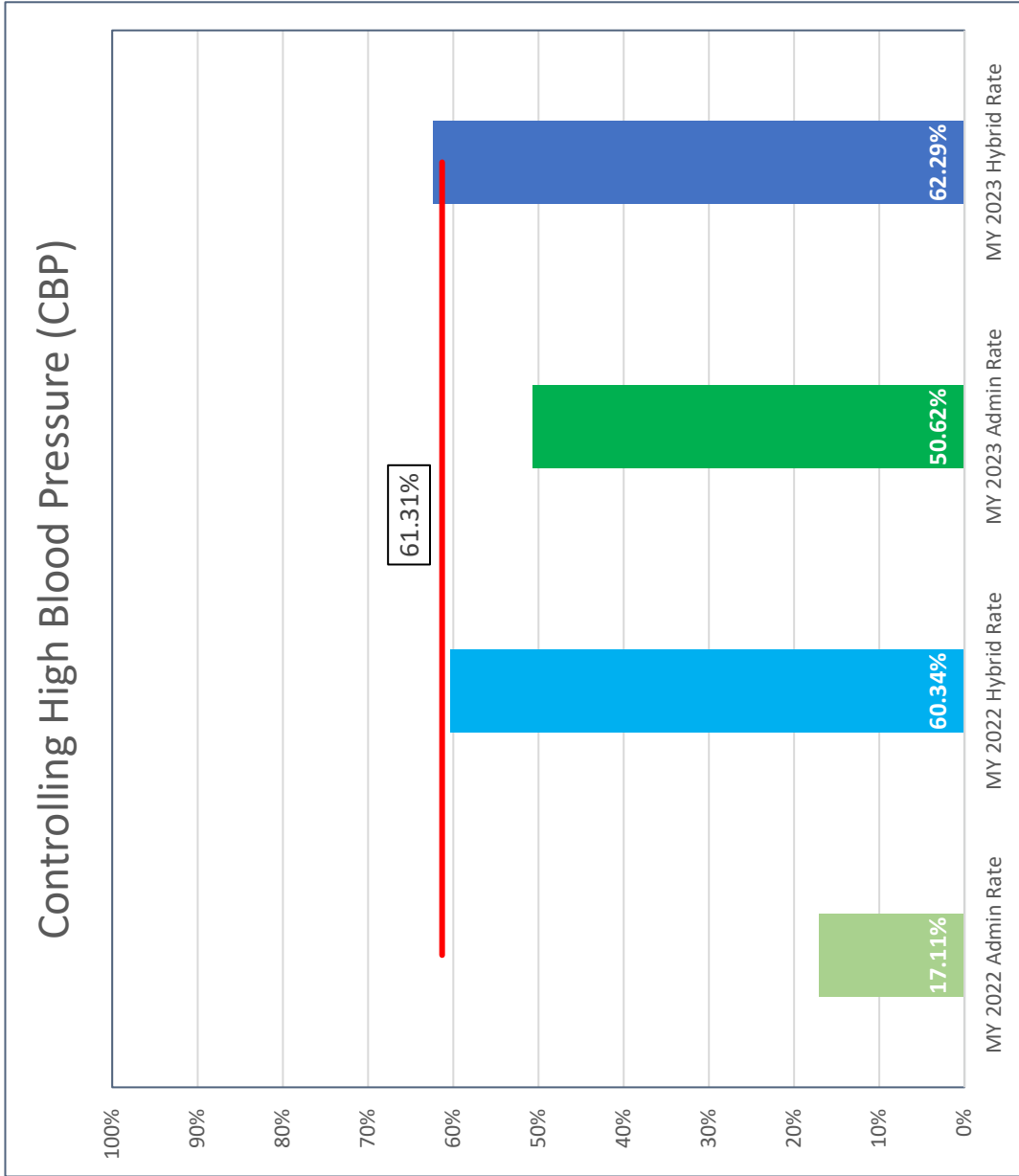


**238 fewer\*** members between 18 and 75 years old with diabetes had an HbA1c test greater than 9.0% in 2023 compared to 2022.

\*A reduction in members with a high HbA1c test shows in improvement in diabetes management.

A lower rate is better and indicates fewer members with poor HbA1c control.

**3,151** more members ages 18 to 85 with high blood pressure had a blood pressure reading under 140/90 in 2023 compared to 2022.





**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4C**

**TO:** Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission

**FROM:** Erik Cho, Chief Policy & Program Officer  
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Dinesh Apte, Sr. Vice President of Growth & Strategy – Wellth  
Russ Gagnon, Chief Product Officer – Wellth  
Haley Kesler, Customer Success Manager - Wellth

**DATE:** June 24, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Development of a Quality Investment Focused Budget: Health Engagement Program Return on Investment (GCHP – Wellth Partnership)

**PowerPoint with  
Verbal Presentation**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

*Investments in the Model of Care – Wellth & GCHP Partnership and Outcomes*



# Investments in Model of Care Wellth & Gold Coast Health Plan Partnership and Outcomes

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Integrity

Accountability

Collaboration

Trust

Respect

# GCHP Model of Care

## Quality Health Outcomes by Design—Wellth



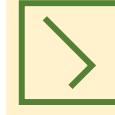
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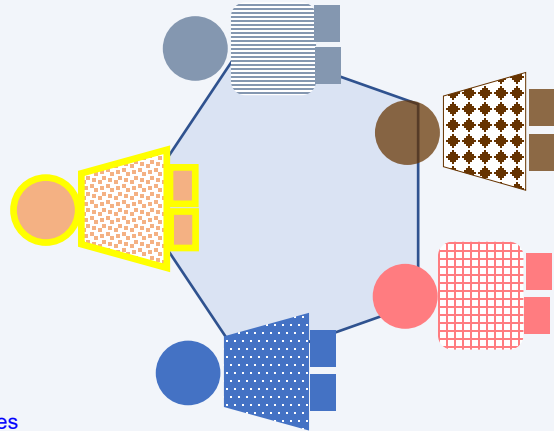
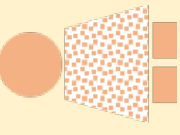
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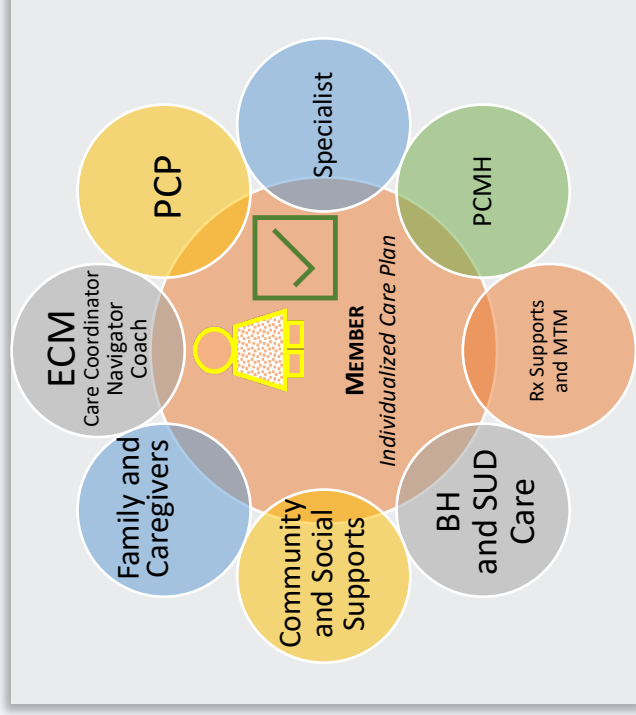
Member-centered health plan operations to improve member experience and engagement



Programs for chronic conditions

Member Incentives

Value Based Payment and Performance and Provider Incentives



Member Services – call center and field-based

Member Engagement

Operational capabilities to track costs and quality





# Wellth & Gold Coast Health Plan

Program Review

June 24, 2024

# Gold Coast Health Plan Is Changing Its Members Lives For The Better



“This program has really changed my life. I’m so grateful for this company to do this.”

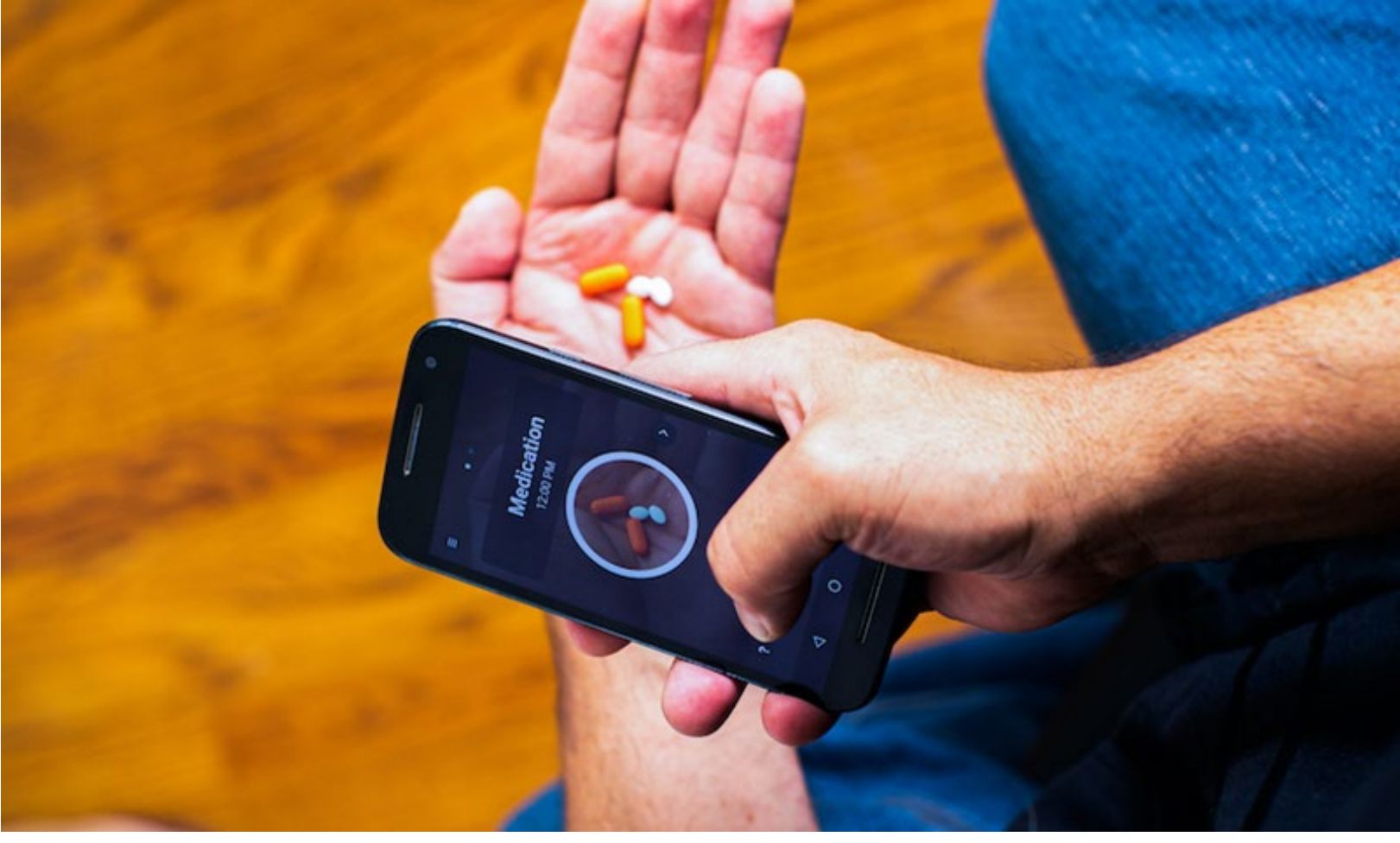


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- **Wellth Overview**
- **Program Overview**
- **Outcomes Review**
- **Upcoming Activities**

# Wellth Overview

**Wellth uses the power of  
behavioral science to help people  
change their daily behavior.**





**Maria, 58**

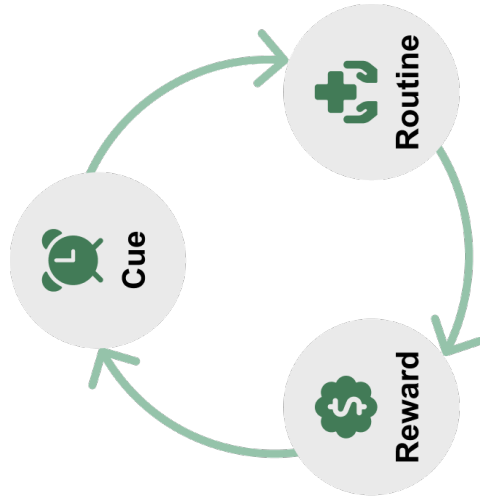
- Female
- Speaks Spanish
- Fillmore, CA
- Verified Phone Number ✓
- Verified Email Address ✓

👤 Type 2 Diabetes

👤 Hypertension

👤 Baseline A1c: 9.4

🔍 Glucose check and takes 2 pills at 8:00 AM



# Daily Care Plan Habit Loops



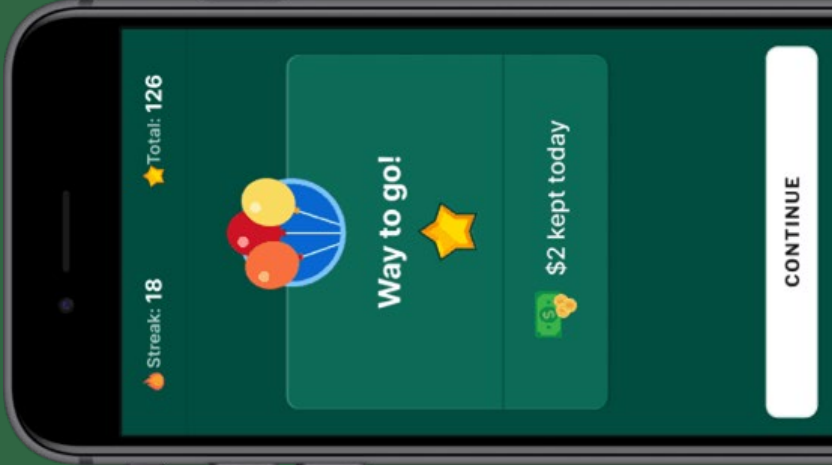
Cue



Routine



Routine



Reward



**Confidential**



**John, 56**

Male

Speaks English

Ojai, CA

Verified Phone Number



CVD



Type 2 Diabetes



Hypertension



Very low prior historical adherence



Needs A1c test; needs colon cancer screening



Last HbA1c: 9.2



Wellth's journey helps John stay focused on what's most important, establish strong habits and routines, and feel connected to support each step of the way

# SDOH Category Gift Rewards Card

We offer a gift reward card solution that is limited to specific SDOH Categories including:

- Food & Groceries
- Clothing
- Transportation & Communication
- Home & Lodging
- Personal Care, Education & Entertainment



Food & Groceries



Clothing



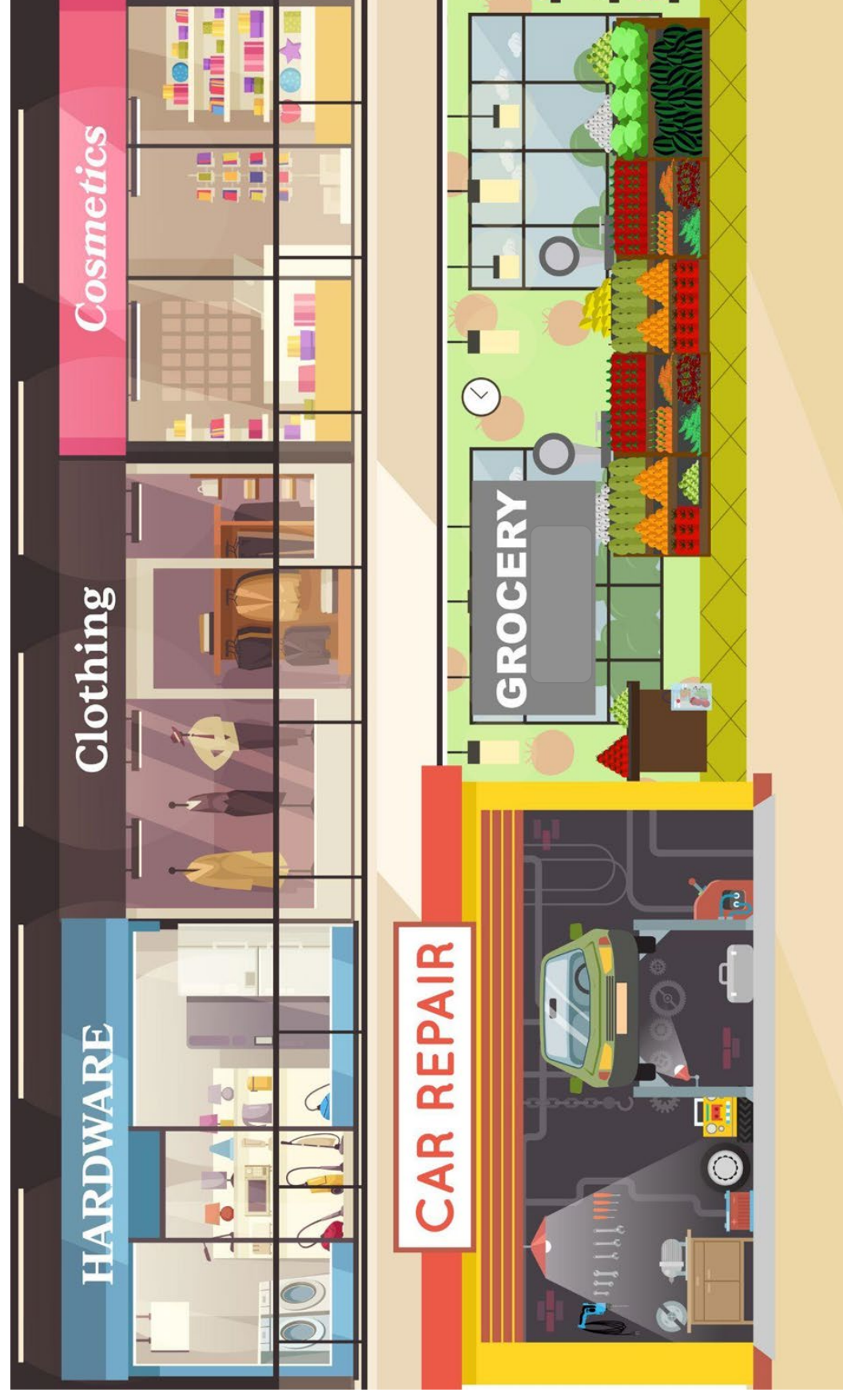
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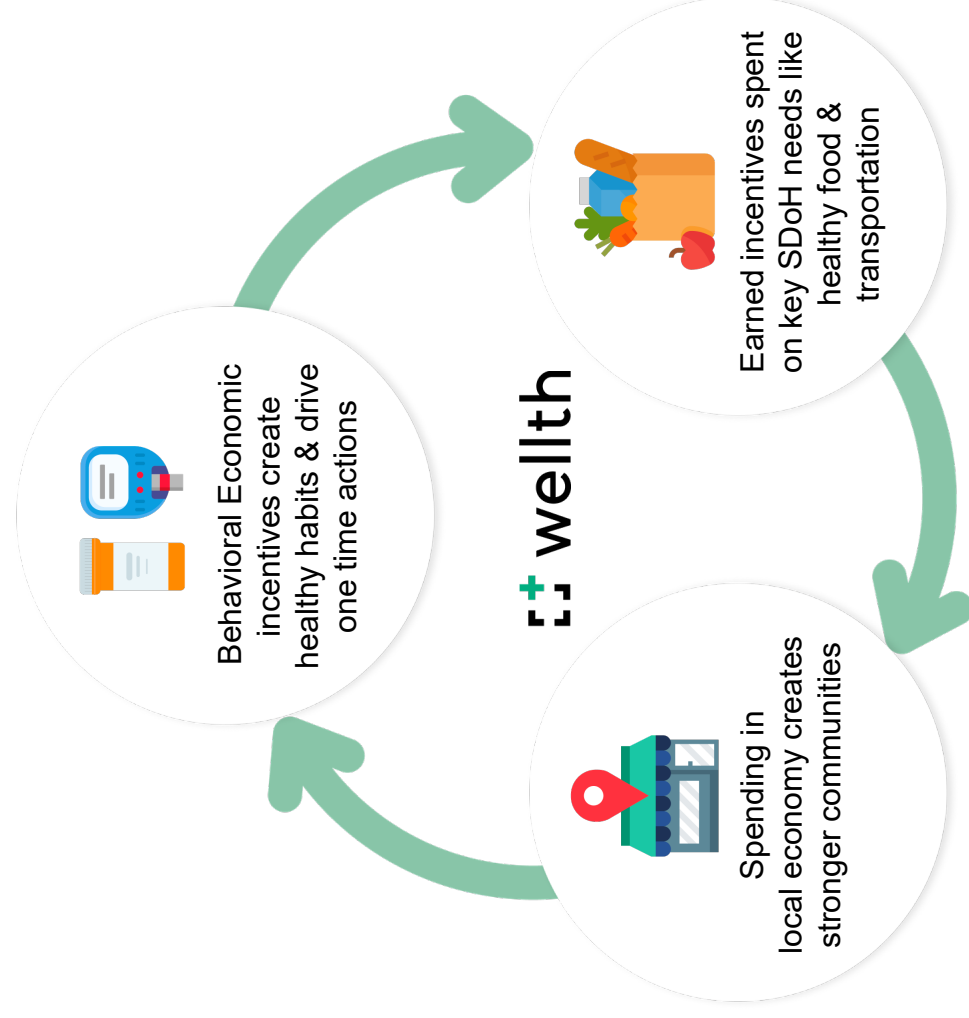
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## Solution

Wellth creates a virtuous cycle. Incentives not only create healthy habits and outcomes but put money in members pockets for key SDoH needs and, ultimately, healthier communities



# Program Overview

# Gold Coast Health Plan and Wellth Program Overview

Phase 1

Phases 2 & 3

## Utilization Reduction Program

### Enrollment Period

Sept '23 – Nov '23

### Activated Members

1,504

*Initial activation goal: 1,500*



### Eligibility Criteria

Medicaid members with physical and behavioral health conditions at risk for high-cost utilization



### Program Goals

#### Primary Objective:

- Reductions in Avoidable High-Cost Utilization & Cost
- Care Gap Closures\*

#### Secondary Objectives:

- Improvements to Medication Adherence (PDC)
- Member Satisfaction (NPS > +50)

\*Moved from secondary to primary objective based on updated GCHP goals



## Quality Improvement Program

### Enrollment Period

Dec '23 – June '24

### Activated Members

5,066

*Initial activation goal: 5,000*



### Eligibility Criteria

Medicaid members with at least one open MCAS care gap



### Program Goals

#### Primary Objectives:

- Cervical Cancer Screening compliance
- Breast Cancer Screening compliance
- A1c Control compliance
- BP Control compliance

#### Secondary Objective:

- Member Satisfaction (NPS > +50)

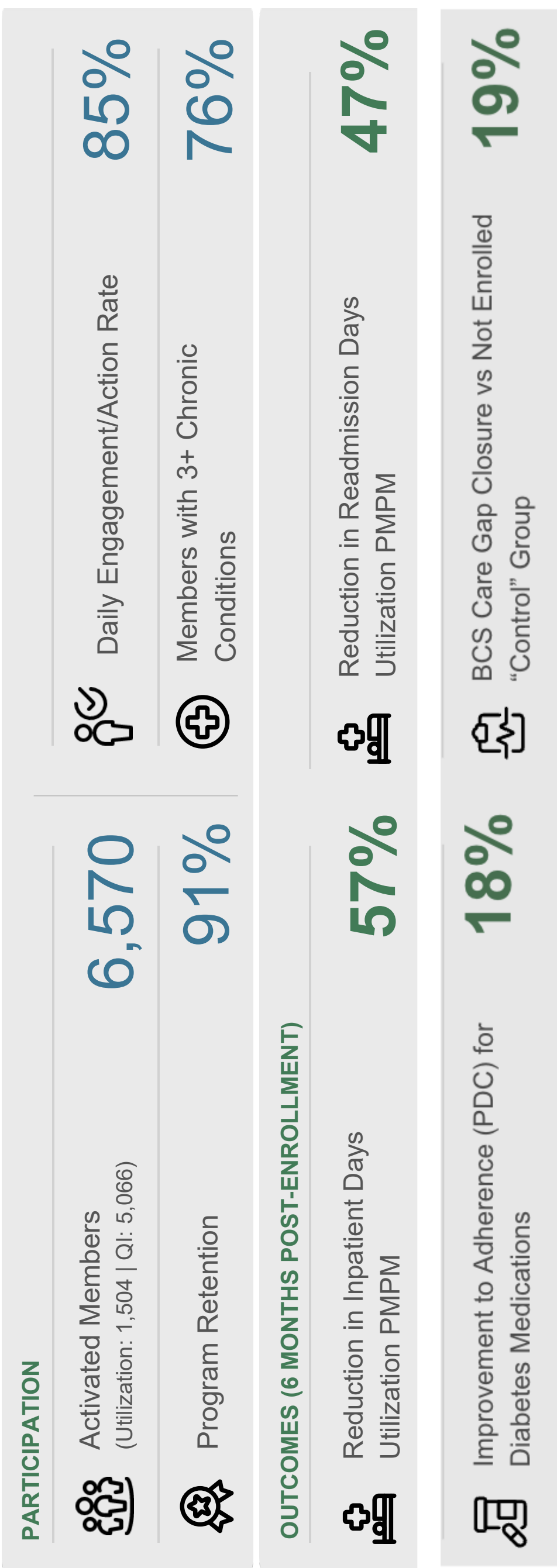
# Most members engage every single day

The Wellth & Gold Coast Health Plan continues to see outstanding daily engagement and program retention, translating to significant reductions in high-cost utilization, strong improvements to medication adherence across key drug classes and increased MCAS care gap closures.



# Daily habit support drives strong impact

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# Member Experience

# Wellth's daily care motivation platform guides individuals to follow through on their care plan every single day



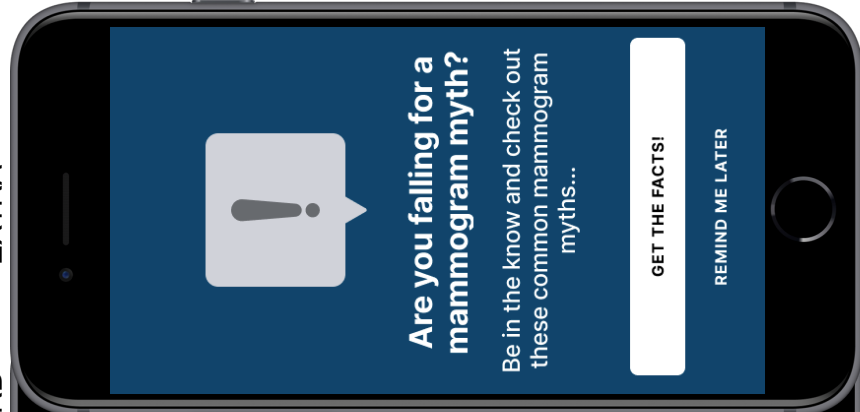
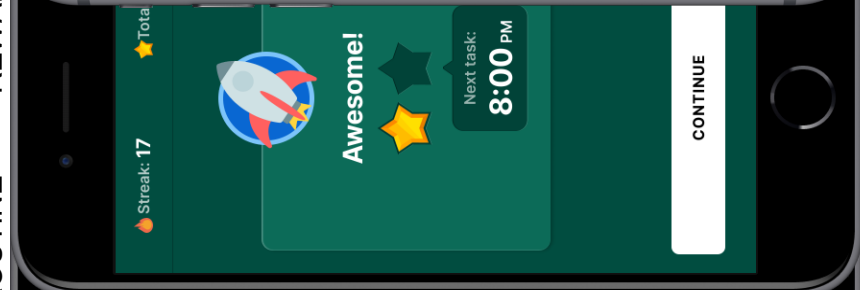
Sporadic attention to health  
 Extrinsic motivation  
 Anxious, Effortful  
**Low engagement**

Persistent, daily habits  
 Intrinsic motivation  
 Easy, fulfilling  
**High engagement**

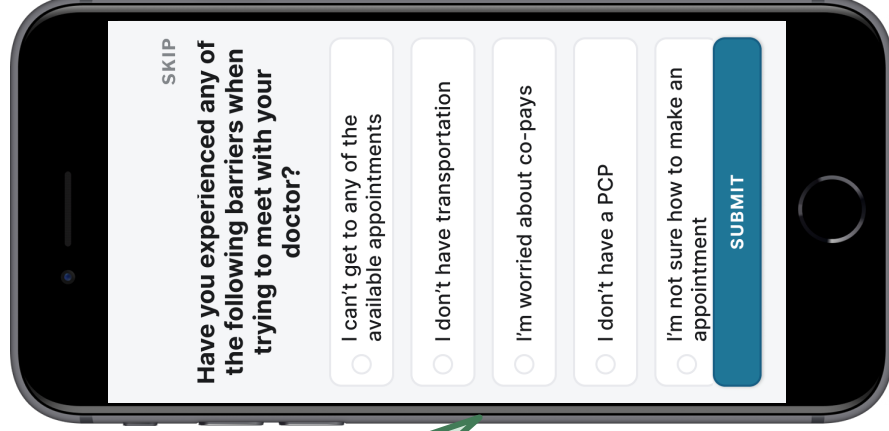
# Leveraging daily engagement to address member needs and drive care gap closure activities

Members are engaging with personalized in-app experiences to earn rewards for key preventive services and care gap closure activities.

CUE      ROUTINE      REWARD      EXTRA



Spanish-speaking members are showing a ~40% Click Rate to key in-app messages



Members receive targeted experiences to learn more about chronic disease management boost health literacy.

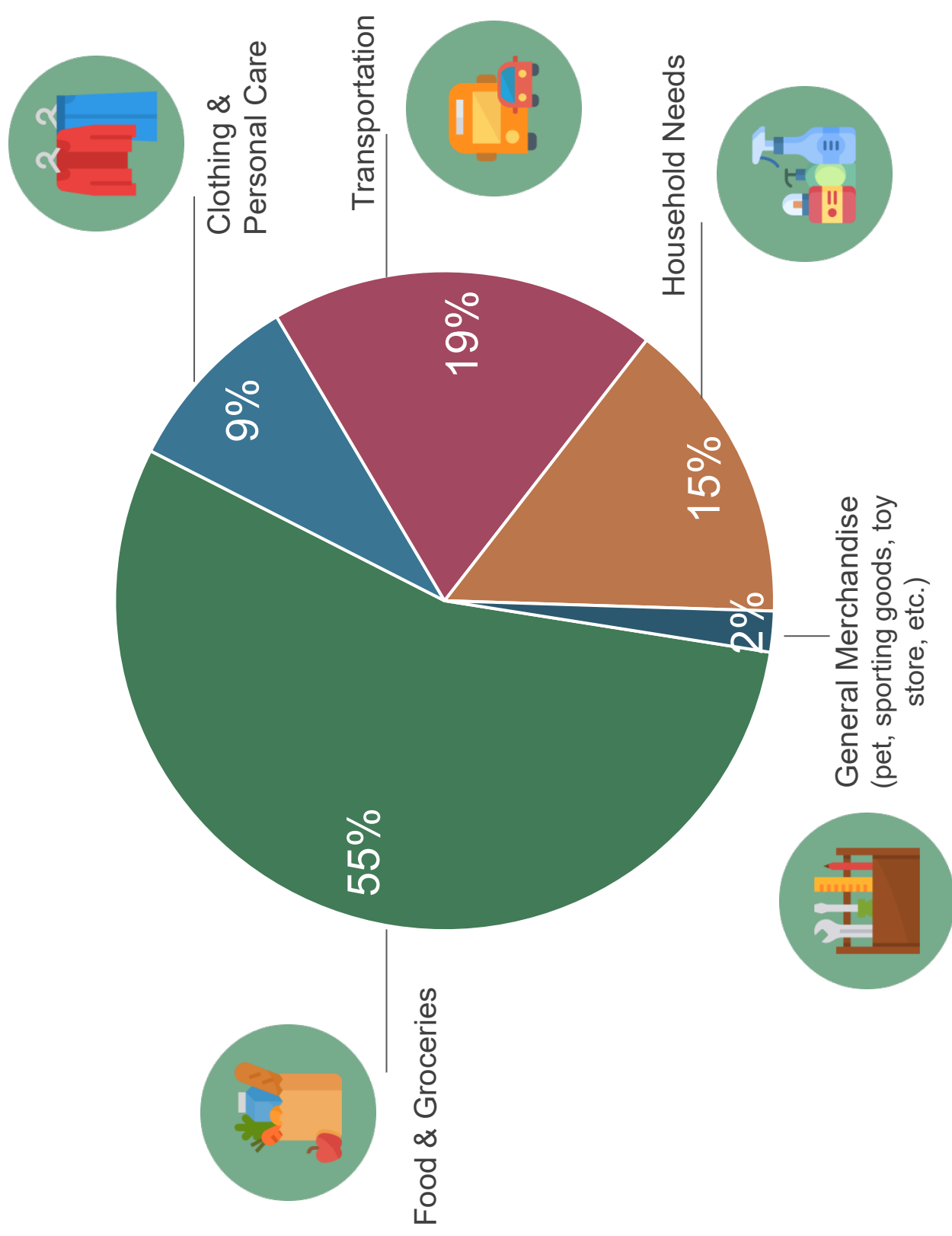
Wellth uncovers daily obstacles and barriers to care to guide members towards resources, supports and targeted calls to action.



Over \$356k in rewards has been reinvested in Gold Coast members and local communities at stores such as Vallarta Supermarket and Superior Grocers.

Members use their rewards to address a variety of SDOH needs.

## How Gold Coast Members Spend Their Wellth Rewards



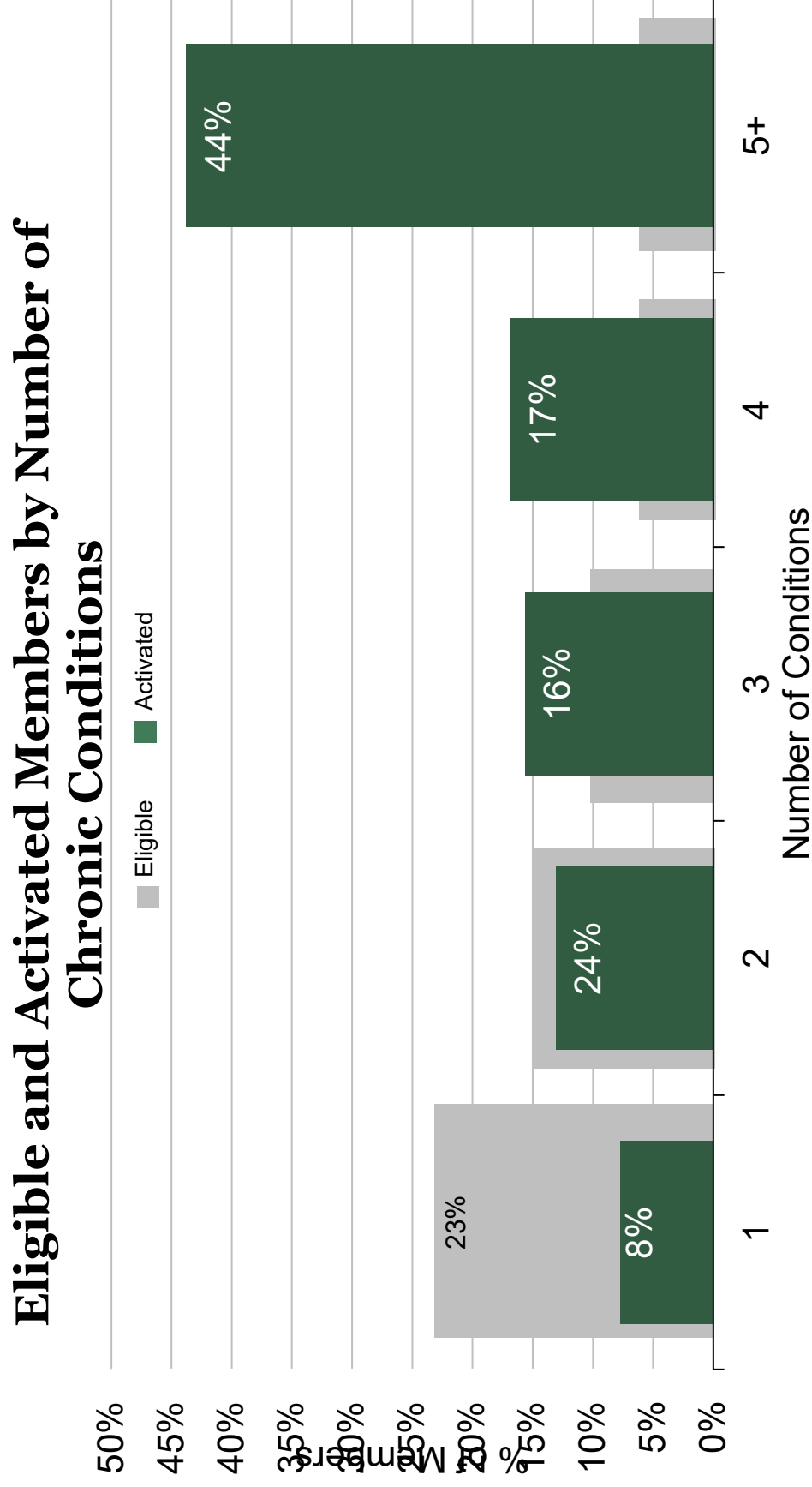
# Utilization Program Demographic & Outcomes

## Utilization Program Demographics (GCHP Analysis)

| Age Group                                   | Gender                                 | Race and Ethnicity                                 | Primary Language                        | Top Cities                              |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| <p><b>32%</b></p> <p><b>55-64 years</b></p> | <p><b>69%</b></p> <p><b>Female</b></p> | <p><b>73%</b></p> <p><b>Hispanic or Latino</b></p> | <p><b>57%</b></p> <p><b>English</b></p> | <p><b>42%</b></p> <p><b>Oxnard</b></p>  |
| <p><b>23%</b></p> <p><b>45-54 years</b></p> | <p><b>31%</b></p> <p><b>Male</b></p>   | <p><b>75% Some Other Race</b></p>                  | <p><b>42%</b></p> <p><b>Spanish</b></p> | <p><b>13%</b></p> <p><b>Ventura</b></p> |

**PCP Assignment:** 49% VCMC, 20% Clinicas, 18% CMH, 4% Dignity

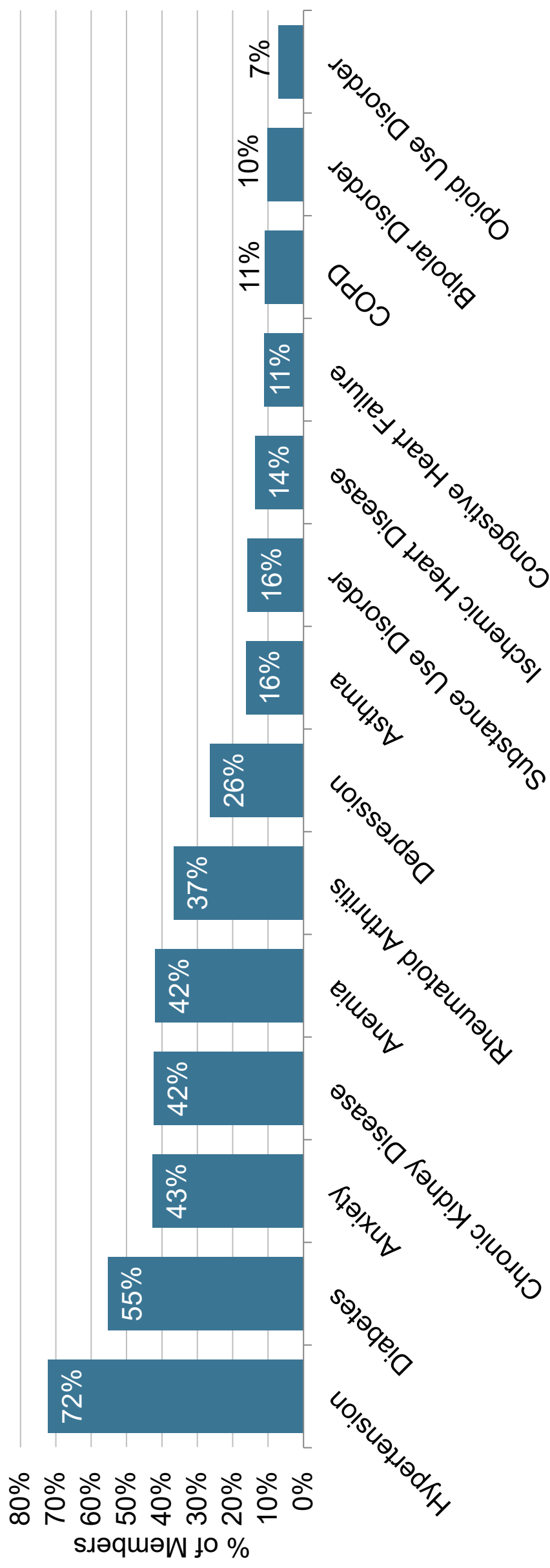
Wellth has targeted the highest-risk, most complex members for enrollment with **76% of all enrolled members managing 3+ chronic conditions.**



Note - Data through May 28, 2024.

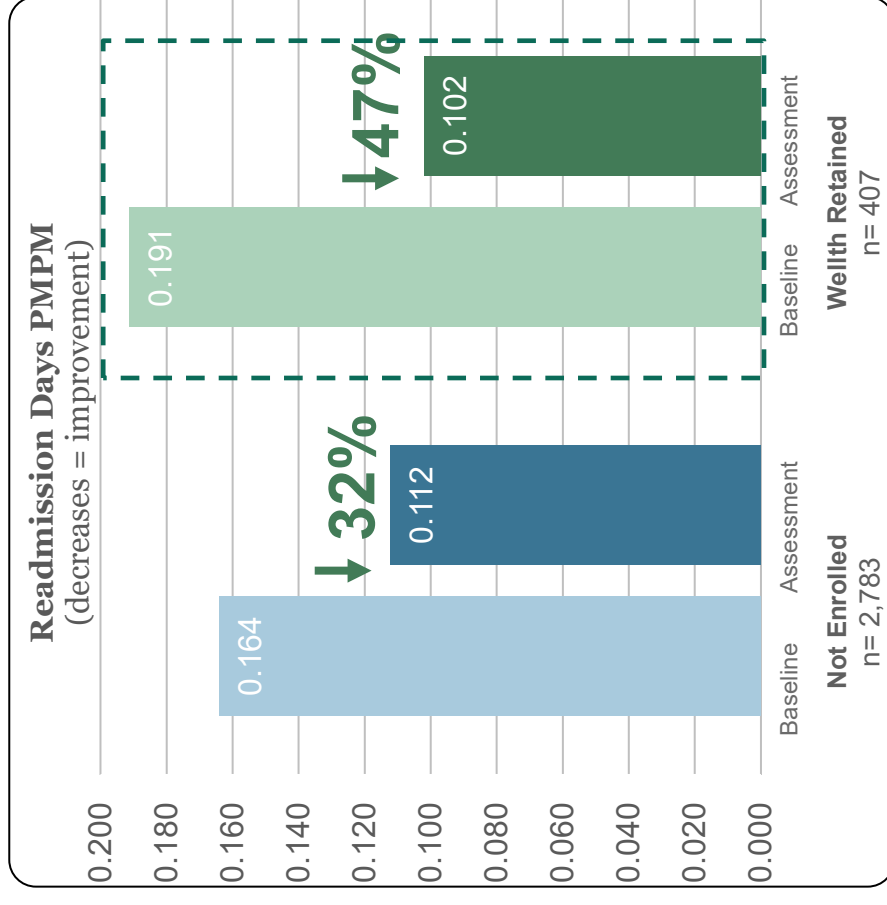
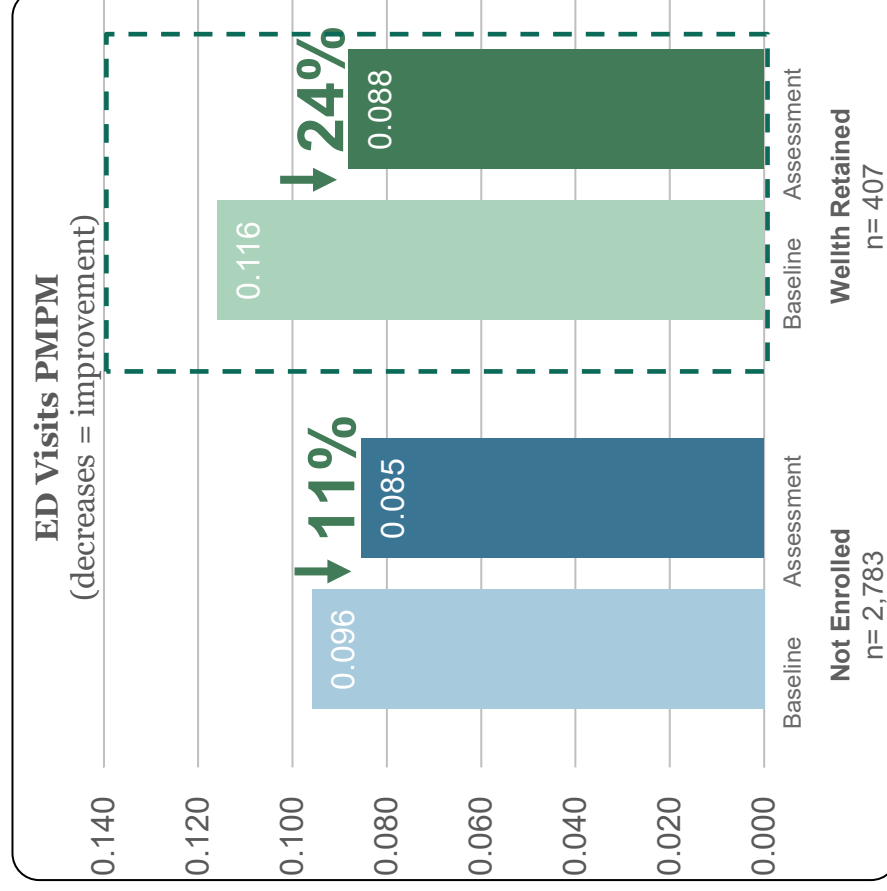
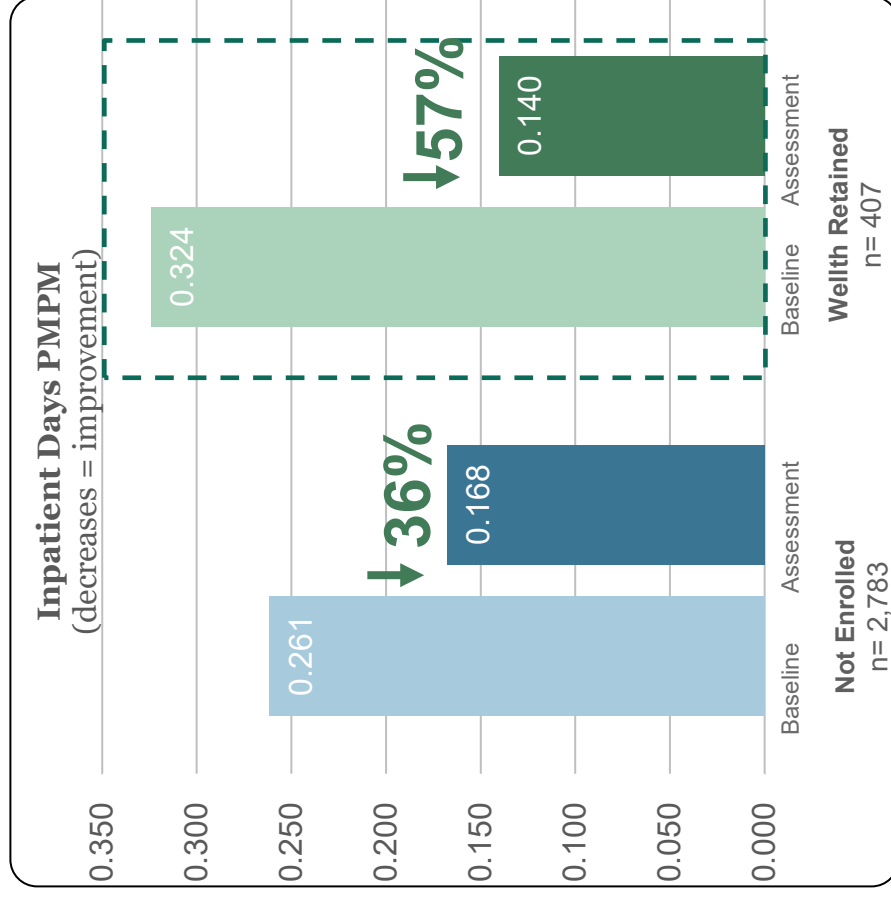
Members are managing a range of physical and behavioral health conditions. Nearly all members have a diagnosis of hypertension and half of the enrolled population have diabetes.

### Prevalence of Conditions among Activated Members



Data through May 28, 2024.

Wellth members are demonstrating strong improvements to high-cost utilization with a **57% reduction in inpatient stays**, **24% reduction in emergency department visits** and a **47% reduction in readmissions**.

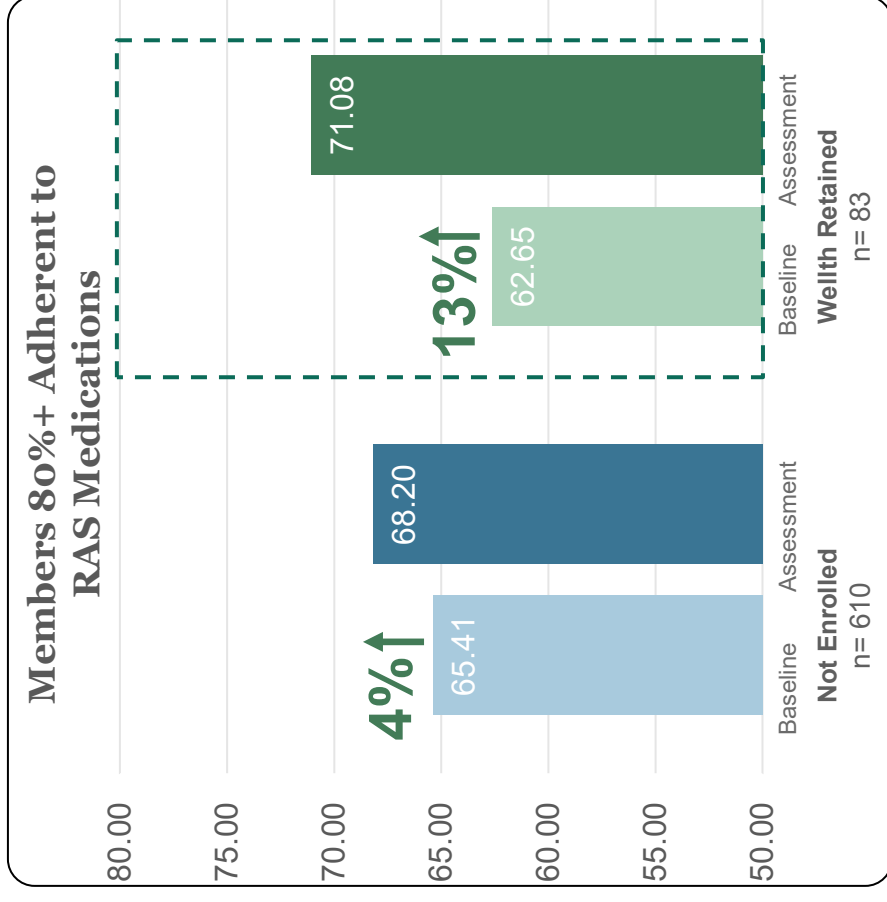
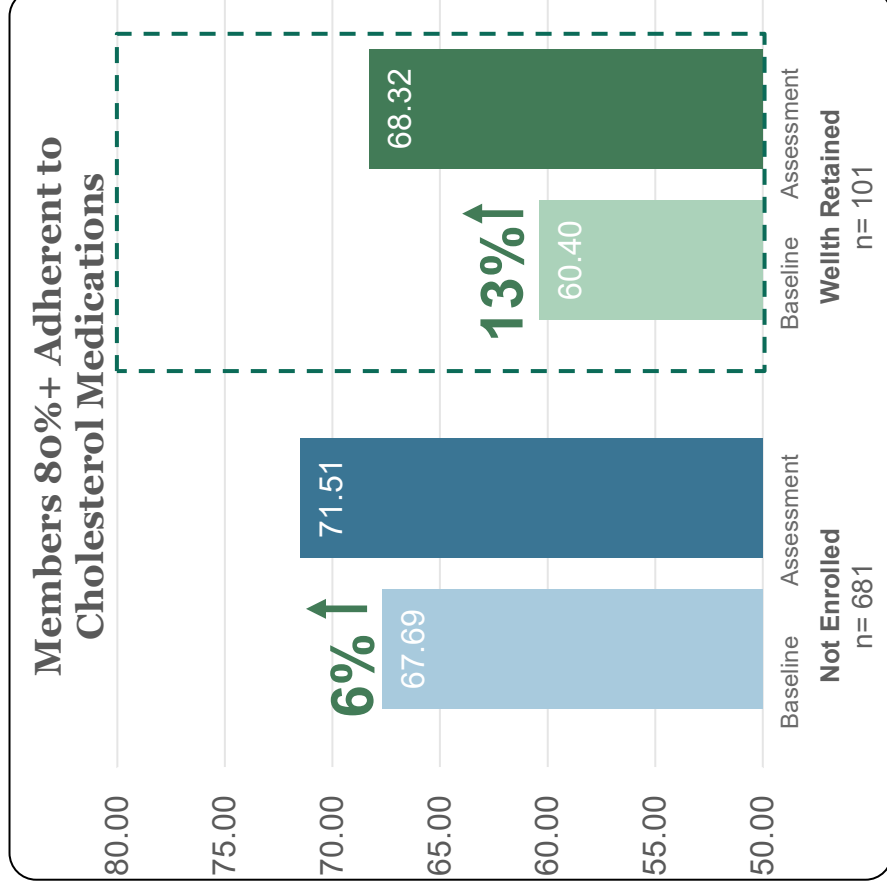
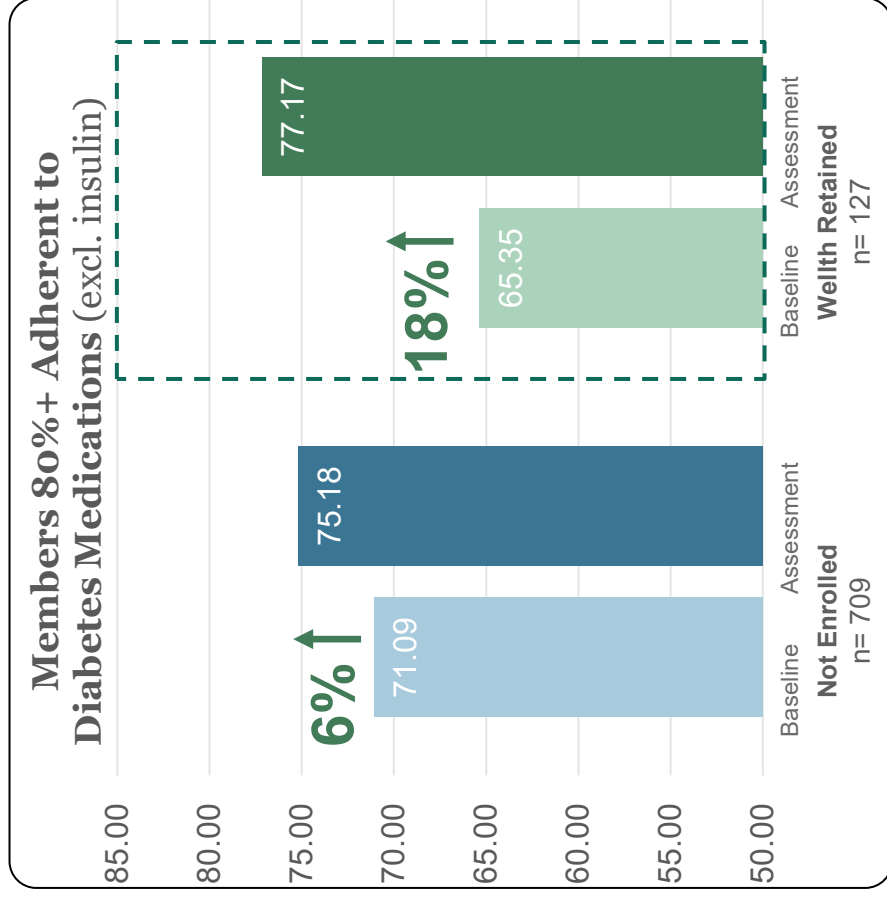


Claims data through 5/9/2024. Analysis limited to members with continuous coverage 12 months before and 6 months after index. Index date for non-members = mid-program outreach date. Not enrolled population limited to members targeted for the program and whose data continues to be shared with Wellth.

Baseline= 12 months prior to enrollment  
Assessment= 6 months post-enrollment

## Medication Adherence

# Six months post-enrollment, Wellth members have seen a 14% improvement in medication adherence across drug classes.



Data through 4/21/2024. Comparison groups= Not Enrolled and Wellth Retained. Analysis limited to members with full coverage and available claims data 9 months pre- and 6 months post-enrollment. Index date for non-enrolled members = mid-program outreach date. Not-enrolled population limited to members targeted for the program and whose data continues to be shared with Wellth.

Baseline= 9 months prior to enrollment  
Assessment= 6 months post-enrollment

Despite launching the utilization program in September 2023, Wellth members outperformed the non-Wellth group across key MCAS quality metrics such as BCS, CCS, and CBP.

| <b>GCHP MY2023 MCAS Performance Review</b><br>Comparing Wellth Members vs. Not Enrolled “Control” |              |        |  |  |
|---|--------------|--------|--|--|
| Measure   | Not Enrolled | Wellth | Absolute Difference (Wellth vs Not Enrolled) |  |
| Breast Cancer Screening (BCS)   | 59%          | 67%    | 8%   |  |
| Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS)   | 43%          | 53%    | 10%  |  |
| Controlling Blood Pressure (CBP)  | 29%          | 31%    | 2%   |  |
| Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients with Diabetes (HBD)   | 44%          | 44%    | -  |  |

Data through 5/28/2024. Comparison groups= Not Enrolled and Wellth Retained. Analysis limited to members with full coverage and available data. Index date for non-enrolled members = mid-program outreach date.



Wellth members closed 59.3% of their care gaps in MY23 compared to 44.4% of care gaps closed by GCHP membership.



Wellth members closed 60.2% of their care gaps in MY24 compared to 23.3% of care gaps closed by GCHP membership.

60.2%

Wellth Prospective MY24  
Care Gap Closure Rate

23.3%

GCHP Overall Prospective  
MY24 Care Gap Closure Rate

# Quality Improvement Program Demographics & Outcomes

## QI Program Demographics (GCHP Analysis)

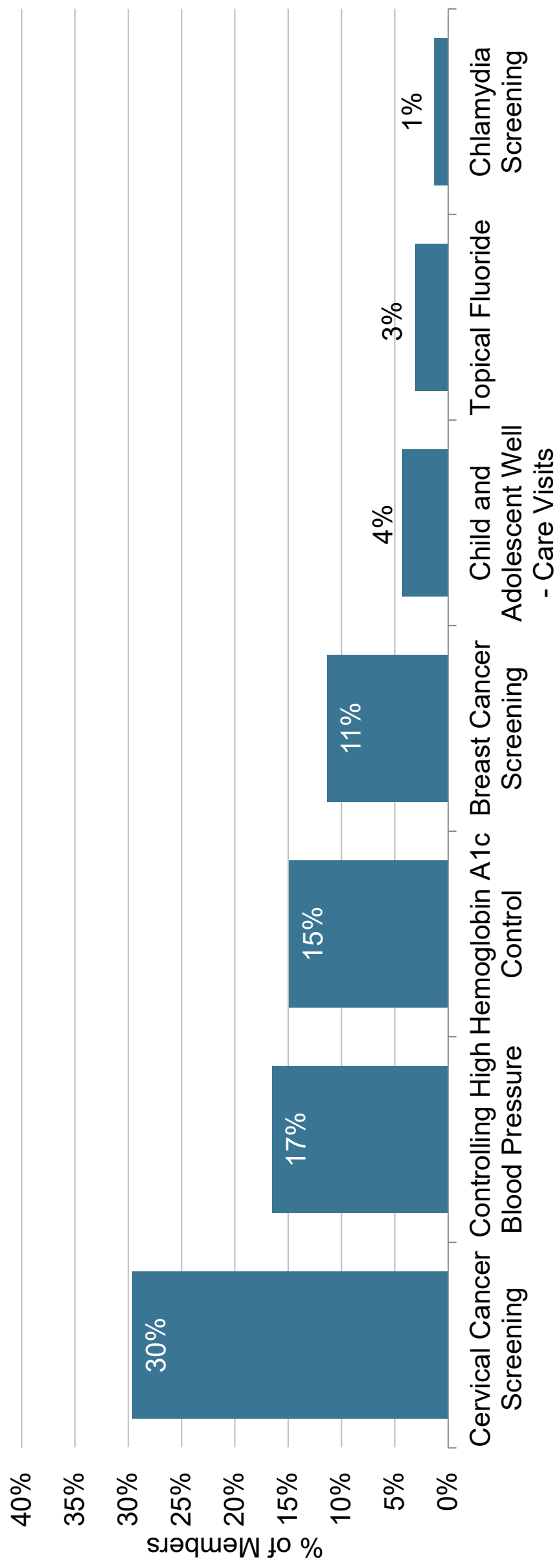
| Age Group   | Gender  | Race and Ethnicity   | Primary Language  | Top Cities   |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| <p>28%</p> <p><b>55-64 years</b></p> <p>27%</p> <p><b>18-34 years</b></p> | <p>79%</p> <p><b>Female</b></p> <p>21%</p> <p><b>Male</b></p> | <p>65%</p> <p><b>Hispanic or Latino</b></p> <p>68%</p> <p><b>Some Other Race</b></p> | <p>58%</p> <p><b>English</b></p> <p>41%</p> <p><b>Spanish</b></p> | <p>41%</p> <p><b>Oxnard</b></p> <p>14%</p> <p><b>Ventura</b></p> |

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## Care Gaps Among Activated Members

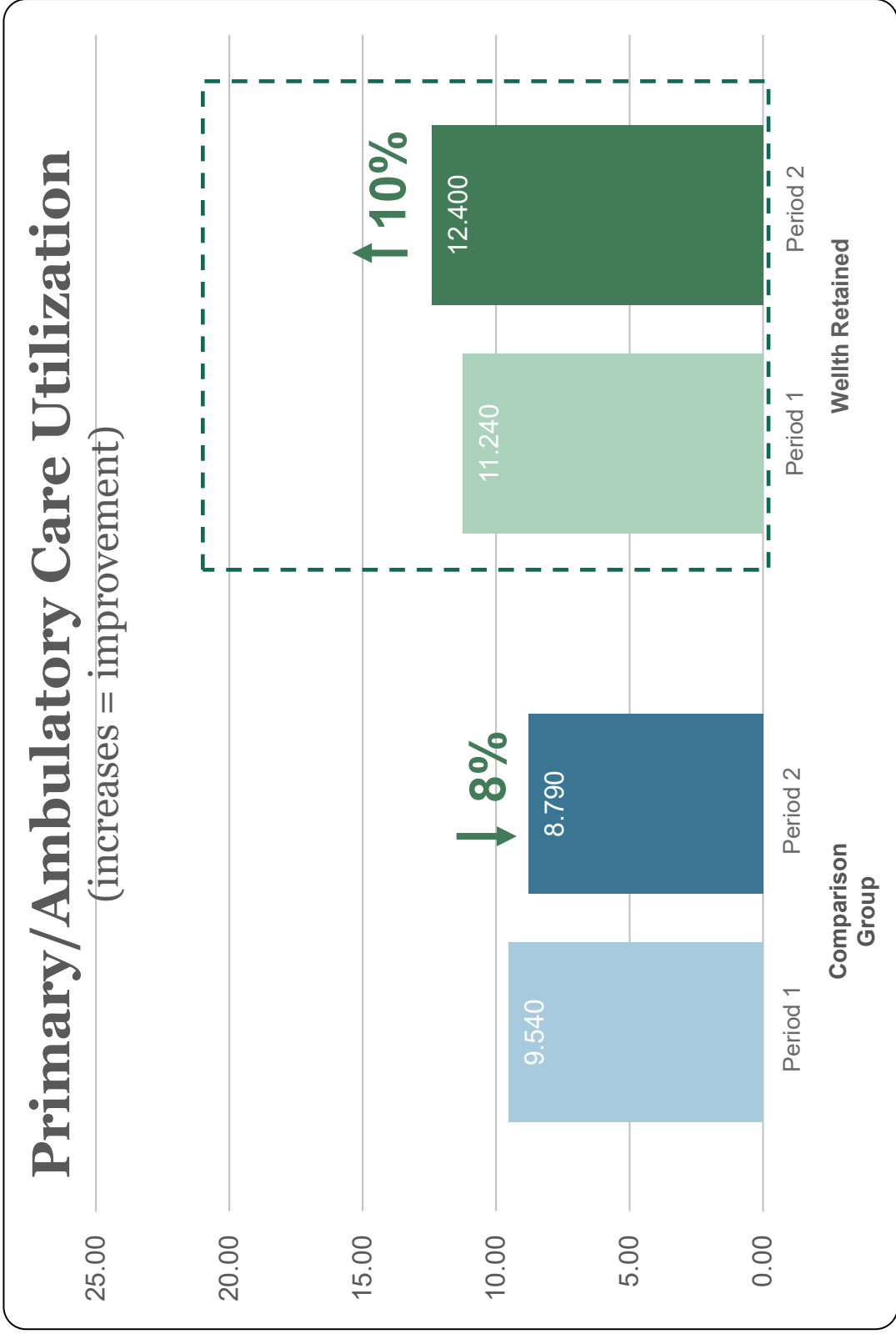
Aligned with program design, Wellth has targeted enrollments for members with cervical cancer screening, breast cancer screening, blood pressure, and A1c control care gaps.

### Prevalence of Care Gaps among Activated Members



Data through May 28, 2024.

Wellth members have seen increased Primary Care engagement since enrollment.



Period 1 = 5/31/2022 – 5/30/2023  
Period 2 = 5/31/2023 – 5/30/2024

\*Note: Reviewing the **Wellth Eligible** population across two consecutive 12-month periods indicates that 3,626 members have PCP claims within both periods.

In 2024, Wellth members are consistently outperforming the non-Wellth group across key MCAS quality metrics, with a 4%+ stronger performance across **BCS, CCS, BCP, and HBD measures.**

| GCHP MY2024 MCAS Performance Review Through March 2024<br>Comparing Wellth Members vs. Not Enrolled "Control" |              |        |  |  |
|---|--------------|--------|--|--|
| Measure   | Not Enrolled | Wellth | Absolute Difference (Wellth vs Not Enrolled) |  |
| Breast Cancer Screening (BCS)   | 13%          | 32%    | 19%  |  |
| Cervical Cancer Screening (CCS)   | 7%           | 15%    | 8%   |  |
| Controlling Blood Pressure (CBP)  | 37%          | 41%    | 4%   |  |
| Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients with Diabetes (HBD)   | 11%          | 17%    | 6%   |  |

Data through 5/28/2024. Comparison groups= Not Enrolled and Wellth Retained. Analysis limited to members with full coverage and available data. Index date for non-enrolled members = mid-program outreach date.

Wellth members closed 48.3% of their care gaps in MY24 compared to 22.5% of care gaps close by GCHP membership.

48.3%

Wellth Prospective MY24  
Care Gap Closure Rate

22.5%

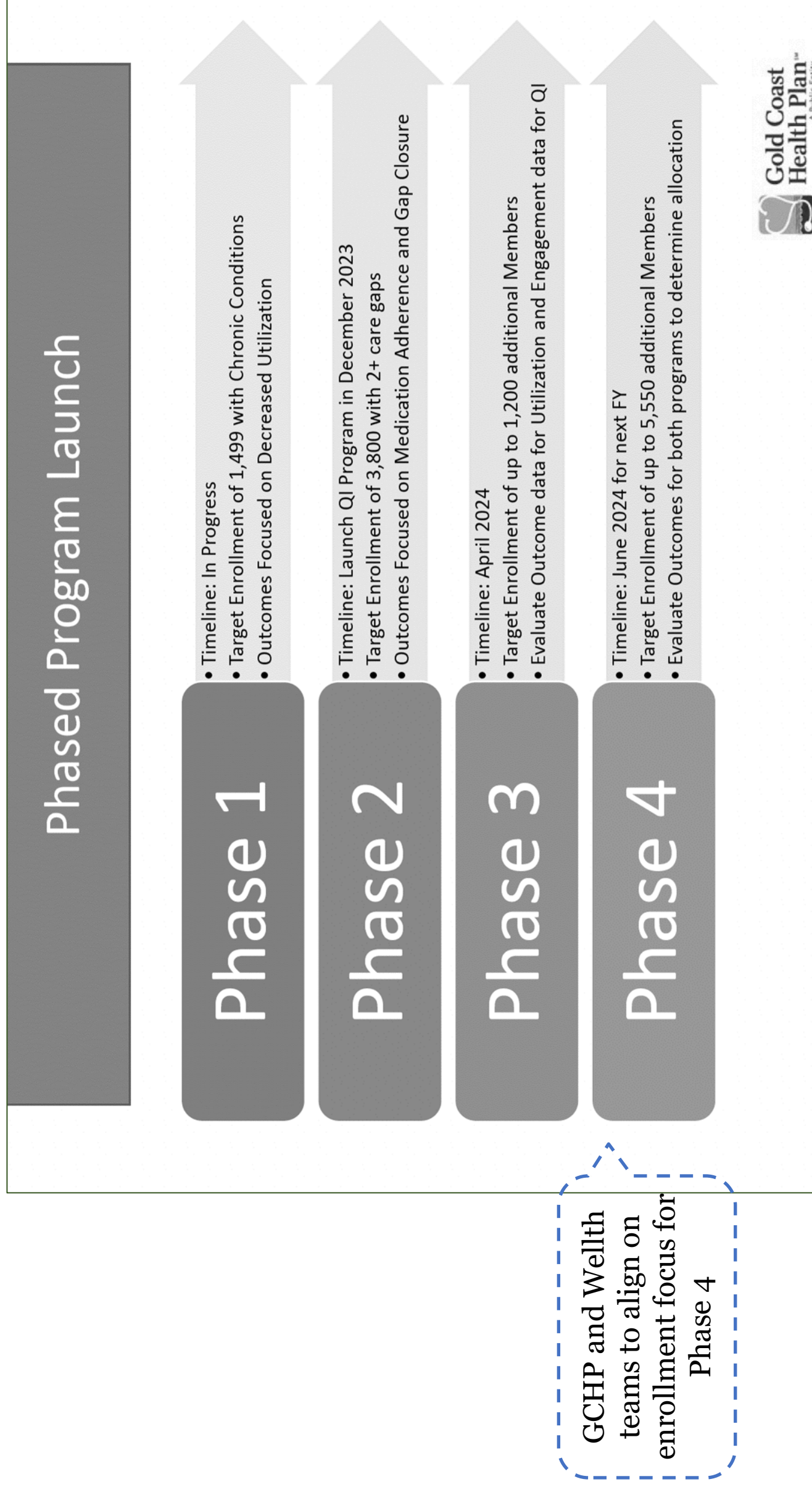
GCHP Overall Prospective  
MY24 Care Gap Closure Rate



# Upcoming Activities

# GCHP Model of Care—Quality Health Outcomes by Design—Wellth

Following the success of the initial Utilization & QI program phases, GCHP and Wellth teams to align on priorities and focuses for Phase 4.



## **1. Optimize outreach and enrollment strategies to achieve 5,500 activations in Phase 4**

GCHP members were particularly receptive to outreach materials shared during Phases 1-3. To maximize high-value enrollments, Wellth and GCHP will partner on review and approval of additional outreach materials to align with Wellth's best in class enrollment strategy. Additionally, teams to explore pathways for provider referrals for program participation.

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## **2. Leverage daily member engagement to support GCHP's 2024 goals and encourage member retention**

As demonstrated by extremely strong in-app engagement, especially with the Spanish-speaking population, Wellth will continue to support and reinforce GCHP's 2024 initiatives and priorities by encouraging members to close MCAS care gaps with the use of health literacy and action rewards, driving members to get timely Rx fills, and promoting available health plan resources. As the program continues to expand, GCHP will realize greater impact on overall measure performance.

# Thank you, Gold Coast Health Plan!



Gold Coast  
Health Plan<sup>SM</sup>  
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“It’s given me an extra meal or two when I would’ve not eaten. It helps fill up the gas tank so I can go to my appointments. It makes me really happy.”



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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4D**

TO: Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission

FROM: Sara Dersch, CFO

DATE: June 24, 2024

SUBJECT: April 2024 Year to Date Financials

**SUMMARY:**

Staff is presenting the attached April 2024 fiscal year-to-date (“FYTD”) unaudited financial statements of Gold Coast Health Plan (“GCHP”) for review and approval.

**ATTACHMENT:**

April 2024 Financial Package

**APPENDIX:**

- Income Statement YTD
- Balance Sheet
- Statement of Cash Flow
- Statement of Investments and Cash Balances

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

FOR MONTH ENDED April 30, 2024

|   | Apr 2024            | April 2024 Year-To-Date |                      | Variance               |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
|   | Actual              | Actual                  | Reforecast           | Fav / (Unfav)          |
|   |                     |                         |                      |                        |
| <b>Medical Benefits:</b>                                      |                     |                         |                      |                        |
| <u>Capitation:</u>  |                     |                         |                      |                        |
| PCP, Specialty, Kaiser, NEMT & Vision                         | \$ 8,281,865        | \$ 79,433,741           | \$ 76,447,178        | \$ (2,986,563)         |
| ECM   | 570,953             | 4,239,081               | 8,228,473            | 3,989,391              |
| Total Capitation  | 8,852,818           | 83,672,823              | 84,675,651           | 1,002,829              |
| <u>FFS Claims:</u>  |                     |                         |                      |                        |
| Inpatient   | 22,871,301          | 175,195,933             | 169,867,541          | (5,328,393)            |
| LTC / SNF   | 10,888,347          | 151,207,601             | 164,102,184          | 12,894,582             |
| Outpatient  | 7,597,207           | 71,406,117              | 67,080,672           | (4,325,444)            |
| Laboratory and Radiology                                      | 899,588             | 10,686,213              | 8,058,216            | (2,627,997)            |
| Directed Payments - Provider                                  | 1,091,103           | 25,031,221              | 21,902,323           | (3,128,897)            |
| Emergency Room  | 2,645,653           | 32,542,007              | 31,098,836           | (1,443,170)            |
| Physician Specialty   | 8,160,588           | 67,392,972              | 65,183,061           | (2,209,911)            |
| Primary Care Physician  | 4,546,525           | 30,282,415              | 27,462,598           | (2,819,817)            |
| Home & Community Based Services                               | 4,087,490           | 28,722,905              | 21,926,404           | (6,796,500)            |
| Applied Behavioral Analysis/Mental Health Services            | 3,241,476           | 30,496,426              | 31,038,938           | 542,512                |
| Quality Incentives/Provider Reserves                          | 26,585,020          | 28,861,073              | -                    | (28,861,073)           |
| Quality Incentive Provider Program (QIPP)                     | 2,129,146           | 31,624,083              | 13,277,644           | (18,346,439)           |
| Other Medical Professional                                    | 474,105             | 4,149,974               | 3,907,963            | (242,011)              |
| Other Fee For Service   | 2,656,492           | 15,999,464              | 12,502,714           | (3,496,750)            |
| Transportation  | 909,450             | 2,007,220               | 2,816,137            | 808,917                |
| Total Claims  | 98,783,490          | 705,521,431             | 640,228,872          | (65,376,752)           |
| Provider Grant Program  | -                   | -                       | 4,166,667            | 4,166,667              |
| Medical & Care Management                                     | 2,805,115           | 20,735,070              | 18,360,448           | (2,374,622)            |
| Reinsurance   | 396,068             | 1,560,083               | 985,566              | (574,516)              |
| Claims Recoveries   | (317,481)           | (2,642,596)             | (1,589,193)          | 1,053,403              |
| Sub-total   | 2,883,702           | 19,736,751              | 21,923,488           | 2,270,931              |
| <b>Total Medical Benefits</b>                                 | <b>110,520,010</b>  | <b>808,931,004</b>      | <b>746,828,012</b>   | <b>(62,102,993)</b>    |
| <b>Contribution Margin</b>                                    | <b>8,321,094</b>    | <b>101,756,520</b>      | <b>120,984,745</b>   | <b>(19,228,225)</b>    |
| <b>General &amp; Administrative Expenses:</b>                 |                     |                         |                      |                        |
| Salaries, Wages & Employee Benefits                           | 4,933,879           | 48,820,604              | 47,587,748           | (1,232,856)            |
| Training, Conference & Travel                                 | 26,414              | 439,288                 | 947,393              | 508,106                |
| Outside Services  | 1,169,225           | 23,738,536              | 24,949,474           | 1,210,938              |
| Professional Services   | 819,624             | 8,545,454               | 7,040,973            | (1,504,481)            |
| Occupancy, Supplies, Insurance & Others                       | 1,737,051           | 11,084,499              | 10,949,756           | (134,743)              |
| ARCH/Community Grants   | 200,000             | 615,911                 | -                    | (615,911)              |
| Sponsorships  | -                   | 3,000                   | -                    | (3,000)                |
| Care Management Reclass to Medical                            | (2,805,115)         | (20,735,070)            | (18,360,448)         | 2,374,622              |
| G&A Expenses  | 6,081,078           | 72,512,221              | 73,114,895           | 602,674                |
| Project Portfolio   | 3,113,661           | 21,116,784              | 19,659,052           | (1,457,733)            |
| <b>Total G&amp;A Expenses</b>                                 | <b>9,194,739</b>    | <b>93,629,005</b>       | <b>92,773,947</b>    | <b>(855,058)</b>       |
| <b>Total Operating Gain / (Loss)</b>                          | <b>(873,645)</b>    | <b>8,127,515</b>        | <b>28,210,798</b>    | <b>(20,083,283)</b>    |
| <b>Retro Premium Adj</b>                                      | <b>534,491</b>      | <b>(12,920,480)</b>     | <b>-</b>             | <b>(12,920,480)</b>    |
| <b>Non Operating</b>  |                     |                         |                      |                        |
| Revenues - Interest   | 2,713,001           | 15,602,574              | 11,312,857           | 4,289,717              |
| Expenses - Interest   | -                   | -                       | -                    | -                      |
| Gain/(Loss) on Sale of Asset                                  | -                   | -                       | -                    | -                      |
| <b>Total Non-Operating</b>                                    | <b>2,713,001</b>    | <b>15,602,574</b>       | <b>11,312,857</b>    | <b>4,289,717</b>       |
| <b>Total Increase / (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets</b> | <b>\$ 2,373,847</b> | <b>\$ 10,809,609</b>    | <b>\$ 39,523,655</b> | <b>\$ (28,714,046)</b> |

| <b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>                 |                       |                       |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|  | <u>04/30/24</u>       | <u>06/30/23</u>       |
| <b>ASSETS</b>  |                       |                       |
| <b>Current Assets:</b>                                 |                       |                       |
| <b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>                 | <b>\$ 454,500,102</b> | <b>\$ 344,166,987</b> |
| <b>Total Short-Term Investments</b>                    | <b>98,599,499</b>     | <b>95,269,796</b>     |
| Medi-Cal Receivable                                    | 201,106,224           | 96,222,357            |
| Interest Receivable                                    | 919,439               | 462,872               |
| Provider Receivable                                    | 12,503,782            | 422,995               |
| Other Receivables                                      | -                     | 59,542                |
| <b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>                       | <b>214,529,445</b>    | <b>97,167,766</b>     |
| Total Prepaid Accounts                                 | 10,362,476            | 5,545,603             |
| Total Other Current Assets                             | 133,545               | 135,560               |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>                            | <b>778,125,066</b>    | <b>542,285,711</b>    |
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b>                              | <b>8,380,209</b>      | <b>9,224,593</b>      |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                    | <b>\$ 786,505,276</b> | <b>\$ 551,510,304</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>                    |                       |                       |
| <b>Current Liabilities:</b>                            |                       |                       |
| Incurred But Not Reported                              | \$ 108,910,692        | \$ 84,436,777         |
| Claims Payable   | 28,021,111            | 12,923,764            |
| Capitation Payable                                     | 8,041,305             | 8,998,514             |
| Physician Payable                                      | 35,104,367            | 31,865,385            |
| AB 85 Payable  | -                     | -                     |
| DHCS - Reserve for Capitation Recoup                   | 34,507,928            | 10,411,049            |
| Lease Payable- ROU                                     | 3,396,342             | 3,300,319             |
| Accounts Payable                                       | 14,265,354            | 1,455,088             |
| Accrued ACS  | 3,724,560             | 3,902,303             |
| Accrued Provider Incentives/Reserve                    | 27,014,998            | 17,427,573            |
| Accrued Pharmacy                                       | -                     | -                     |
| Accrued Expenses                                       | 42,300,929            | 7,559,682             |
| Accrued Premium Tax                                    | 101,110,000           | -                     |
| Accrued Interest Payable                               | -                     | -                     |
| Current Portion of Deferred Revenue                    | -                     | -                     |
| Accrued Payroll Expense                                | 3,577,157             | 3,189,633             |
| Current Portion Of Long Term Debt                      | -                     | -                     |
| Quality Withhold                                       | 856,147               | -                     |
| Other Current Liabilities                              | -                     | -                     |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>                       | <b>410,830,890</b>    | <b>185,470,089</b>    |
| <b>Long-Term Liabilities:</b>                          |                       |                       |
| Lease Payable - NonCurrent - ROU                       | 4,913,120             | 6,088,559             |
| Deferred Revenue - Long Term Portion                   | -                     | -                     |
| Notes Payable  | -                     | -                     |
| <b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>                     | <b>4,913,120</b>      | <b>6,088,559</b>      |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                               | <b>415,744,009</b>    | <b>191,558,647</b>    |
| <b>Net Assets:</b>                                     |                       |                       |
| Beginning Net Assets                                   | 359,951,657           | 176,617,059           |
| Total Increase / (Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets) | 10,809,609            | 183,334,598           |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>                                | <b>370,761,266</b>    | <b>359,951,657</b>    |
| <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>              | <b>\$ 786,505,276</b> | <b>\$ 551,510,304</b> |



**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

|  | <u>April 2024</u>     | <u>April 2024 YTD</u> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Cash Flows Provided By Operating Activities</b>         |                       |                       |
| Net Income (Loss)  | \$ 2,373,847          | \$ 10,809,609         |
| <b>by operating activities</b>                             |                       | -                     |
| Depreciation on fixed assets                               | 135,222               | 1,378,095             |
| Disposal of fixed assets                                   | -                     | -                     |
| Amortization of discounts and premium                      | -                     | -                     |
| <b>Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities</b>         |                       | -                     |
| Accounts Receivable  | (32,662,953)          | (117,361,679)         |
| Prepaid Expenses   | 2,443,715             | (4,814,858)           |
| Accrued Expense and Accounts Payable                       | (47,745,547)          | 82,325,826            |
| Claims Payable   | 10,318,429            | 17,379,119            |
| MCO Tax liability  | (46,463,159)          | 101,110,000           |
| IBNR   | (2,436,180)           | 24,473,915            |
| <b>Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities</b> | <b>(114,036,626)</b>  | <b>115,300,029</b>    |
|  |                       | -                     |
| <b>Cash Flow Provided By Investing Activities</b>          |                       | -                     |
| Proceeds from Restricted Cash & Other Assets               |                       | -                     |
| Proceeds from Investments                                  | (62,324)              | (3,329,703)           |
| Purchase of Property and Equipment                         | 11,732                | (533,711)             |
| <b>Net Cash (Used In) Provided by Investing Activities</b> | <b>(50,592)</b>       | <b>(3,863,414)</b>    |
|  |                       | -                     |
| <b>Cash Flow Provided By Financing Activities</b>          |                       | -                     |
| Lease Payable - ROU  | (113,395)             | (1,103,499)           |
| <b>Net Cash Used In Financing Activities</b>               | <b>(113,395)</b>      | <b>(1,103,499)</b>    |
|  |                       | -                     |
| <b>Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>    | <b>(114,200,613)</b>  | <b>110,333,115</b>    |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period</b>      | <b>568,700,715</b>    | <b>344,166,986</b>    |
| <b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period</b>            | <b>\$ 454,500,102</b> | <b>\$ 454,500,102</b> |

**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AND CASH BALANCES**

|   | <b>Market Value*</b>  |                    |                       |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
|   | <b>April 30, 2024</b> |                    | <b>Account Type</b>   |
| Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) <sup>1</sup>  | \$                    | 42,080,748         | Investment            |
| Ventura County Investment Pool <sup>2</sup>       |                       | 19,054,764         | Investment            |
| CalTrust  |                       | 37,463,987         | Short-term investment |
| Bank of West                                      |                       | 455,154,991        | Money market account  |
| Bank  |                       | (655,391)          | Operating accounts    |
| Petty Cash  |                       | 500                | Cash                  |
| <b><i>Investments and monies held by GCHP</i></b> | <b>\$</b>             | <b>553,099,599</b> |                       |

# April 2024 Year-to-Date Financial Results

June 24, 2024

Sara Dersch, Chief Financial Officer

# April Year-To-Date (YTD) Financial Results Summary

- April's \$2.4M increase in net assets is \$5.3M favorable to Reforecast, bringing YTD net assets to \$10.8M. The YTD variance of \$(28.7M) versus Reforecast is primarily the result of investment in the Ventura County care delivery system as well as prior year premium revenue adjustments from the State. Major contributors:
  - YTD Results reflect an additional \$18.3M in medical benefit costs associated with the earlier-than-forecasted provisioning of Quality Incentive Pool and Program (QIPP) payments; these investments help our community partners have resources to ensure access to and delivery of high-quality care for our members.
  - Decrease of \$12.9M in revenue is a result of a \$16.1M “take-back” by the State associated with the State’s assessment that our members in 2023 had lower acuity (were healthier in general than originally forecasted) offset by other retroactive favorability.
  - Consolidated (core administration plus Project Portfolio) administrative expenses are \$(0.9M) versus Reforecast primarily Operations of the Future readiness.
- While there are, and always will be, economic events that we cannot foresee (ex: retroactive rate adjustments), GCHP management continues to diligently monitor and take action on those Income Statement and Balance Sheet line items that are controllable and monitor those items that are not controllable.

# April YTD P&L: Revenue

- April revenue is greater than Reforecast primarily due to \$26.5M in pass-through incentive payments\* received from the state for:

- \$13.2M for the Housing and Homeless Incentive Program (community-based investments in addressing homelessness and keeping people housed).
- \$11.9M for other California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CAAIM)-related incentives.
- \$1.4M for the Behavioral Health Incentive Program (providing patient-centered care using a systematic approach).

- \$16.1M Revenue “Take Back” in January is a result of a retroactive reduction in 2023 rates and is partially offset by \$3.2M pickup membership-related retroactivity, resulting in a cumulative adjustment of \$(12.9M).

|  | MTD       |            |               | YTD       |            |               |
|--|-----------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
|  | Actual    | Reforecast | Var / (Unfav) | Actual    | Reforecast | Var / (Unfav) |
| Member Months  | 249,931   | 234,573    | 15,358        | 2,520,037 | 2,468,244  | 51,793        |
| Revenue  | \$ 118.8  | \$ 85.1    | \$ 33.7       | \$ 910.7  | \$ 867.8   | \$ 42.9       |
| <i>pmpm</i>  | \$ 475.50 | \$ 362.95  | \$ 112.55     | \$ 361.38 | \$ 351.59  | \$ 9.79       |
| Non-Operating Revenue / (Expense)                      | \$ 2.7    | \$ 0.9     | \$ 1.8        | \$ 15.6   | \$ 11.3    | \$ 4.3        |
| <i>pmpm</i>  | \$ 10.85  | \$ 3.84    | \$ 7.01       | \$ 6.19   | \$ 4.58    | \$ 1.61       |
| Medical Benefits                                       | \$ 110.5  | \$ 78.4    | \$ (32.1)     | \$ 808.9  | \$ 746.8   | \$ (62.1)     |
| <i>pmpm</i>  | \$ 442.20 | \$ 334.35  | \$ (107.9)    | \$ 321.00 | \$ 302.57  | \$ (18.4)     |
| % of Revenue   | 93.0%     | 92.1%      |               | 88.8%     | 86.1%      |               |
| Admin Exp  | \$ 6.1    | \$ 7.7     | \$ 1.7        | \$ 72.5   | \$ 73.1    | \$ 0.6        |
| <i>pmpm</i>  | \$ 24.33  | \$ 32.98   | \$ 8.65       | \$ 28.77  | \$ 29.62   | \$ 0.85       |
| % of Revenue   | 5.1%      | 9.1%       |               | 8.0%      | 8.4%       |               |
| Project Portfolio                                      | \$ 3.1    | \$ 2.8     | \$ (0.3)      | \$ 21.1   | \$ 19.7    | \$ (1.5)      |
| <i>pmpm</i>  | \$ 12.46  | \$ 11.98   | \$ (0.48)     | \$ 8.38   | \$ 7.96    | \$ (0.41)     |
| % of Revenue   | 2.6%      | 3.3%       |               | 2.3%      | 2.3%       |               |
| Operating Gain/(Loss)                                  | \$ (0.9)  | \$ (3.8)   | \$ 3.0        | \$ 8.1    | \$ 28.2    | \$ (20.1)     |
| <i>pmpm</i>  | \$ (3.50) | \$ (16.36) | \$ 12.87      | \$ 3.22   | \$ 11.43   | \$ (8.20)     |
| Retro Revenue Adjustments                              | \$ 0.5    | \$ -       | \$ 0.5        | \$ (12.9) | \$ -       | \$ (12.9)     |
| <i>pmpm</i>  | \$ 2.14   | \$ -       | \$ 2.14       | \$ (5.13) | \$ -       | \$ (5.13)     |
| Total Increase / (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets | \$ 2.4    | \$ (2.9)   | \$ 5.3        | \$ 10.8   | \$ 39.5    | \$ (28.7)     |
| <i>pmpm</i>  | \$ 9.50   | \$ (12.52) | \$ 22.02      | \$ 4.29   | \$ 16.01   | \$ (11.72)    |
| % of Revenue   | 2.0%      | -3.4%      |               | 1.2%      | 4.6%       |               |

\*Note: See “Description of State Incentive Programs” exhibit in the Appendix for additional detail of programs.

# April YTD P&L: Medical Benefits

- YTD MBR of 88.8%, while exceeding forecast by 2.7%, reflects reinvestment in our care delivery system. The primary driver of the MBR is the increase in QFF payments of \$18.3M vs forecast (YTD spend is \$31.6M; forecast is \$13.7M).

- YTD Medical Benefit spend reflects unforecasted State incentive “pass-through” (meaning Gold Coast is simply the administrator) program expenses totaling \$26.5M (note: the expenses are offset by a commensurate payment from the State).

- Remaining Medical Benefits variance of \$17.3M is attributed to:
  - Fee for Service (FFS) utilization volume associated with the higher than expected membership and a unit cost increase.
  - Increase in member incentives vs Reforecast.

|  | MTD       |            |                   | YTD       |            |                   |
|--|-----------|------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|
|  | Actual    | Reforecast | Var Fav / (Unfav) | Actual    | Reforecast | Var Fav / (Unfav) |
| Member Months  | 249,931   | 234,573    | 15,358            | 2,520,037 | 2,468,244  | 51,793            |
| Revenue  | \$ 118.8  | \$ 85.1    | \$ 33.7           | \$ 910.7  | \$ 867.8   | \$ 42.9           |
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| Non-Operating Revenue / (Expense)                      | \$ 2.7    | \$ 0.9     | \$ 1.8            | \$ 15.6   | \$ 11.3    | \$ 4.3            |
| <i>pmpm</i>  | \$ 10.85  | \$ 3.84    | \$ 7.01           | \$ 6.19   | \$ 4.58    | \$ 1.61           |
| <b>Medical Benefits</b>                                | \$ 110.5  | \$ 78.4    | \$ (32.1)         | \$ 808.9  | \$ 746.8   | \$ (62.1)         |
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| % of Revenue   | 5.1%      | 9.1%       |                   | 8.0%      | 8.4%       |                   |
| Project Portfolio                                      | \$ 3.1    | \$ 2.8     | \$ (0.3)          | \$ 21.1   | \$ 19.7    | \$ (1.5)          |
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| % of Revenue   | 2.6%      | 3.3%       |                   | 2.3%      | 2.3%       |                   |
| Operating Gain/(Loss)                                  | \$ (0.9)  | \$ (3.8)   | \$ 3.0            | \$ 8.1    | \$ 28.2    | \$ (20.1)         |
| <i>pmpm</i>  | \$ (3.50) | \$ (16.36) | \$ 12.87          | \$ 3.22   | \$ 11.43   | \$ (8.20)         |
| Retro Revenue Adjustments                              | \$ 0.5    | \$ -       | \$ 0.5            | \$ (12.9) | \$ -       | \$ (12.9)         |
| <i>pmpm</i>  | \$ 2.14   | \$ -       | \$ 2.14           | \$ (5.13) | \$ -       | \$ (5.13)         |
| Total Increase / (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets | \$ 2.4    | \$ (2.9)   | \$ 5.3            | \$ 10.8   | \$ 39.5    | \$ (28.7)         |
| <i>pmpm</i>  | \$ 9.50   | \$ (12.52) | \$ 22.02          | \$ 4.29   | \$ 16.01   | \$ (11.72)        |
| % of Revenue   | 2.0%      | -3.4%      |                   | 1.2%      | 4.6%       |                   |

# April YTD P&L: Medical Benefit Categories

## Medical Benefits:

### Capitation:

PCP, Specialty, Kaiser, NEMT & Vision  
ECM

Total Capitation

### FFS Claims:

Inpatient  
LTC / SNF  
Outpatient  
Laboratory and Radiology  
Directed Payments - Provider  
Emergency Room  
Physician Specialty  
Primary Care Physician  
Home & Community Based Services  
Applied Behavioral Analysis/Mental Health Services  
Quality Incentives/Provider Reserves  
Quality Incentive Provider Program (QIPP)  
Other Medical Professional  
Other Fee For Service  
Transportation

Total Claims

Provider Grant Program

Medical & Care Management

Reinsurance

Claims Recoveries

Sub-total

**Total Medical Benefits**

|    | Apr 2024           |  | Year-To-Date       |                    | Variance            |  | Variance %   |
|----|--------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|--------------|
|    | Actual             |  | Actual             | Reforecast         | Fav / (Unfav)       |  |              |
| \$ | 8,281,865          |  | \$ 79,433,741      | \$ 76,447,178      | \$ (2,986,563)      |  | -3.9%        |
|    | 570,953            |  | 4,239,081          | 8,228,473          | 3,989,391           |  | 48.5%        |
|    | 8,852,818          |  | 83,672,823         | 84,675,651         | 1,002,829           |  | 1.2%         |
|    | 22,871,301         |  | 175,195,933        | 169,867,541        | (5,328,393)         |  | -3.1%        |
|    | 10,888,347         |  | 151,207,601        | 164,102,184        | 12,894,582          |  | 7.9%         |
|    | 7,597,207          |  | 71,406,117         | 67,080,672         | (4,325,444)         |  | -6.4%        |
|    | 899,588            |  | 10,686,213         | 8,058,216          | (2,627,997)         |  | -32.6%       |
|    | 1,091,103          |  | 25,031,221         | 21,902,323         | (3,128,897)         |  | -14.3%       |
|    | 2,645,653          |  | 32,542,007         | 31,098,836         | (1,443,170)         |  | -4.6%        |
|    | 8,160,588          |  | 67,392,972         | 65,183,061         | (2,209,911)         |  | -3.4%        |
|    | 4,546,525          |  | 30,282,415         | 27,462,598         | (2,819,817)         |  | -10.3%       |
|    | 4,087,490          |  | 28,722,905         | 21,926,404         | (6,796,500)         |  | -31.0%       |
|    | 3,241,476          |  | 30,496,426         | 31,038,938         | 542,512             |  | 1.7%         |
|    | 26,585,020         |  | 28,861,073         | -                  | (28,861,073)        |  | 0.0%         |
|    | 2,129,146          |  | 31,624,083         | 13,277,644         | (18,346,439)        |  | -138.2%      |
|    | 474,105            |  | 4,149,974          | 3,907,963          | (242,011)           |  | -6.2%        |
|    | 2,656,492          |  | 15,999,464         | 12,502,714         | (3,496,750)         |  | -28.0%       |
|    | 909,450            |  | 2,007,220          | 2,816,137          | 808,917             |  | 28.7%        |
|    | 98,783,490         |  | 705,521,431        | 640,228,872        | (65,376,752)        |  | -10.2%       |
|    | -                  |  | -                  | 4,166,667          | 4,166,667           |  | 100.0%       |
|    | 2,805,115          |  | 20,735,070         | 18,360,448         | (2,374,622)         |  | -12.9%       |
|    | 396,068            |  | 1,560,083          | 985,566            | (574,516)           |  | -58.3%       |
|    | (317,481)          |  | (2,642,596)        | (1,589,193)        | 1,053,403           |  | -66.3%       |
|    | 2,883,702          |  | 19,736,751         | 21,923,488         | 2,270,931           |  | 10.4%        |
|    | <b>110,520,010</b> |  | <b>808,931,004</b> | <b>746,828,012</b> | <b>(62,102,993)</b> |  | <b>-8.3%</b> |

# April YTD P&L: Administrative Costs

- Controlling administrative costs continues to be a Management focus.
- The YTD combined variance of \$(900K) between Administrative Expense and Project Portfolio is attributed to Project Portfolio spend, including Operations of the Future preparedness for July "go-live."
- Administrative costs favorability is a result of an increase in the amount of quality-related spend recategorized to Medical Benefits. GCHP has spent more than reforecast on member incentives, thus the increase in the recategorization.
- GCHP Management expects cost discipline will result in administrative costs being equal or less than Reforecast by the end of the year.

| (S\$Ms except pmpms & mm)                              | MTD       |            |                   | YTD       |            |                   |
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# April YTD P&L: Net Assets

|  | MTD       |            |                     | YTD       |            |                   |
|--|-----------|------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|-------------------|
|  | Actual    | Reforecast | Var / Fav / (Unfav) | Actual    | Reforecast | Var Fav / (Unfav) |
| ((\$Ms except pmpms & mm))                             |           |            |                     |           |            |                   |
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In summary, the YTD Net Asset variance of \$(28.7M) is primarily the result of:

- Current year premium favorability associated with an increase in membership.
- Quality Funding Program increase in provider participation.
- Operations of the Future expense in excess of Reforecast.
- Retroactive 2023 premium rate adjustment not known at time of Reforecast.

# Looking Ahead....

- State actions could result in additional prior period revenue take-backs:
  - Covid Testing Risk Corridor adjustment.
  - Prop 56 payments.
  - Targeted Rate Increase Reconciliation.
  - Deceased Member Takebacks for FY 2014 to April 2024.
  - Final 2023 acuity rate adjustment.
  - 2024 Acuity rate adjustment.
- Potential for reduction in Incurred But Not Paid (IBNP): Expected expenses for services provided but not yet submitted for provider reimbursement) in the last quarter of the year.

# Exhibits

This section contains the following exhibits:

- Description of State Incentive Programs
- Balance Sheet
- Cash and Short-Term Investment Portfolio
- Revenue and Medical Benefit Per Member Month Values
- Membership Breakdown

# Description of State Incentive Programs

## Housing and homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP)

- An incentive program launched by DHCS in 2021 to address social determinants of health and health disparities related to engaging unhoused members and housing issues. GCHP was able to earn incentive funds for making investments and progress in addressing homelessness and keeping members housed in the community.
- To date GCHP has made over \$10,000,000 in investment to address issues that impact our homeless and at-risk members.
  - Expand Recuperative Care in Ventura County by 125 beds (construction to be complete by 2026)
  - Connect to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
  - Support the Ventura County Continuum of Care and the local Point in Time Count (PIT)

## CaAIM Incentive Payment Program (IPP)

- Launched in 2021 IPP supports the implementation and expansion of Enhanced Care Management (ECM), Community Supports, and other CaAIM initiatives. IPP incentives are support four priority areas:
  - Member engagement and service delivery, including reaching new members
  - Building sustainable infrastructure and capacity, including health information technology, workforce, and provider networks
  - Promoting program quality, with measurable impacts on utilization
  - Creating equitable access for ECM Populations of Focus
- To date GCHP has dedicated approximately \$13,000,000 in funding to support our network, with additional funding opportunities planned in 2024 and 2025. Examples of funding include:
  - Six ECM Providers
  - Four Community Supports Providers
  - Two Community Based Organizations to launch Community Health Worker and Doula Services
  - The Ventura County Community Information Exchange (VCCIE)

## Student Behavioral Health Incentive Program (SBHIP)

- Implemented in 2022, SBHIP targets interventions that increase access to preventive, early intervention and behavioral health services by school-affiliated behavioral health providers for TK-12 children in public schools.
- GCHP works with five school districts, Oxnard Unified High School District, Fillmore Unified School District, Santa Paula Unified School District, Hueneme Elementary School District and Rio School District.
- SBHIP has supported over 27,000 visits to campus Wellness Centers by over 7,500 students.

# April YTD Balance Sheet: Assets

|  | 04/30/24              | 06/30/23              |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                          |                       |                       |
| <b>Current Assets:</b>                 |                       |                       |
| <b>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</b> | <b>\$ 454,500,102</b> | <b>\$ 344,166,987</b> |
| Total Short-Term Investments           | 98,599,499            | 95,269,796            |
| Medi-Cal Receivable                    | 201,106,224           | 96,222,357            |
| Interest Receivable                    | 919,439               | 462,872               |
| Provider Receivable                    | 12,503,782            | 422,995               |
| Other Receivables                      | -                     | 59,542                |
| <b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>       | <b>214,529,445</b>    | <b>97,167,766</b>     |
| Total Prepaid Accounts                 | 10,362,476            | 5,545,603             |
| Total Other Current Assets             | 133,545               | 135,560               |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>            | <b>778,125,066</b>    | <b>542,285,711</b>    |
| <b>Total Fixed Assets</b>              | <b>8,380,209</b>      | <b>9,224,593</b>      |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                    | <b>\$ 786,505,276</b> | <b>\$ 551,510,304</b> |

- The \$235M increase in total Assets/Liabilities is attributed to the following:
  - Medi-Cal Receivable: 2024 Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax for January through April and expected State premiums.
  - Provider Receivable: includes payment advances related to Change Healthcare data breach.
  - Total Prepaid Accounts: primarily QJPP advances to providers that they have not yet earned and prepaid software licenses.

# April YTD Balance Sheet: Liabilities

| LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS                               |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Current Liabilities:</b>                            |                       |
| Incurring But Not Reported                             | \$ 84,436,777         |
| Claims Payable   | 12,923,764            |
| Capitation Payable                                     | 8,998,514             |
| Physician Payable                                      | 31,865,385            |
| AB 85 Payable  | -                     |
| DHCS - Reserve for Capitation Recoup                   | 10,411,049            |
| Lease Payable- ROU                                     | 3,300,319             |
| Accounts Payable                                       | 3,396,342             |
| Accrued ACS  | 14,265,354            |
| Accrued Provider Incentives/Reserve                    | 3,724,560             |
| Accrued Pharmacy                                       | 27,014,998            |
| Accrued Expenses                                       | -                     |
| Accrued Premium Tax                                    | 42,300,929            |
| Accrued Interest Payable                               | 101,110,000           |
| Current Portion of Deferred Revenue                    | -                     |
| Accrued Payroll Expense                                | 3,577,157             |
| Current Portion Of Long Term Debt                      | -                     |
| Quality Withhold                                       | 856,147               |
| Other Current Liabilities                              | -                     |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>                       | <b>410,830,890</b>    |
| <b>Long-Term Liabilities:</b>                          |                       |
| Lease Payable - NonCurrent - ROU                       | 4,913,120             |
| Deferred Revenue - Long Term Portion                   | -                     |
| Notes Payable  | -                     |
| <b>Total Long-Term Liabilities</b>                     | <b>4,913,120</b>      |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>                               | <b>415,744,009</b>    |
| <b>Net Assets:</b>                                     |                       |
| Beginning Net Assets                                   | 359,951,657           |
| Total Increase / (Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets) | 10,809,609            |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>                                | <b>370,761,266</b>    |
| <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>              | <b>\$ 786,505,276</b> |
|  | <b>\$ 551,510,304</b> |

- Incurred But Not Reported: Expected expenses for services provided but not yet submitted for provider reimbursement are increasing due to claims payments timing, membership levels, and unit cost rates.
- Accounts Payable balance reflects Prop 56 payments of \$10.4M.
  - CY19-20: \$1.5M
  - CY21: \$8.9M
- Accrued Premium Tax reflects our expected Managed Care Organization Tax (this appears only on our Balance Sheet and does not impact our financial results).

# Cash and Short-Term Investment Portfolio

| SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AND CASH BALANCES        |                       |                       |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|
|  | Market Value*         | Account Type          |
|  | April 30, 2024        |                       |
| Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) <sup>1</sup> | \$ 42,080,748         | Investment            |
| Ventura County Investment Pool <sup>2</sup>      | 19,054,764            | Investment            |
| CalTrust   | 37,463,987            | Short-term investment |
| Bank of West                                     | 455,154,991           | Money market account  |
| Pacific Premier                                  | (655,391)             | Operating accounts    |
| Petty Cash                                       | 500                   | Cash                  |
| <b>Investments and monies held by GCHP</b>       | <b>\$ 553,099,599</b> |                       |

Cash and short-term investments: \$553.1M.

- The investment portfolio includes Ventura County Investment Pool \$19.1M; LAIF CA State \$42.1M; Cal Trust \$37.4.

# PMPM and TNE Values

|                               | FYTD 23/24<br>Rerecast | FYTD 23/24<br>Actual | FYTD 22/23<br>Actual | FYTD 21/22<br>Actual |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Average Enrollment            | 246,824                | 252,004              | 247,854              | 229,367              |
| PMPM Revenue                  | \$ 351.59              | \$ 361.38            | \$ 340.86            | \$ 347.72            |
| <b>Medical Benefits</b>       |                        |                      |                      |                      |
| Capitation                    | \$ 34.31               | \$ 33.20             | \$ 34.18             | \$ 32.44             |
| Inpatient                     | \$ 68.82               | \$ 69.52             | \$ 54.64             | \$ 68.62             |
| LTC / SNF                     | \$ 66.49               | \$ 60.00             | \$ 54.86             | \$ 59.92             |
| Outpatient                    | \$ 27.18               | \$ 28.34             | \$ 23.88             | \$ 22.59             |
| Emergency Room                | \$ 12.60               | \$ 12.91             | \$ 11.32             | \$ 10.80             |
| Physician Specialty           | \$ 26.41               | \$ 26.74             | \$ 23.44             | \$ 22.49             |
| Quality Incentives            | \$ 5.38                | \$ 6.22              | \$ 0.69              | \$ -                 |
| Provider Grant Program *      | \$ 1.69                | \$ -                 | \$ -                 | \$ -                 |
| Pharmacy                      | \$ -                   | \$ -                 | \$ (0.15)            | \$ 29.71             |
| All Other                     | \$ 59.71               | \$ 66.28             | \$ 53.03             | \$ 45.41             |
| Total Per Member Per Month    | \$ 302.57              | \$ 303.22            | \$ 255.89            | \$ 291.97            |
| Medical Benefit Ratio         | 86.1%                  | 83.9%                | 75.1%                | 86.9%                |
| Total Administrative Expenses | \$ 92,773,947          | \$ 93,629,005        | \$ 78,852,534        | \$ 53,680,738        |
| % of Revenue                  | 10.7%                  | 10.3%                | 7.8%                 | 5.6%                 |
| TNE                           | \$ 399,475,312         | \$ 370,761,266       | \$ 359,814,027       | \$ 176,562,922       |
| Required TNE                  | \$ 41,438,176          | \$ 36,934,714        | \$ 32,913,795        | \$ 36,609,789        |
| % of Required                 | 964%                   | 1004%                | 1093%                | 482%                 |

- TNE is a function of net assets and as such will change each month. Asset fluctuation month over month is a normal business function. Reasons for fluctuations can include (but are not limited to):
- Changes in the amounts owed to GCHP by the State (“Accounts Receivable”)
  - Amounts GCHP owes Providers (“Claims Payable”)
  - Number of claims cycles paid in that current month (cash reduction)
  - Amounts owed to vendors (“Accounts Payable”)





**AGENDA ITEM NO. 4E**

**TO:** Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission

**FROM:** Sara Dersch, Chief Financial Officer  
GCHP Executive Team

**DATE:** June 24, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Budget Fiscal 2024 / 2025 and 3-Year Quality Investment Program

**PowerPoint with  
Verbal Presentation**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

*al Results*

**Integrity**

**Accountability**

**Collaboration**

**Trust**

**Respect**

# **FY2024-25 Budget and 3-Year Quality Funding Strategy**

## **Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission**

June 24, 2024

**Sara Dersch, Chief Financial Officer**

Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer

Eve Gelb, Chief Innovation Officer

Paul Aguilar, Chief Human Resources & Organizational Performance Officer

# Budget Objectives

- In the **Post-Public Health Emergency** era, we now operate in a “normal” financial/premium paradigm in which community-based health plans are funded for 88-90% Member Benefit Ratio (MBR) / 8-10% Administrative Expense Ratio (AER) / 2% margin.
- Having now returned to this constrained funding paradigm, our focus must be on managing the cost and quality of care to ensure GCHP viability for the long term.
- Quality is the essential element of a financial plan to achieve long-term viability. The State strategy to use Quality as the basis for premium rate-setting demands sustained high performance in Quality (Managed Care Accountability Set-MCAS and Consumer Assessment of Health Plans and Systems-CAHPS). Quality is the way we (GCHP and Providers) ensure the maximum funding for the Ventura County Medi-Cal Delivery System (“System”) and member health/healthcare.
- GCHP has developed the **FY 2024-25 Budget** and our **3-Year Quality Funding Program (QFP) Strategy** to substantially invest in quality improvement within the System through both the use of health plan premium revenue and a portion of reserves.
- GCHP has also developed the Budget and Strategy around continued build-out of health plan capabilities for managing the cost and quality of care, to provide a superior level of support for providers, and to deliver a superior experience for the members and communities we serve.

The Budget and Strategy are founded on the principal that we must plan (and adequately fund our plan) to get and keep our members connected with Quality care (measured through MCAS) and to ensure high Satisfaction (measured through CAHPS).

This is our *Mission*.

The financial health and viability of GCHP over the long term depends on our ability to change and continuously improve GCHP and the System to deliver sustained high Quality and Satisfaction.

This is our *Imperative*.

# Budget Risks

- The FY 2024-25 Budget funds Member Benefits and Quality at a level that exceeds revenue. This involves GCHP investing a portion (~\$28M) of reserves to advance sustainable Quality performance in the System and to engage members in their health/healthcare.
- Our broader Quality Funding Program (2025-2027) deploys nearly a quarter of a Billion dollars to improve Quality (member experience and health outcomes). This level of funding involves an investment of reserves that occurs over a 3-year period.
- As GCHP remains in this investment mode (i.e., using a portion of reserves to fund Quality improvement), the risks of prevailing financial uncertainty in Medi-Cal and the risks of significant unexpected increases in the unit costs or utilization of member benefits are amplified.
- While the Medi-Cal industry concurs that further budgetarily-driven, unfavorable revenue adjustments are possible, the industry is also aligned on how to respond to future actions which might exacerbate the lack of Medi-Cal funding soundness. As such, the Management Team does not endorse reserving for significant unknown adjustments (which will take funds away from member and Quality planning) and instead will make financial course-corrections should such State adjustments come to pass. GCHP, alongside other Medi-Cal Health Plans and Providers, continues to actively advocate against further erosion of Medi-Cal funding.
- **Overall, success in this next fiscal year and the 3-year period of sustained Quality investment requires a high level of expert management of the health plan and dedication to fiscal prudence by the Commission and Management.**

# Budget FY 2024-25 | TNE Composition and Planning

| Current Reserves   | Analysis  | Plan  |
|--|---|---|
| <p>Unrestricted Reserves</p> <p>1025%</p> <p>325%</p> <p>\$60M</p> | <p>GCHP Management proposes to plan for a \$60M reduction in reserves over the next 3 budgets (spanning July 2024 – June 2027) in the form of compliant and value-based funding for providers.</p>  | <p>Investment in providers through enhanced Quality Funding Program. Quality Funding Program funding levels are based on expectations and targets may be adjusted based on priorities and member needs.</p> |
| <p>Unrestricted Reserves</p> <p>1025%</p> <p>325%</p> <p>\$60M</p> | <p>D-SNP will have 2 financial requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– D-SNP expenses (provider and administrative) are expected to produce losses for the first 3+ years of operations, ranging from \$17M to \$30M+.</li> <li>– D-SNP will require its own reserves on top of the expected initial losses.</li> </ul>            | <p>Reserve for anticipated losses and retain additional reserves to account for new line of business TNE requirements.</p>  |
| <p>Restricted Reserves</p> <p>700%</p> <p>\$258M</p>               | <p>These funds are restricted for maintenance of adequate reserves for long term viability of GCHP. These funds were established as GCHP TNE Reserve by Commission approval of the FY 2023-24 Budget (current year).</p> <p>For Medi-Cal alone, this provides for adequate long-term thinking and planning and investments to GCHP and providers.</p> | <p>GCHP is entering a period of industry-wide anticipated premium pressures. Maintain 700% of required TNE.</p>   |

# Summary of Management's Proposed FY2024/25 Budget

| Category                                     | FY2024/25 Budget    | Comments   |
|--|---------------------|--|
| Membership                                   | 251,125             | Higher-than-expected membership levels are driven by successful redetermination efforts and a newly-eligible population cohort. Membership is now relatively stable and is not expected to change majorly. But membership can change if redetermination disenrollment picks up or Kaiser is expanded as a Medicaid Managed Care Plan by the State.   |
| Premium Revenue                              | \$1.089B            | As presented, this reflects essentially flat revenue even though membership is favorable; the changing member "mix" accounts for the minimal revenue increase; premium revenue is \$1.073B; an additional \$16M in investment income brings total revenue to \$1.089B. MCO tax (which is a pass-through from the Federal government to the State) of \$303.7M brings total receipts to \$1.419B. |
| Consolidated Medical Benefit Cost<br>(Ratio) | \$1.008B<br>92.6%   | Prior to the \$82.5M Quality Funding Programs, the underlying MBR is 85.0%.  |
| Administrative Expense<br>(Ratio)            | \$109.3M<br>10.0%   | We are staying consistent with current administrative expense run-rate year over year; while the FY2023/24 focus was on infrastructure needed to transform the organization, the focus of FY2024/25 will be on Quality Programs and Care Delivery innovation. Continuing Operations of the Future budget of \$4.0M included in Administrative Expense.   |
| Reserve Increase/(Decrease)                  | \$(28.2M)<br>(2.6%) | Net income prior to the Quality Funding Programs is \$43.9M, or 4.0% of total revenue (premium revenue plus investment income).  |

# Medical Benefit Expense Highlights: Categories of Service (COS)

Capitated, fee for service (FFS), and other medical expenditures for current year to date and FY 2024-25 budget are reflected on a per member per month basis.

## Capitation

The bulk of capitation is primary care and transportation. It also includes some specialty care, vision and other services.

The rate increase reflects investment in primary care and investment to add capacity to the transportation system.

## Fee For Service

Utilization trends for inpatient, outpatient, and mental and behavioral health services have been increasing.

The GCHP Model of Care aims to increase utilization and unit cost for primary care, specialty care and mental health.

FFS primary care costs also include increases driven by the State Targeted Rate Increases.

FFS transportation is mostly emergency transportation.

## Other Expenditures

Quality Funding Program represents the expectations and targets for spending in 2024/25 with some value-based rates already dispersed in targeted FFS categories.

Medical Care Management is significantly increased due to increase in member incentives and inclusion of other allowable Quality Improvement health plan costs.

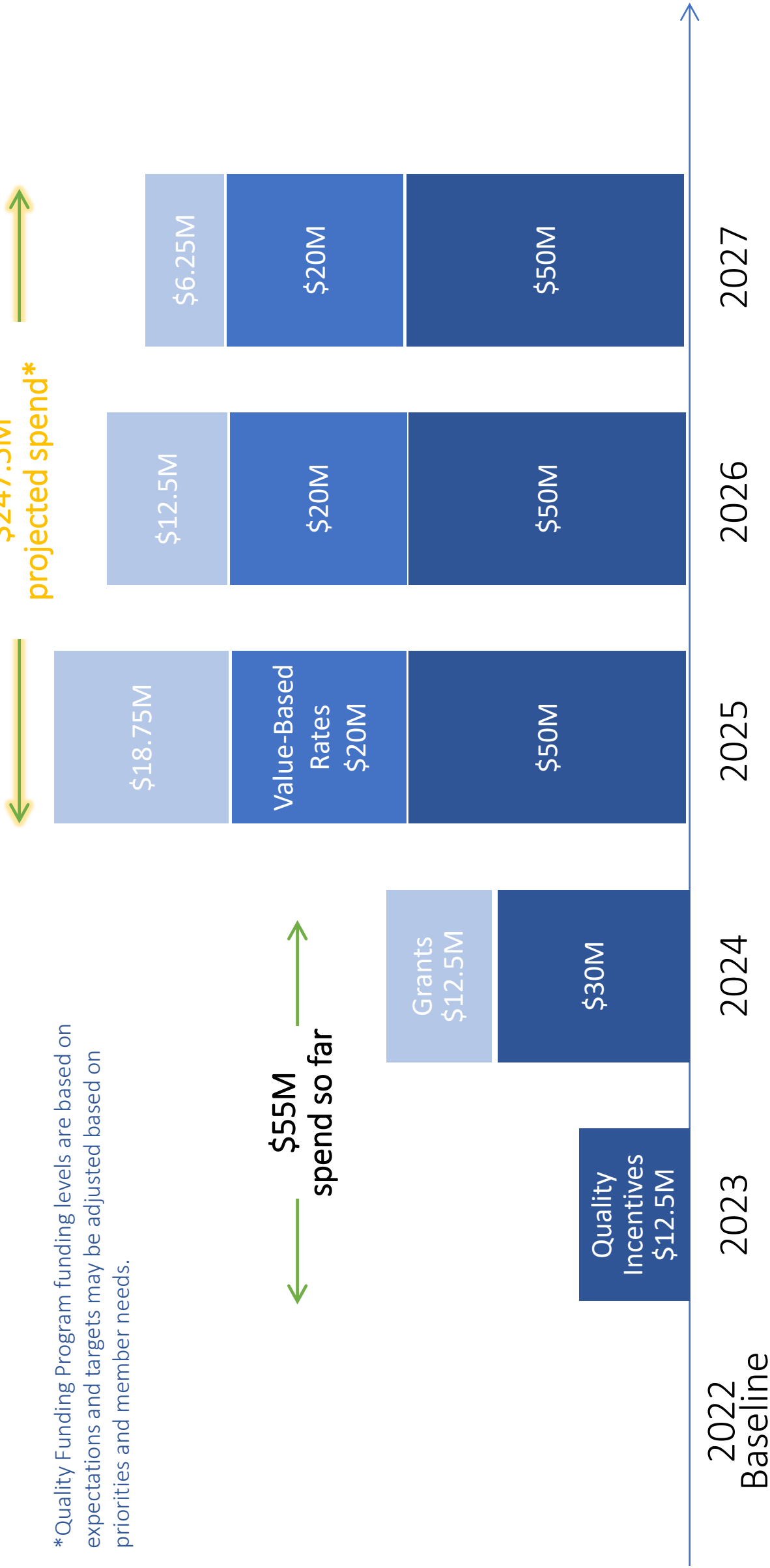
Carelon Care Management is now reflected as a separate line item in Medical Expense.

# Budget FY2024-25 | Quality Funding Program

\*Quality Funding Program funding levels are based on expectations and targets may be adjusted based on priorities and member needs.

\$55M spend so far

\$247.5M projected spend\*





# Budget FY2024/25 MBR Components → Getting to 92.6%

## Quality Funding Program\*

**0.8%**  
Member Incentives = 92.6%

Member Incentives

Increase in member incentives for Wellth expansion, member activities that close MCAS gaps in care, etc.

**1.5%**

Targeted Rate Increase (TRI)

TRI is supposed to be net neutral, however MCOs retain risk should TRI utilization exceed State forecasts

**1.2%**

Provider and Community Grants

Continued support for Providers and Community Organizations to improve access to care

**1.8%**

Value-based Rates\*\*

Incremental increases related to improving access to care (ex: evening and weekend hours)

**2.3%**

QIPP Expansion

Continuation of Quality-based Incentives

**85.0%**

Includes 2.5% current QIPP

FY 2023-24 current base benefit cost

\*Quality Funding Program funding levels are based on expectations and targets may be adjusted based on priorities and member needs.

\*\*Provider funding increases – capitation and/or reimbursement rates – that are short term, i.e., earned and maintained by achieving improvements to access to care, Quality, and member satisfaction.

# Financial Schedules

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Financial schedules accompany this report. GCHP Management will reference the schedules during the discussion of these budget financial details.

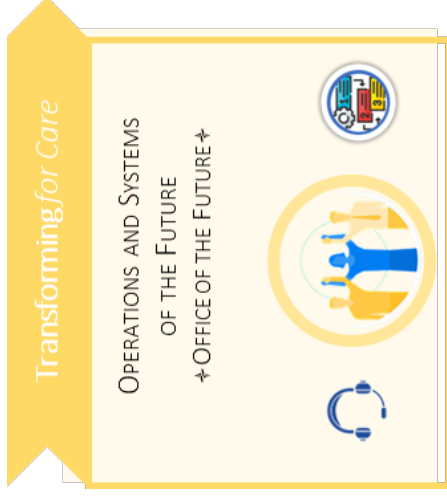
| Schedule   | Description   |
|------------|---|
| Schedule 1 | Medical Margin Budget: Category of Service<br><i>Line-item detail of medical costs on a per member/per month basis sorted by type and categorized by dates (July through December 2024, January through June 2025) coinciding with premium rates.</i> |
| Schedule 2 | Medical Margin Budget: PMPM Cost by Aid Category<br><i>Line-item detail of medical costs sorted by on a per member/per month basis and categorized by demographic grouping (“cohort”).</i>  |
| Schedule 3 | Medical Margin Budget<br><i>Line-item detail of premium revenue and medical cost components reported in whole dollars.</i>  |
| Schedule 4 | General and Administrative Expenses<br><i>Line-item detail of total administrative expenses.</i>  |
| Schedule 5 | Vendor Contract Listing<br><i>Listing of all contracted vendors and projected spend.</i>  |

# Strategic Initiatives: Overview



Continuous improvement in day-to-day operations including:

- Furthering our commitment to compliance
- Advancing our people-first culture
- Elevating the practice of project management and process improvement
- Improving data, analytics, and managing by metrics



Next phase transformation including:

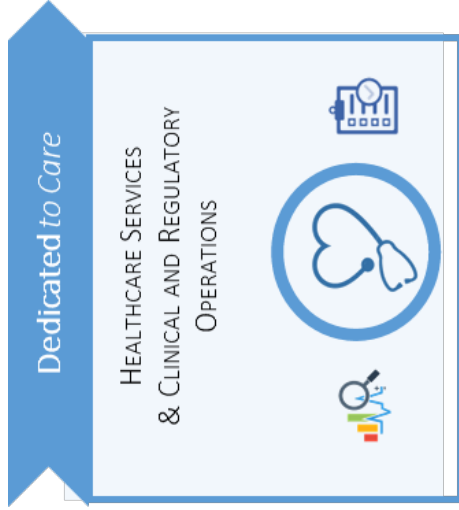
- Continued implementation of Operations of the Future
- Finance of the future enabling multiple lines of business with D-SNP
- Completion of the Modern Data Warehouse with integration of data from new systems and new lines of business
- Improvements in data exchange
- D-SNP filings and product offering build
- Building optimal provider support functions



Full launch of high-quality model of care leveraging work of the last 2 years including:

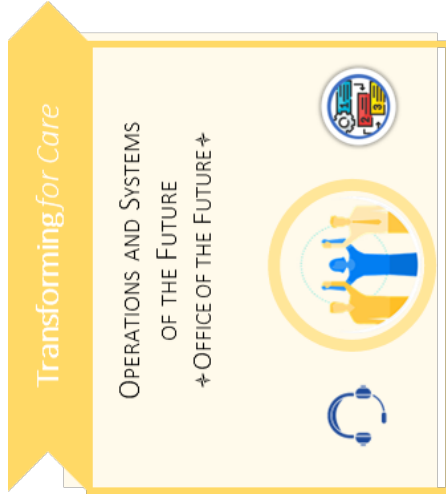
- Implementation of expanded Quality Funding Program (now expanded to include rates)
- Building care management programs to ensure high quality care and appropriate utilization of care
- Building ongoing MCAS and new Medicare 5 Star Quality infrastructure
- Wellth and Health Risk Assessments expansion
- Integrating care with our providers and community-based organizations
- Launching Diabetes Management and other chronic condition management programs

# Strategic Initiatives: Dedicated to Care



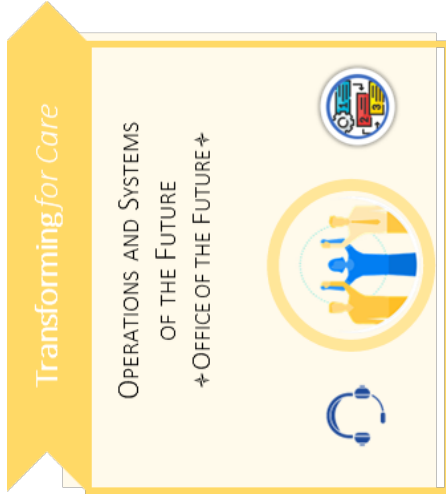
| Initiative                                    | Value Description  | Resources  | Total \$      |
|---|--|--|---------------|
| Continuous Improvement and Project Management | Create a project-capable and continuous improvement organization by elevating the practice of these disciplines.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 Project Managers</li> <li>Continuous Improvement Consultant</li> <li>Enterprise-wide project management tool</li> </ul>   | \$550K        |
| Office of the CEO/Communications              | Improve internal and external communications including Commission and Provider Relations.                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Commission Support Leader</li> <li>1 Commission/Communications Admin</li> <li>1 Member and Provider Communications Role</li> <li>1 Administration Leader Role</li> <li>Marketing and Branding Outside Services</li> </ul> | \$1.1M        |
| Compliance                                    | Advance Compliance with State and Federal regulations.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Auditor</li> <li>Auditing Software</li> </ul>   | \$190K        |
| Culture, Celebration, Recognition             | Supports the culture of transformation and improves the employee experience through enhanced recognition programs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Culture Consultant</li> <li>Employee Recognition platform and rewards</li> </ul>  | \$500K        |
| Vendor Oversight                              | Enhance vendor oversight.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Operations Analyst</li> </ul>   | \$85K         |
| <b>Total</b>                                  |  |  | <b>\$2.4M</b> |

# Strategic Initiatives: Transforming for Care



| Initiative                                   | Value Description  | Resources   | Total \$      |
|--|--|---|---------------|
| Finance of the Future                        | Replacement of core Finance technology with the expansion of current technology integrating Procurement, Accounting, and Human Resources with Budget resulting in real-time access to financial data and improved vendor payment management. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultant to lead implementation</li> <li>Business Analyst Consultant</li> <li>Platform (WorkDay)</li> </ul>  | \$720K        |
| Comprehensive Data and Analysis Capabilities | With the implementation of the Data Warehouse, we will develop an enterprise-wide consolidation of data and analytics, eliminating many of the departmental silos.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Data and Analytics Leadership Role</li> <li>Consolidation of current analysts</li> </ul>   | \$400K        |
| Modern Data Warehouse                        | Completion of MDW implementation.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Data Engineer</li> <li>Developers consultants</li> </ul>   | \$209K        |
| Data Interchange Capabilities                | Improve infrastructure for data exchange within Gold Coast and with outside partner organizations.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Repurpose existing resource</li> <li>Consulting services</li> </ul>  | \$320K        |
| D-SNP (Knox-Keene Readiness)                 | Complete all regulatory required filings and meet requirements to launch D-SNP by 1/1/26.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 DSNP Compliance Manager</li> <li>1 Member Materials/Communication Manager</li> <li>1 PBM Operations Manager</li> <li>PBM Implementation Consultant</li> <li>PBM Vendor</li> <li>Consulting for bid filings and system configuration</li> </ul> | \$2.4M        |
| Provider Network Operations                  | Establish high-functioning provider operations team for optimal network management.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Contract/Network Operations Director</li> <li>1 Network Operations Representatives</li> </ul>  | \$290K        |
|  |  | <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$4.3M</b> |

# Strategic Initiatives: Transforming for Care



## Operations of the Future: Continuous Improvement Phase

| Initiative  | Value Description  | Technology and Resources  | Total \$      |
|---|--|---|---------------|
| Post Go-Live Support and Transition                 | Post go-live support and hyper-care. Support for Core Admin, Medical Management System, Provider Portal, CRM, Mail Room and Print and Fulfillment business processes and technology changes  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IT Temp labor for three-month support</li> <li>Operations Consultants</li> <li>Vendor labor support</li> </ul>                           | \$1.2M        |
| Member Portal                                       | <p><b>Convenient Access and Management:</b> Members can view health records, ensuring they stay informed and in control of their healthcare.</p> <p><b>Cost Transparency and Support:</b> Provides cost estimates for medical services, digital ID cards, and easy access to customer support, helping members understand their expenses and get assistance quickly.</p> <p><b>Health and Wellness Resources:</b> Offers personalized health tips, wellness programs, secure communication with GC, and educational materials.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NTT Vendor Development</li> <li>IT Temp Labor</li> <li>Conversion &amp; integration requirements</li> </ul>                              | \$1.1M        |
| Mailroom Transition                                 | Transition Mailroom activities from Conduent to GCHP managed services  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Document Mgmt System and conversion</li> <li>IT Contingent Labor</li> <li>Hire GCHP FTE Staff</li> <li>Technology procurement</li> </ul> | \$1.3M        |
| CRM and Voice of Member                             | Claims and Provider data integration into Salesforce and Member ID Card integration between Salesforce and HealthEdge  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Silverline (Vendor) labor and technical development</li> <li>IT Temp labor – data integration</li> </ul>                                 | \$200K        |
| Data Conversion and continued improvement / support | Prior system (Medhok and Conduent) data conversion and support, along with continued development to enhance Core Adm & MMS conversion and analytics  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medhok Data access and support</li> <li>Conduent Data access and support</li> <li>GCHP IT Temp labor</li> </ul>                          | \$5.9M        |
| <b>Total</b>  |  |   | <b>\$9.7M</b> |

# Strategic Initiatives: Connecting with Care

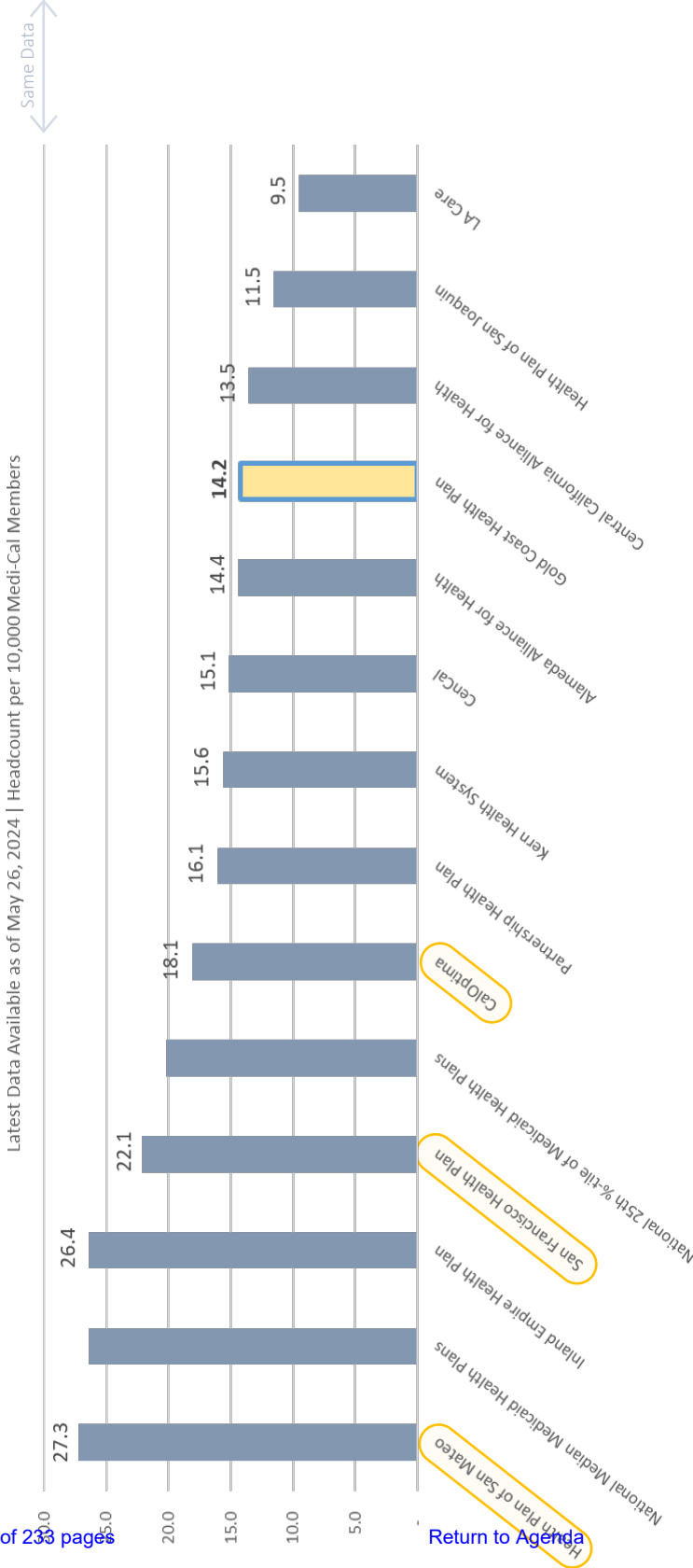


| Initiative                           | Value Description  | Resources  | Total \$      |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|---------------|
| MCAS Operations and Improvement      | <p>Achieve 5 measures at HPL, 4 at 75<sup>th</sup>, 7 at MPL, 1 at 25<sup>th</sup> and 1 at 10<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Establish structure for ongoing MCAS and 5 Star functions.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 HEDIS/5 Star Data Leader</li> <li>1 PNO Quality Specialist</li> <li>Vendor for external validation of data processes</li> <li>Expanded MCAS interventions to close gaps</li> <li>Participation in Quality and Health Equity Collaboratives</li> </ul>   | \$1.5M        |
| Model of Care Implementation         | <p>Integrated Care Team, Connecting with Care, Transportation Improvement, HRA full execution, Healthcare Programs.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Model of Care Leader</li> <li>2 Behavioral Health Specialists</li> <li>System configuration support for TruCare</li> </ul>  | \$700K        |
| Member Experience and Community Care | <p>Member Services Everywhere launched with 5 provider sites and 2 school sites. Voice of the member program implementation including ongoing infrastructure for data gathering, analytics and continuous improvement.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 Contact Center Representatives</li> <li>2 Contact Center Managers</li> <li>5 Provider-Based Member Ambassadors</li> <li>3 Quality Outreach Representatives</li> <li>1 Community Health Worker</li> <li>1 Voice of the Member Manager</li> <li>GHCP Van</li> <li>Journey-mapping, member digital engagement, surveys and focus groups</li> </ul> | \$2.1M        |
| Benefit Cost Management/Optimization | <p>Build mature processes with identification of medical cost initiatives within 3 months of staff engagement; execution of initiatives will take anywhere from 6-18 months before medical cost savings are realized.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Edrington Health consulting (already budgeted)</li> </ul>   | NA            |
| Provider Strategy and Performance    | <p>Full implementation of Quality Finding Program and Community Reinvestment Grants.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Grant Leader Role</li> <li>Third Party Grant Administrator</li> <li>Grant management software</li> </ul>  | \$400K        |
| <b>Total</b>                         |  |  | <b>\$4.7M</b> |

# Industry Context: Staffing Levels

- GCHP remains in the bottom 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of headcount-per-10k Medi-Cal members and below national standards. This ratio is a measure of people capacity relative to other managed care plans in a way that normalizes comparison across widely varying membership sizes.
- Local, statewide, and national hiring activity continues to create intense competition for high-value managed care skillsets. After two years of substantial staffing investment by GCHP, we remain in essentially the same relative position - people investments in the Medi-Cal industry, and beyond, is at or greater than our levels.
- **The historical pattern holds → health plans that invest the most in health plan staffing produce the highest results in quality and member satisfaction.** In 2022, **Health Plan of San Mateo, San Francisco Health Plan and Cal Optima** achieved the highest rankings nationally, when accounting for both Quality (MCAS/HEDIS) and Member Satisfaction (CAHPS).

Comparison of Staffing Levels: Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans and National Benchmarks



## Comparison of Staffing Levels

### Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans and National Benchmarks

Latest Data Available as of May 26, 2024 | Headcount per 10,000 Medi-Cal Members

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Health Plan of San Mateo                      | 27.3        |
| National Median Medicaid Health Plans         | 26.4        |
| Inland Empire Health Plan                     | 26.4        |
| San Francisco Health Plan                     | 22.1        |
| National 25th %-tile of Medicaid Health Plans | 20.2        |
| CalOptima                                     | 18.1        |
| Partnership Health Plan                       | 16.1        |
| Kern Health System                            | 15.6        |
| CenCal  | 15.1        |
| Alameda Alliance for Health                   | 14.4        |
| <b>Gold Coast Health Plan</b>                 | <b>14.2</b> |
| Central California Alliance for Health        | 13.5        |
| Health Plan of San Joaquin                    | 11.5        |
| LA Care                                       | 9.5         |

- These data are based on latest facts from LHPC and data publicly posted by the health plans.
- Data are not readily available for some local Medi-Cal health plans - namely Community Health Group and Contra Costa).
- National Median and 25<sup>th</sup> %-tile figures are from an industry standard health plan industry survey (2022 data).
- Medicaid Managed Care funding is substantially higher, per capita, in most other states (vs California), which is illustrated in the rankings of the National Median and 25<sup>th</sup> %-tile figures. (California ranked 32 on per-capita Medicaid spending.)



# Staffing Budget

| Function                       | FY 2023-24 (as of May 28, 2024) |                   |                                 |                               | FY 2024-25 BUDGET |                          |                               |                  |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
|                                | Active Headcount                | Open Requisitions | Forecasted Headcount YE 2023/24 | Percentage of Total Headcount | Added Headcount   | Forecasted HC YE 2024/25 | Percentage of Total Headcount | Headcount Growth |
| Health Services Operations     | 132                             | 0                 | 132                             | 37%                           | 2                 | 134                      | 34%                           | 2%               |
| Information Tech               | 55                              | 0                 | 55                              | 15%                           | 10                | 65                       | 16%                           | 18%              |
| Policy & Programs              | 54                              | 0                 | 54                              | 15%                           | 1                 | 55                       | 14%                           | 2%               |
| Compliance                     | 44                              | 0                 | 44                              | 12%                           | 10                | 54                       | 14%                           | 23%              |
| Finance & Accounting           | 18                              | 0                 | 18                              | 5%                            | 3                 | 21                       | 5%                            | 17%              |
| Office of CEO & Administration | 18                              | 0                 | 18                              | 5%                            | 0                 | 18                       | 5%                            | 0%               |
| Community & Member Relations   | 12                              | 0                 | 12                              | 3%                            | 4                 | 16                       | 4%                            | 33%              |
| HR & Facilities                | 9                               | 0                 | 9                               | 3%                            | 5                 | 14                       | 4%                            | 56%              |
| Innovation / DSNP              | 10                              | 1                 | 11                              | 3%                            | 0                 | 11                       | 3%                            | 0%               |
| Communications                 | 0                               | 0                 | 0                               | 0%                            | 6                 | 6                        | 2%                            | N/A              |
| <b>Grand Total</b>             | <b>355</b>                      | <b>2</b>          | <b>357</b>                      | <b>100%</b>                   | <b>42</b>         | <b>399</b>               | <b>100%</b>                   | <b>12%</b>       |

- In the current fiscal year, GCHP proved to be highly effective in employee retention (95%).
- GCHP Management effectively managed resource investments at budget with 355 active roles vs 357 budgeted roles.
- Headcount investments in FY 2024-25 proposed to be 12% increase in roles, with 42 new positions.
- Increased capabilities added in Member Experience, Contact Center, D-SNP, Quality Improvement Operations, Health Services, and Provider Network Operations.

# Resourcing our Community-based High Quality Health Plan

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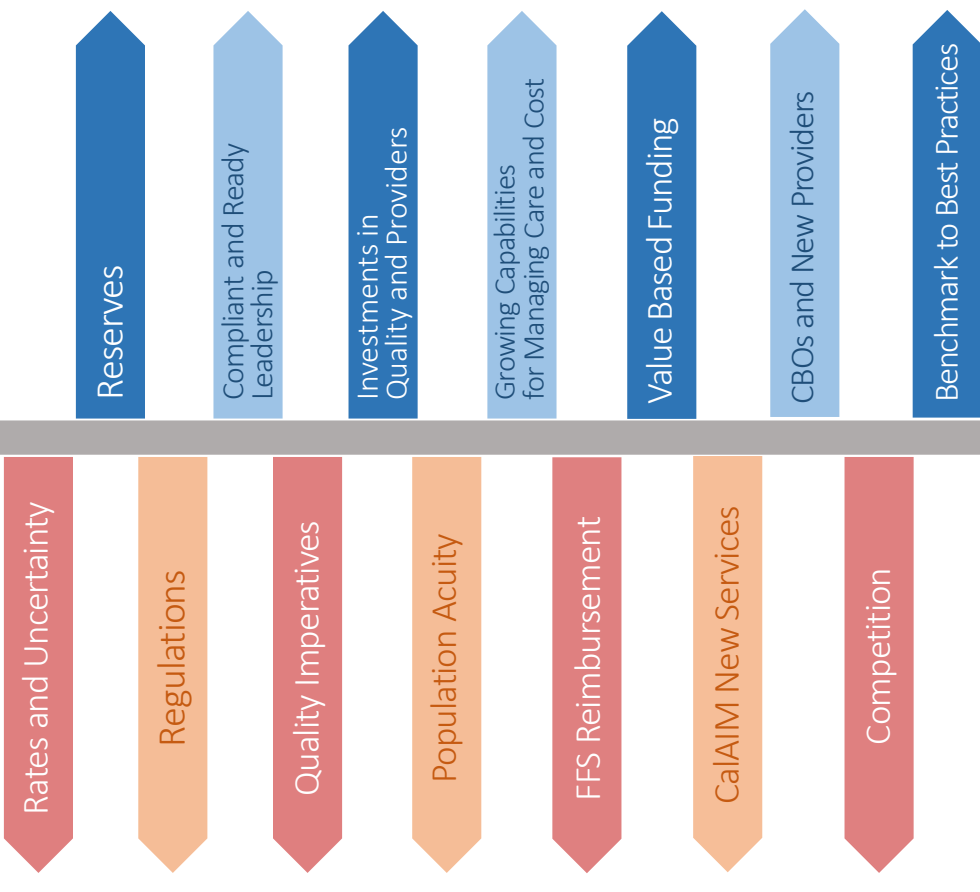
- **81%** of the new roles are bringing our Model of Care to life by investing in local talent that will engage directly with our members and providers to improve the health of our community.
- Total of 34 positions added to enhance member experience and quality of care:
  - Enhance and expand community-deployed service team with added investments in Provider based Member Ambassador, Community Health Worker and Quality Outreach Roles (10).
  - Expand Member service support and member health outcomes with added Contact Center Representative roles and support roles (9).
  - Increase Quality improvement with investments in Quality operations roles, Behavior Health, Quality reporting roles, and Data, Analytics and Strategy roles (8).
  - Elevate Provider relations and end-to-end service with investments in Provider Network Operations Roles (3).
  - Enhance Member and provider communications and engagement with added Communications and digital content specialist role (1).
  - Build D-SNP capability and readiness by leveraging existing resources, while adding new PBM Operations role, Member Materials role & Communications and Compliance roles (3).
- **19%** of the new roles will support building our infrastructure, compliance, and continuous improvement.

# Appendices

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- 1: Materials from the May 20, 2024 Budget Presentation to Commission
- 2: Materials from the April 18, 2024 Budget Presentation to Commission

# Appendix 1: Materials from the May 20, 2024 Budget Presentation



## FY2024/25 Budget and 3 Year Planning

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Gold Coast Health Plan Executive Finance Committee

May 16, 2024

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# Topics We Will Review

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1. Today's Objectives
2. Budget Design
3. Medi-Cal Industry Environment
  - Opportunities and Challenges
  - Question and Answer Session with Kyle Edrington, Founder of Edrington Health Consulting
  - Provider Environment
  - Quality Environment
4. Gold Coast Health Plan Environment
  - Membership and Associated Premium Rates
  - Medical Benefit Cost Trends
  - Unique Needs of New Members
5. FY2024/25 Proposed Budget



- (1) Understand where we are in the budget process.
  - (2) Understand Medi-Cal program and industry trends.
  - (3) Understand the need to plan for to use a portion of our reserves to expand the investment in Quality and Providers begun 2 years ago.
  - (4) Gain feedback from the Commission.
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In April, Management provided the FY2024-25 budget framework outlining planned use of reserves.

Today, we will review the budget as well as important considerations for how management has developed the budget and will successfully implement that budget.

In June, we will bring the final budget packet which will include more-detailed administrative budget content. This administrative content will include the following: the personnel budget, a comprehensive review of existing and new vendor/consultant contracts and related budgets, operations of the future budget, and more.



- ◆ GHCP’s underlying financial performance today is strong, reflecting a Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan under effective management control, and operating in accordance with parameters of our Medi-Cal premiums.

Excluding GCHP’s Quality Funding Program:

- 88% of premiums go to Medi-Cal member benefit spend.
- 10% goes to efficient operations of the health plan and ongoing investments in Operations of the Future.
- 2% would be available for addition to reserves.

- ◆ In order to meet the imperative of our Mission to improve Quality Care and Access for our members and to support the Ventura County Medi-Cal healthcare delivery system, management has developed a pioneering Quality Funding Programs that increases funds available for quality care and services by \$90M in FY 2024-25 and by \$250M over the next 3 years. These unprecedented new programs build off the funding programs and plan-provider partnerships that produced incredible successes in MCAS improvements in the current fiscal year.

- ◆ **Bottom line change in reserves:** The new Quality Funding Programs will involve a \$22.5M spend down of reserves by the end of FY 2024-25. This will appear as a planned \$22.5M reduction of reserves in the health plan’s income statements.

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# Environment – Medi-Cal Program and Industry



# Medi-Cal Environment Presents Opportunities and Challenges

New Programs and Populations provide great opportunities to serve our members and our community in new and important ways. These opportunities require significant strategic foresight, coordination and partnering with others to connect members with care, along with sophisticated budgeting with a strong grasp on administrative costs, medical cost management, and other health plan investments for underfunded efforts. Therefore, progressive quality focused plans must balance the opportunities with the risks to remain sustainable.

## Do More

- Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs) need to broaden their footprint and infrastructure to support social drivers of health and behavioral health initiatives.
- Community Supports are expected to be converted into regular member benefits.
- Adult Expansion, elimination of asset limits, new Medi-Cal benefits, and D-SNP.
- Added requirements such as expanded Transitional Care Services and Health Equity.

## Do Better

- Withholding a percentage of payments with an opportunity for MCPs to earn it back by achieving quality and health equity benchmarks.
- New requirement to invest 5% to 7.5% of margin back into the community. MCPs that don't meet quality expectations will have to reinvest an additional 7.5% of their profits into the community.
- Compete with Kaiser.
- New standardized contracts that will strengthen and clarify requirements and expectations regarding oversight and compliance. Greater penalties for poor performance.
- NCQA Health Plan and Health Equity Accreditation.

## Get Paid Differently

- Rate transparency to support cost containment and downstream provider margins.
- Regional Rate Setting to create price leverage.
- 2024 Targeted Rate Increases (TRI) and expanded TRI in 2025+.
- Payment based on acuity.
- Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax if successful would inject funding into the funding pool.

# Edrington Q&A – Guest Speaker on Industry Trends

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- 1) What is driving the changes in the Medi-Cal Program that we learned about on the previous slide?
- 2) How is the Medi-Cal industry-wide “premium environment” changing now and over the next few years? How do you expect GCHP’s premiums to change based on actual cost data?
- 3) Can you provide more detail on regional rate setting? Why is it coming, when is it coming, and what will it mean for GCHP?
- 4) The historical Medi-Cal premium development paradigm essentially provided managed care plans with near full “reimbursement” of costs, albeit on a 2-year lag. How will regional rate setting change this?
- 5) How important is GCHP’s development of care and cost management capabilities and Model of Care around the following:
  - 1) Care management of those high-cost members with multiple chronic conditions?
  - 2) Continued high-Quality performance across all MCAS measures?
- 6) Open questions from the Commission

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*Kyle Edrington founded Edrington Health Consulting (EHC) in 2014 and has provided actuarial, financial, and strategic support to Local Medi-Cal health plans for over 15 years, including support for Gold Coast Health Plan since 2018. Kyle and the EHC team currently work with 14 of the 17 Local Medi-Cal health plans as trusted advisors supporting each health plan’s operations and strategy. In addition, Kyle contributes to DHCS workgroups and other technical discussions to support its capitation rate development process and strategic direction of Medi-Cal. EHC is a subsidiary of HMA.*

# Provider Environment

Understanding the provider delivery system – needs, challenges, and goals – is key to GCHP’s strategies, essential to the strength of plan-provider partnership, and GCHP’s budget success.

## Workforce Shortages Impact Access to Care

The healthcare industry is still feeling the impact of "the great resignation" and has pressing need for primary care providers, certain specialists, and nursing staff. The pressures in finding, hiring, and retaining talent are exacerbated by burdensome administrative issues (such as prior authorization), and the increased cost of living and other drivers that create wage inflation. Additionally, space limitations prevent full execution of staffing plans.



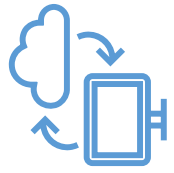
## Rate Pressure

Rate Stability and sufficiency is an ongoing issue. Providers are facing lower reimbursement compared to increasing delivery costs with a greater dependency on supplemental funding and funding based on quality performance. It is difficult for providers to get internal commitment and build new capabilities needed for sustained quality when payment is not guaranteed.



## Technology is Both an Opportunity and a Challenge

Both the promise of new tools and systems as well as the challenges of data/cyber security. Many are somewhere in the process of new system implementation and felt the immediate impact of and are dealing with the vulnerabilities identified in the Change Healthcare Cybersecurity Issue.



## Quality and Community Focus

We have alignment with goals and approaches to lift the health of the community by connecting members with care. Innovation and targeted interventions are needed to address individual needs in areas of:

### Chronic conditions








- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Asthma

### Targeted populations:

- School aged children with developmental needs
- Teens with mental health needs
- Frailty driven by age, disability, and/or medical complexity
- Social complexity, especially housing insecurity

# Quality Environment

Quality is the basis of evaluation and funding for GCHP today and in the future. Adequate funding for GCHP and the Ventura County delivery system are now and will be increasingly tied to better scores on the Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS), Consumer Assessment of Health Plans and Systems (CAHPS) and other standardized quality measures aligning with the National Quality Strategy.

|  |   |   |   |   |   |                                |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Quality Withhold 0.5% of Revenue in 2024, increasing in 2025 and beyond to approximate our margin.     |  | 8 Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS) Measures, with 9 <sup>th</sup> measure added in 2025         | +   | 4 Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) Measures (2 adult and 2 children) |  | Improvement Factor             |
| Quality Sanctions  |  | MCAS Measures below Minimum Performance Level (MPL)   |  | Volume of Members in the measures that are not at MPL   |  | Corrective Actions Factor      |
| Risk Adjusted Rates using Chronic Illness and Disability Payment System(CDPS) + Medicaid Pharmacy (Rx) |  | CDPS: Presence of Certain disease Categories and the severity of the disease based on diagnosis codes | +   | Rx: Use of certain medications indicating disease or risk   |  | Certain carved out populations |

Connecting with Care: Members who have access to high quality care and a positive experience with care will have improved health outcomes. Medi-Cal requires it. Our members deserve it. GCHP is leading the way.

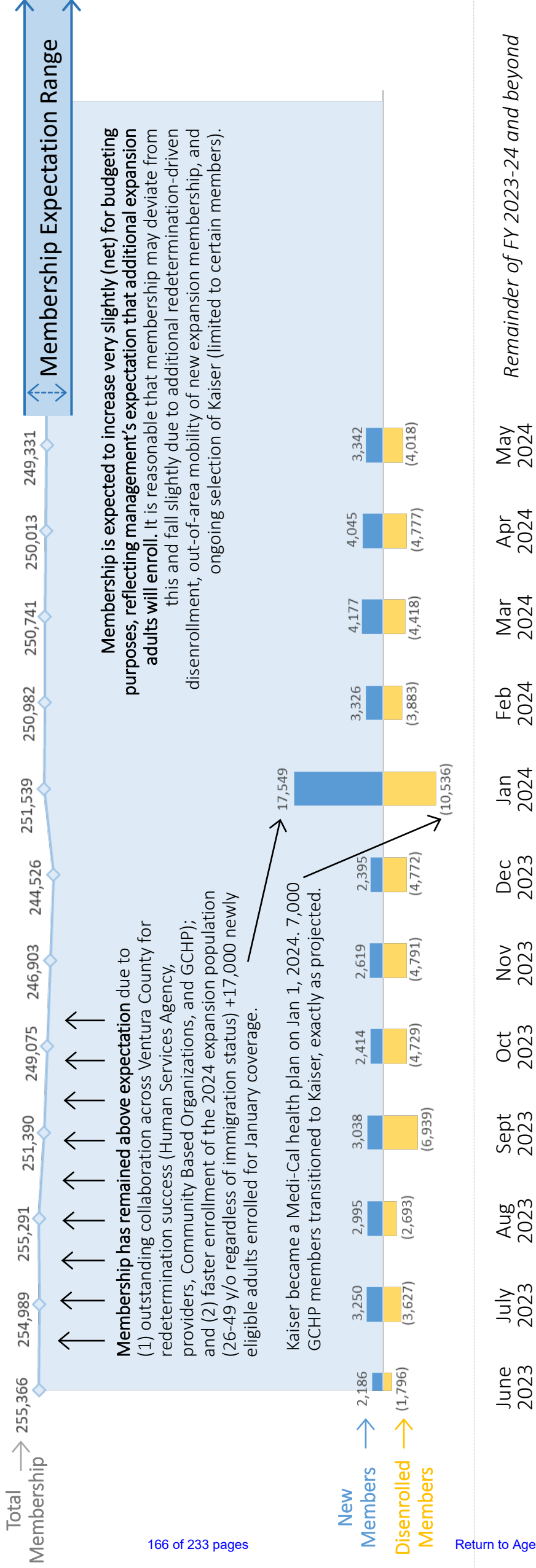
**This is the Quality Imperative.**

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# Understanding Challenges and Opportunities in Order to Manage the Business of Gold Coast Health Plan

# Data Based Foundation for Budgeting: Membership Trends

Gold Coast Health Plan Membership  
FY 2023-24 Actual (YTD and Forecast for Remainder of FY)  
and FY 2024-25 Budget Projections



# Unique Needs of New Members

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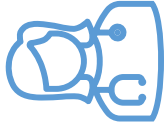
Health Risk Assessments (HRAs) launched in Q1 for our newest members have helped us better understand their needs.



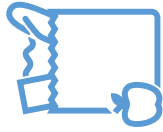
22% of the members rate their health as fair or poor. This is a predictor of health decline and increased utilization.



32% of the members felt down, depressed or hopeless in the last 2 weeks.



53% of the members had problems getting care from a doctor in the past 6 months.



57% of the members are worried about food running out before they get more money.



17% of members either have used the Emergency Department or Hospital in the past 6 months or had a family member use those resources.



48% of the members have seasonal or migrant farmwork as their family's main source of income.



- ◆ Medi-Cal populations have grown the most in premium categories of aid that have decreased the fastest.
- ◆ While outsiders view Medi-Cal as increasing premiums, the reality for Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans is that premiums are remaining flat due to the interplay of membership mix and rate setting.
- ◆ “Fee for Service” reimbursement rate increase demands in the provider delivery system remain high and in fact are significantly greater than funding available in premiums.
- ◆ Healthier members left the health plan through redetermination and the Kaiser transition, as expected. The population that remains has a higher acuity (higher need for care and services).
- ◆ GCHP’s “Top 10%” population has an extraordinary occurrence of multiple chronic conditions and a great need for programmatic solutions and integrated care team interventions to improve health and “bend the future cost curve.”
- ◆ GCHP is developing a full profile of Inpatient and Long-Term Care costs and utilization drivers as well as a responsive solution to keeping these costs in line with available premium funding.



# Data Based Foundation for Budgeting: Membership Mix and Premium Development

- DHCS develops premiums at a population cohort level (“Categories of Aid”), based on age (child or adult), level of need (age and disability), and immigration status (UIS, SIS).
- CY 2024 premiums developed favorably for some categories and unfavorably for others – yielding a flat plan-wide composite premium between CY 2023 and CY 2024. Essentially this means there was no more money per-capita to cover cost increases that were being created by contracted provider reimbursement rate increases.

| Membership        |                   |                    |          | DHCS Major "Categories of Aid" |                   | Base Premium Rates |                    |          |  |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|--|
| Actual<br>CY 2023 | Actual<br>CY 2024 | CY 2024 vs CY 2023 |          | Premium Rate Categories        | Actual<br>CY 2023 | Actual<br>CY 2024  | CY 2024 vs CY 2023 |          |  |
|                   |                   | Change             | % Change |                                |                   |                    | \$ Change          | % Change |  |
| 91,687            | 87,350            | (4,337)            | -4.7%    | Child - SIS                    | 95.84             | \$ 103.73          | 7.89               | 8.2%     |  |
| 3,720             | 3,788             | 68                 | 1.8%     | Child - UIS                    | 78.69             | \$ 100.40          | 21.71              | 27.6%    |  |
| 27,601            | 25,946            | (1,655)            | -6.0%    | Adult - SIS                    | 296.66            | \$ 326.48          | 29.82              | 10.1%    |  |
| 5,992             | 15,990            | 9,998              | 166.9%   | Adult - UIS                    | 508.72            | \$ 470.51          | (38.21)            | -7.5%    |  |
| 71,180            | 67,563            | (3,617)            | -5.1%    | Adult Expansion - SIS          | 357.8             | \$ 331.05          | (26.75)            | -7.5%    |  |
| 6,385             | 12,023            | 5,638              | 88.3%    | Adult Expansion - UIS          | 761.52            | \$ 544.21          | (217.31)           | -28.5%   |  |
| 10,086            | 9,928             | (158)              | -1.6%    | SPD - SIS                      | 1177.93           | \$ 1,252.52        | 74.59              | 6.3%     |  |
| 1,178             | 1,221             | 43                 | 3.7%     | SPD - UIS                      | 1824.05           | \$ 1,333.13        | (490.92)           | -26.9%   |  |
| 24,583            | 24,501            | (82)               | -0.3%    | SPD Dual - SIS                 | 579.44            | \$ 638.58          | 59.14              | 10.2%    |  |
| 638               | 677               | 39                 | 6.2%     | LTC Dual - SIS                 | 579.44            | \$ 638.58          | 59.14              | 10.2%    |  |

GCHP experienced some of the largest declines in rates for our fastest growing population cohorts (expansion groups).

# Data Based Foundation for Budgeting: Drivers of Benefit Cost Growth

## Unit Cost

(excluding the Quality Funding Program)

- Reimbursement rate increases contracted in FY 2023-24 grew annual benefit costs by ~4%; LTC and inpatient costs trends are even steeper.
- Reimbursement rate increases are budgeted to further grow annual benefit costs >1% in FY 2024-25.
- DHCS' Targeted Rate Increase (TRI), a resetting of the baseline Medi-Cal payment schedule, added ~1.5% to benefit costs (MHSA, LTC, and other medical costs) in FY 2023-24 and the TRI program will expand in CY 2025 in yet to be defined ways.
- **Going forward, GCHP must prudently align unit cost increases with premium developments → long-term sustainability requires we spend only what we have in premiums.**
- Unit Costs are **not** decreasing in any way.



## Population/Utilization

- After redetermination and the Kaiser transition, we are seeing a higher acuity (higher need) membership remain and a lower acuity group exit. This is as expected. The group that has left has costs that are ~40% lower than those who remain. **GCHP and provider partners must be increasingly effective at managing care and cost of high acuity, multiple chronic condition populations.**
- The 2024 expansion group of 26-49 regardless of immigration status comes to managed care with a history of high ER use for care. Also, there is potentially a pent-up demand for care and services. **GCHP must understand membership needs and tailor solutions that deliver high engagement in regular outpatient primary healthcare, specialty healthcare, and behavioral healthcare.**
- CY 2024 premiums include DHCS/Mercer's assumption that utilization in the 2024 expansion population will decrease over the near term after some early pent-up demand. This is expected by DHCS to result in ~1.3% lower costs in FY 2024-25. **Will this show up?**
- GCHP program interventions aimed at "bending the curve of costs=growth" for higher need members, including those with multipole chronic conditions, is having unprecedented, yet expected, favorable impact in the form of prevented readmissions and greater quality care. **We must expand the use of these pioneering and highly effective programs.**

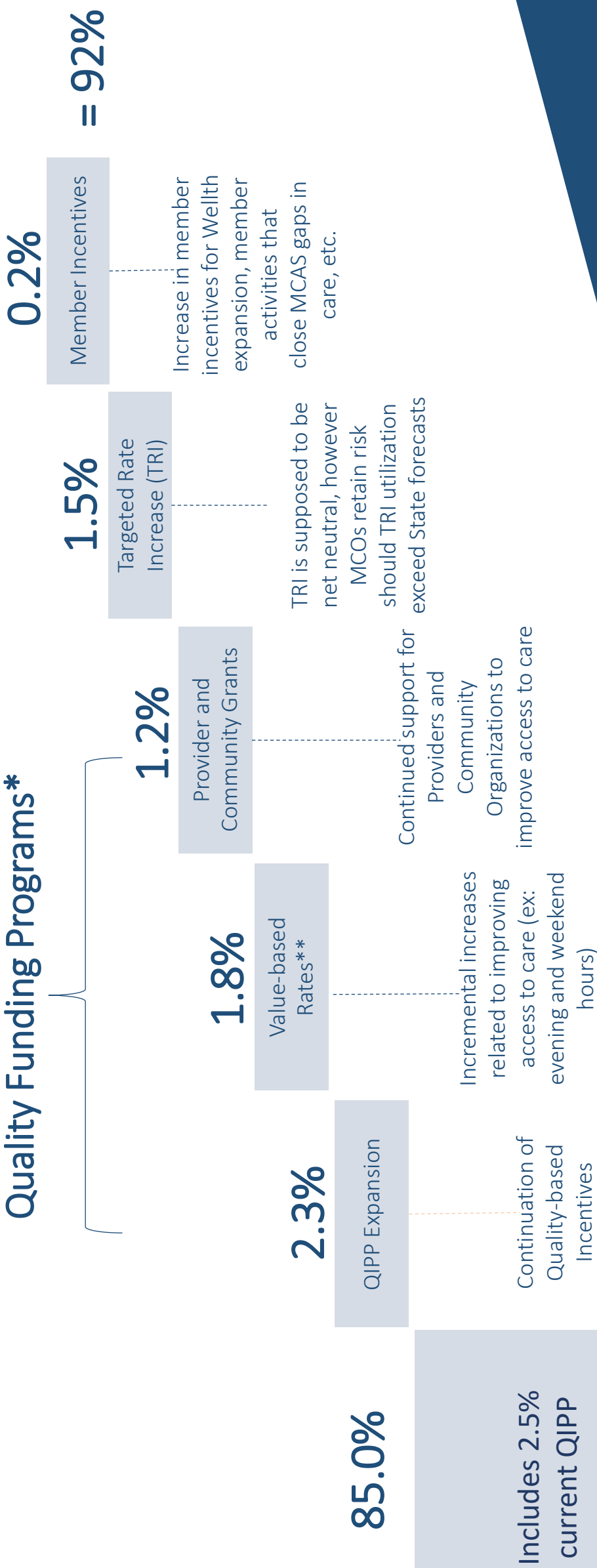


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# Proposed Budget Gold Coast Health Plan

# Budget FY2024/25 MBR Components → Getting to 92%

## Quality Funding Programs\*

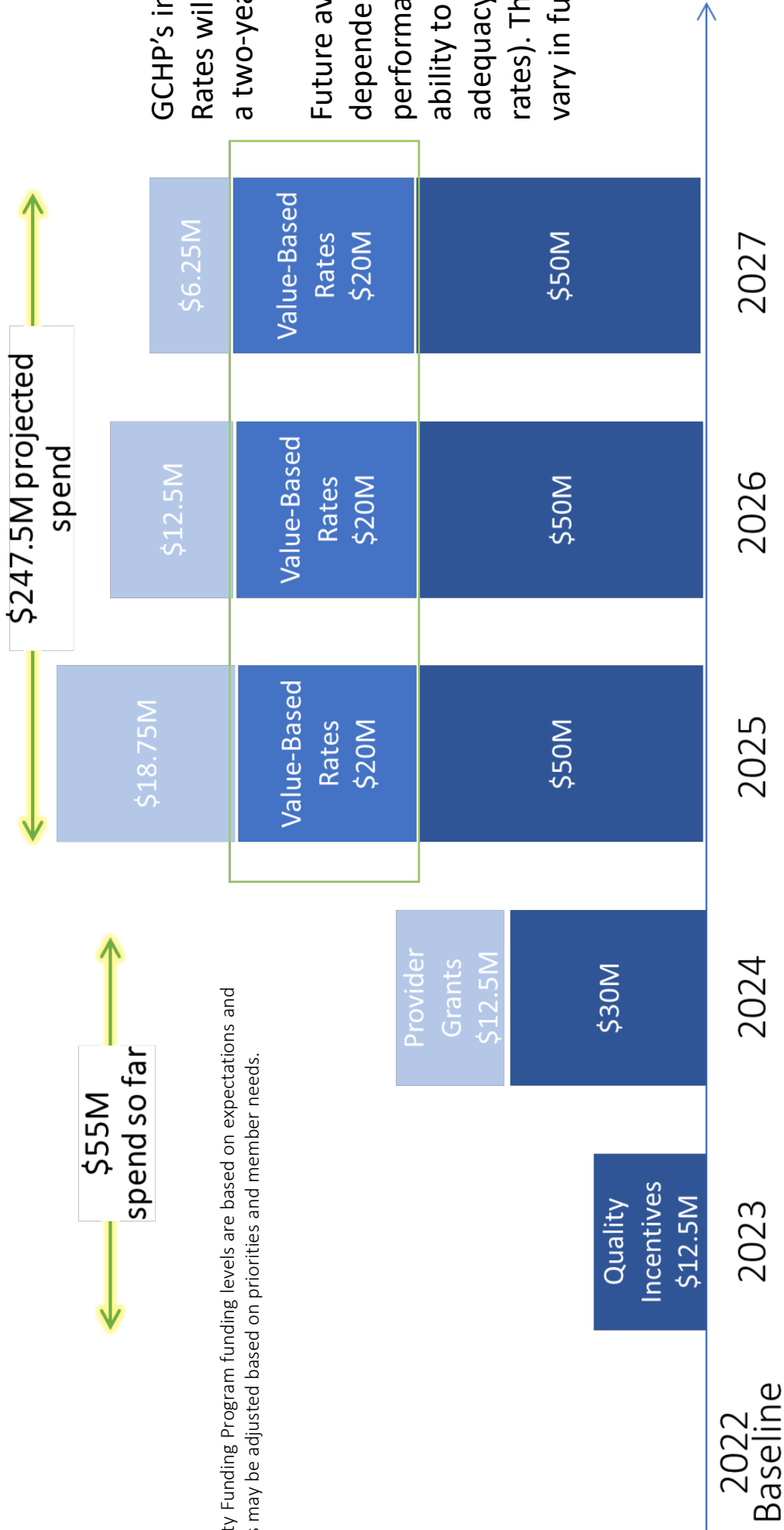


\*Quality Funding Program funding levels are based on expectations and targets may be adjusted based on priorities and member needs.

\*\* Incremental increases related to improving access to care or quality related activities

# Budget FY 2024-25 | Quality Funding Programs and Value-Based Rates\*

## Value Based Rates reward providers based on increased access, efficiency, and/or quality.



GCHP's initial Value-Based Rates will be available for a two-year period.

Future availability is dependent on provider performance and GCHP's ability to fund (i.e., adequacy of premium rates). The standards may vary in future years.

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# Summary of Management’s Proposed FY2024/25 Budget

|  | FY2024/25 Budget  | Comments   |
|--|-------------------|--|
| Membership                               | 251,125           | Higher-than-expected membership levels are driven by successful redetermination efforts and a newly-eligible population cohort. Membership is now relatively stable and is not expected to change majorly. But membership can change if redetermination disenrollment picks up or Kaiser is expanded as a Medicaid Managed Care Plan by the State.   |
| Premium Revenue                          | \$1.073B          | As presented, this reflects essentially flat revenue even though membership is favorable; the changing member “mix” accounts for the minimal revenue increase; an additional \$10M in investment income brings total revenue to \$1.084B. MCO tax (which is a pass-through from the Federal government to the State) of \$303.7M brings total receipts to \$1.376B.                        |
| Medical Benefit Cost<br><i>(Ratio)</i>   | \$987.2M<br>92.0% | Prior to the \$82.5M Quality Funding Programs, the underlying MBR is 88%.  |
| Administrative Expense<br><i>(Ratio)</i> | \$107.3M<br>10.0% | The \$28M reduction in administrative expenses is due to significantly less funding needed for the Operations of the Future build-out in FY 2024-25 and continuous efficiency improvement in the operations of the health plan. The year-over-year administrative expense reduction is also after accounting for proposed new investments in staffing and additional consulting services.” |
| Reserve Increase/(Decrease)              | \$(22.5M)         | Net income prior to the Quality Funding Programs is \$60M, or 2% of total revenue (premium revenue plus investment income). The Quality Funding Program produces a planned \$(22.5M) decrease to reserves.   |
| Net Increase to Reserves                 | \$0               | We will be using our \$60M operating margin plus \$22.5M in reserves for the Quality Funding Programs.   |

# A Planned Spend Down of Reserves Has Significant Risks

Going into a planned spend-down position requires us to be even more sensitive to variabilities in our environment that can adversely impact our financial position. Unfavorable changes in any of a multitude of factors could create a far larger spend down than planned. *For instance, think of another \$16.3M premium acuity adjustment on top of a planned \$22.5M reduction in reserves.*

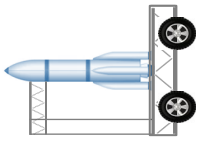
- Membership Health  
Factors such as redetermination and the introduction of newly-eligible populations could result in a higher-utilizing membership.
- State Rate Actions  
The State has the ability and precedent to invoke revenue reductions retroactively using the historical utilization as rationale.
- Provider Reimbursement Expectations  
The narrowing gap between premium revenues and medical benefits puts pressure on our ability to fund continued fee-for-service increases.

## Management Actions

*Including but not limited to*

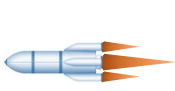
- ✓ Proactive monitoring of member health to ensure acuity needs are met timely, preventing unnecessary care in expensive settings.
- ✓ Rate advocacy with State for premium adequacy.
- ✓ Recalibrate reserve recommendations should unfavorable developments require.
- ✓ Advance sophisticated capabilities for managing care and cost, especially of high acuity, chronic condition populations.
- ✓ High discipline on what we can control.

# Effective Execution of an Unprecedented Budget



## Getting Ready for Takeoff 2024/25

- ◆ Integrated Care Team full implementation
- ◆ Voice of the Member (surveys, feedback); deep understanding of member and community need
- ◆ Service Everywhere community resource centers
- ◆ Performance Management and Leadership Development
- ◆ Strengthening project management capability organization-wide
- ◆ Financial strength and continued investment in modernizing health plan capabilities to improve health, quality healthcare, and member experience



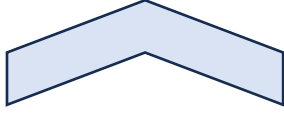
## Launched 2023/24

- ◆ State of art operating systems and services and operational performance excellence
  - Core Admin and BPO
  - Care Management System
  - Provider Portal
  - Modern Data Warehouse
  - CRM
- ◆ Community Care model bringing healthcare to members where they want it including school, work, home and neighborhood
- ◆ Delegation and vendor oversight to drive performance and value
- ◆ DSNP Readiness/Knox Keene
- ◆ NCQA Accreditation
- ◆ Optimized Data, Analytics & Metrics
- ◆ Corporate Integrity Agreement implementation



## Landing Well 2023/24

- ◆ Highly effective system-wide quality improvement program achieving unprecedented MCAS improvement
- ◆ Procurement of best-in-class systems to implement the model of care
- ◆ Stellar performance on DHCS, MLR and Claims Audits.
- ◆ In-house local contact center
- ◆ Healthcare Programs and Services connect members with healthcare/services including Wellth, Community Supports, Member Incentive Programs



- ◆ All members get care “Whenever/wherever” they need it (access and equity for all); High MCAS scores reflect this
- ◆ High member engagement in health and healthcare (members know, want, get, and stay active in health and regular primary and specialty care and Rx adherence) yields lasting impacts to individual, family, and community health and wellbeing
- ◆ The healthcare system and providers of community-based services are higher performing and continuously improving to meet GCHP/DHCS goals for quality, satisfaction, and equity





- ◆ GHCP's underlying financial performance today is strong.
- ◆ We are planning a judicious use of reserves to further the Quality Funding Programs.
- ◆ We seek your feedback on our proposed FY 2024/25 budget today and in 1:1's scheduled for the next few weeks.

# Strategy and Budget Principles and Framework

Executive Finance Committee

April 18, 2024

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# Framework for Budget Fiscal Year 2024-25 and 3-Year Planning

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**Budgets bring our Mission, Vision, and Strategies to life.** GCHP Management is developing a budget for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 and the 3-year period July 2024 – June 2027 that will accomplish the following in alignment with our **MISSION**:

- 1. GCHP** | Ensure GCHP has the health plan capabilities necessary to meet our Mission of the best health possible, best access possible to quality healthcare, and superior experience for the members and communities we serve – for both Medi-Cal (low income vulnerable) and D-SNP (low income and/or disabled dually eligible) programs.
  - GCHP is now in the second annual budget of a multi-year transformation of health plan capabilities to meet its Mission, having historically performed low relative to other Medi-Cal local/community health plans in Mission-related measures (MCAS, CAHPS, health outcomes).
  - While always seeking to improve Quality and Satisfaction, we must also build (invest in) our capabilities to better manage medical costs to ensure long term financial viability.
- 2. PROVIDERS** | Ensure we can make substantial, sustained, and transformational investments in Ventura County’s delivery system of healthcare and healthcare-supportive services with the objective of increasing access to - *and provision of* - quality healthcare for the vulnerable members and communities enrolled in Medi-Cal, where and when they need the care and services.
- 3. MEMBERS** | The primary purpose of our work and the fundamental principle that guides us in how we do that work is better health for our members and communities. Our members will be the main beneficiaries of all our many and major efforts to create a more capable health plan and greater access to needed care across the healthcare system.

# Budget FY 2024-25 | Commitments

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- Management’s objective with the budget is to optimize quality care for our members and to ensure the long-term viability and success of GCHP. We do this by ensuring the Ventura County Medi-Cal delivery system has funding to achieve high standards of access and quality care.
- Transparency is a paramount commitment by Management to Commission.
- Management’s aim is to provide all information that supports the Commission in making budget decisions compliant with their fiduciary duty, legal requirements and accountability for the health plan’s viability and success.
- GCHP continuous improvement: Per best practice, Management is engaging the Commission earlier (April) and more meaningfully in the budget process than ever before.

**Management values feedback from Commissioners and we are available to answer questions and take in your feedback at any time.**

# Budget FY 2024-25 | Compliance and Legal Review

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- ✓ GCHP Management desires to ensure the fullest funding possible to the Ventura County's Medi-Cal healthcare delivery system, and our funding programs since 2022 demonstrate this commitment.
- ✓ GCHP Management's funding programs are rooted in fundamental principles:
  - We are entrusted with the best use of taxpayer funds.
  - Funding for healthcare services must be adequate for safety net providers dealing with inflationary cost trends.
  - Funding must provide value (access, quality, outcomes) to the health plan and our membership as well as to our State and federal regulators who determine funding and its purpose.
  - Funding must always be compliant with state and federal laws/regulations that define permissible use of funds.
  - Funding must always be reasonable relative to value, services, market standards, industry practices, etc.
- ✓ Compliance is paramount under all circumstances. Compliance under the Corporate Integrity Agreement requires the highest standards of compliance.
- ✓ These slides describe GCHP's plans. BBK (Leeann Habte) on behalf of GCHP is performing a comprehensive legal review of all provider funding, including Quality Incentives, Reimbursement Arrangements, and Grants for compliance with federal and State laws and GCHP's Corporate Integrity Agreement with the Office of the Inspector General. This expert-based review includes consultation with an outside consultant with specialized expertise in value-based funding programs.

# Budget FY 2024-25 | Process and Timeline

## April 2024 Key Dates and Deliverables

- April 18<sup>th</sup> — Executive Finance Committee presentation on background, context, concepts, and process for Budget FY 2024-25 and 3-Year Plan. Staff request: questions and feedback.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> — Commission presentation on the same. Staff request: questions and feedback.

## May 2024 Key Dates and Deliverables

- May 16<sup>th</sup> — Executive Finance Committee presentation on preliminary Budget FY 2024-25 and 3-Year Plan. Staff request: questions and feedback.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> — Commission presentation on the same. Staff request: questions and feedback.

## May 17<sup>th</sup> to June 14<sup>th</sup> — 1:1s with Executive Finance Committee

## June 2024 Key Dates and Deliverables

- June 20<sup>th</sup> — Executive Finance Committee presentation on proposed final Budget FY 2024-25. Staff request: recommendation.
- June 24<sup>th</sup> — Commission presentation on the same. Staff request: approval.
- June 25<sup>th</sup> — Management begins new budget implementation.

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# Budget FY 2024-25 | TNE Industry Perspective

GCHP Management desires to invest some reserves in value-based financing of the Ventura County healthcare delivery system. The Plan is outlined in the following slides. Here is an updated view of TNE across the Medi-Cal industry.

## Industry Perspective | Tangible Net Equity by Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan (as % of required TNE)

Source: "Financial Summary of Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (Quarters Ending June 30, 2023 and September 30, 2023); GCHP source is internal financial reporting. Non-Governmental Medi-Cal Plans not included - reserves are generally kept at parent

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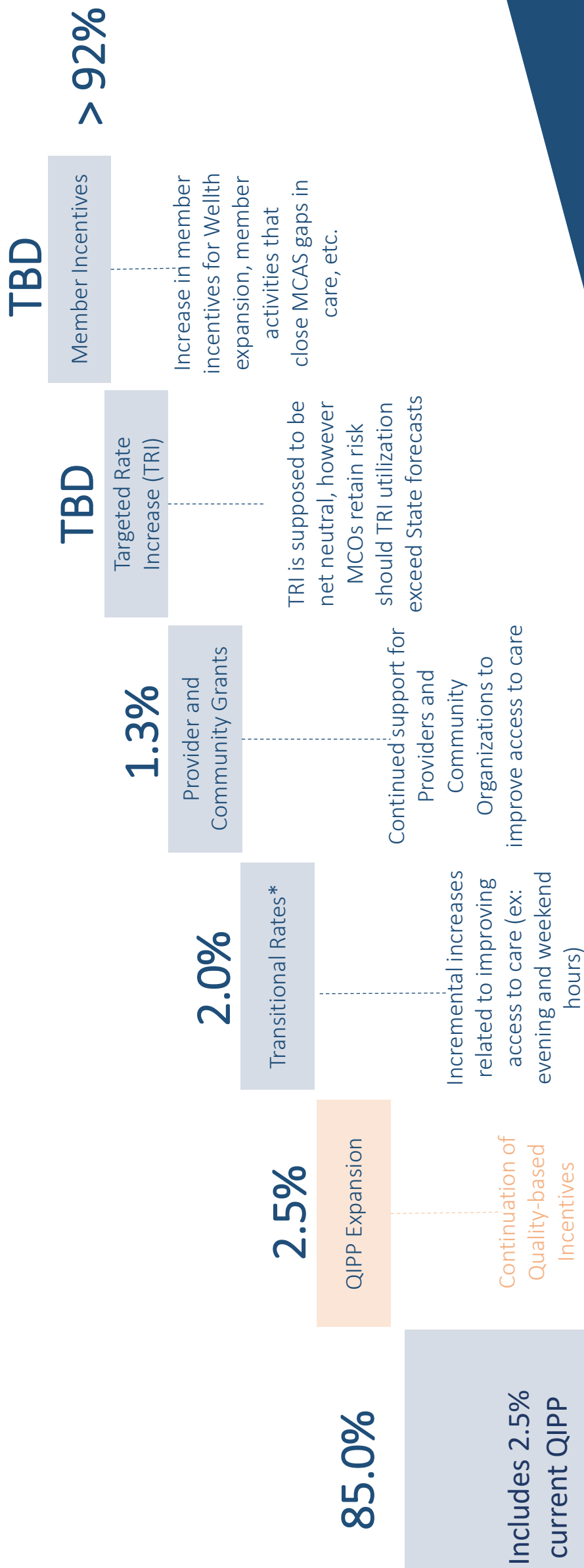
|  | June 2022    | December 2022 | June 2023    | September 2023 |
|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Kaiser Foundation Health Plan</b>   |              | <b>2154%</b>  | <b>2209%</b> | <b>2252%</b>   |
| CalOptima                              | 1340%        | 1482%         | 1556%        | 1577%          |
| Health Plan of San Joaquin             | 988%         | 1220%         | 1447%        | 1381%          |
| <b>Scan Health Plan</b>                | <b>1352%</b> | <b>1332%</b>  | <b>1306%</b> | <b>1318%</b>   |
| Health Plan of San Mateo               | 977%         | 1268%         | 1275%        | 1241%          |
| Central California Alliance for Health | 1092%        | 1156%         | 1180%        | 1211%          |
| <b>Gold Coast Health Plan</b>          | <b>482%</b>  | <b>750%</b>   | <b>1094%</b> | <b>1025%</b>   |
| L.A. Care Health Plan                  | 716%         | 690%          | 789%         | 954%           |
| CalViva Health                         | 789%         | 838%          | 853%         | 866%           |
| GenCal Health                          | 563%         | 666%          | 811%         | 820%           |
| Inland Empire Health Plan              | 725%         | 712%          | 794%         | 796%           |
| Bern Health Systems                    | 545%         | 623%          | 729%         | 741%           |
| Alameda Alliance                       | 605%         | 677%          | 758%         | 737%           |
| Partnership HealthPlan                 | 784%         | 829%          | 771%         | 729%           |
| San Francisco Health Plan              | 1024%        | 1413%         | 784%         | 710%           |
| Santa Clara Family Health Plan         | 585%         | 640%          | 716%         | 654%           |
| Contra Costa Health Plan               | 554%         | 585%          | 617%         | 604%           |

Kaiser and SCAN are shown for additional perspective. Kaiser is included as it is now a fully licensed Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan. SCAN is a standard bearer for managing D-SNP. GCHP will be responsible for fiscally managing D-SNP and its reserves in the next budget year (FY '25-'26).

GCHP ranks near the middle as compared to other Medi-Cal Plans. GCHP TNE declined slightly due to changes in total assets and liabilities.

Preliminary 2024 financial reports are that LA Care will exceed GCHP's position in Year End rankings due to its pace of reserve growth.

# Budget FY 2024-25 | MBR Components



FY 2023-24 base benefit cost trended

\*Incremental increases related to improving access to care or quality related activities



# Budget FY 2024-25 | Actuarial Unit Cost Comparison

- This analysis of GCHP Unit Cost vs. those of other Southern California Medi-Cal regions (7 counties, 7 Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans) provides valuable insight for forecasting future premium rates. This analysis of unit cost closely approximates a comparison of reimbursement rates.
- Key to future rate development will be the maintenance of traditional FFS spending that is “in line” with spending across Medi-Cal plans. **Outlier FFS spending is at risk of not being fully reimbursed as DHCS looks to create greater regional cost parity.**
- Regional rate setting will replace individual plan rate setting in the near future. GCHP Management is actively preparing our reimbursement program to succeed in this new premium paradigm – **a focus on value/quality is one way to ensure long term success** (both financial success and Mission success).
- Key findings of the analysis strongly support Management’s plan to focus spending increases for the greatest Quality (MCAS) impact:

1. **MCAS improvements are principally achieved by greater use of outpatient primary healthcare, specialty healthcare, behavioral healthcare, and transportation to care.**
2. **Physician Primary Care, Behavioral Healthcare, and Transportation unit costs are low relative to the industry.**

| Category of Healthcare Service     | GCHP Percentile (100% = Highest Rate in Region) |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Inpatient Hospital                 | 100.0%  |
| Hospice                            | 93.2%   |
| Laboratory and Radiology           | 91.9%   |
| CBAS                               | 83.7%   |
| BHT Services                       | 76.6%   |
| FQHC                               | 76.6%   |
| Physician Specialty                | 76.5%   |
| Long-Term Care                     | 75.4%   |
| Emergency Room                     | 61.5%   |
| Other Medical Professional         | 56.6%   |
| Outpatient Facility                | 55.2%   |
| Mental Health - Outpatient         | 46.1%   |
| All Other (small category \$-wise) | 37.6%   |
| Physician Primary Care             | 37.2%   |
| Home and Community Based Services  | 34.9%   |
| Transportation                     | 33.7%   |
| Overall                            | 71.6%   |

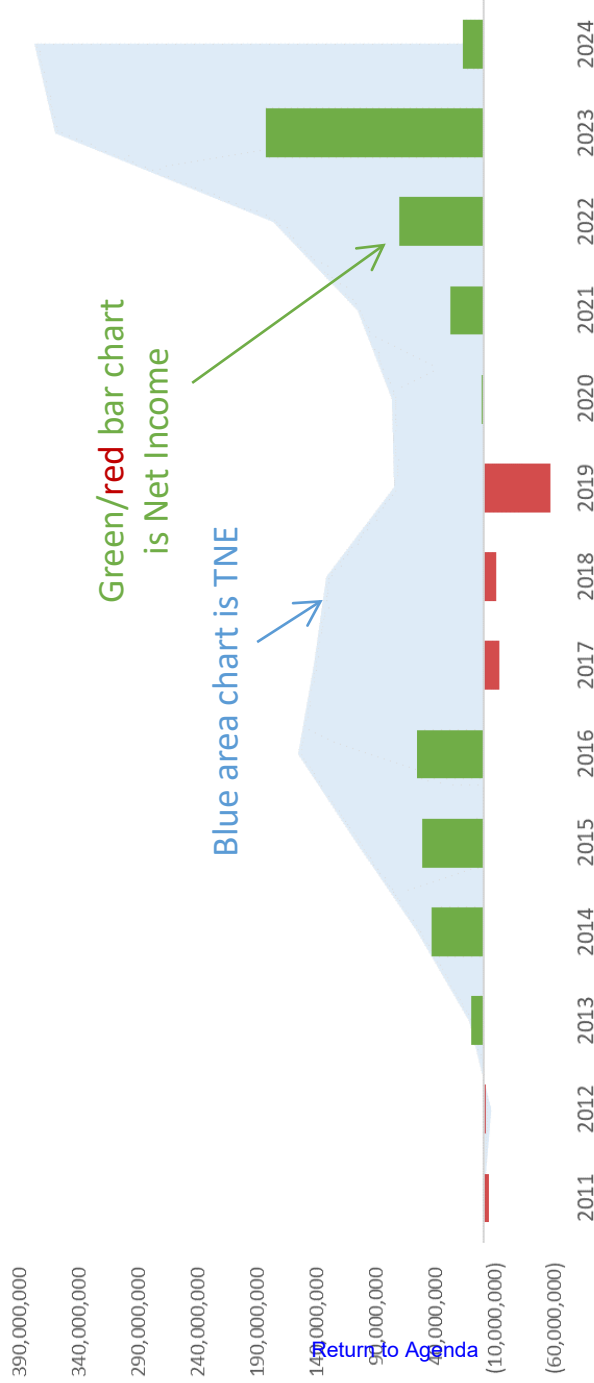
Costs are for the adult population and excludes the impact of population acuity and utilization. Counties include Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura.

# Income and TNE Position

- Net Income adds to or reduces health plan reserves – adds to if Net Income is positive, reduces if negative. You can see the historical relationship in the chart below – when Net Income is positive, reserves grow by that amount; conversely, “losses” reduce reserves.

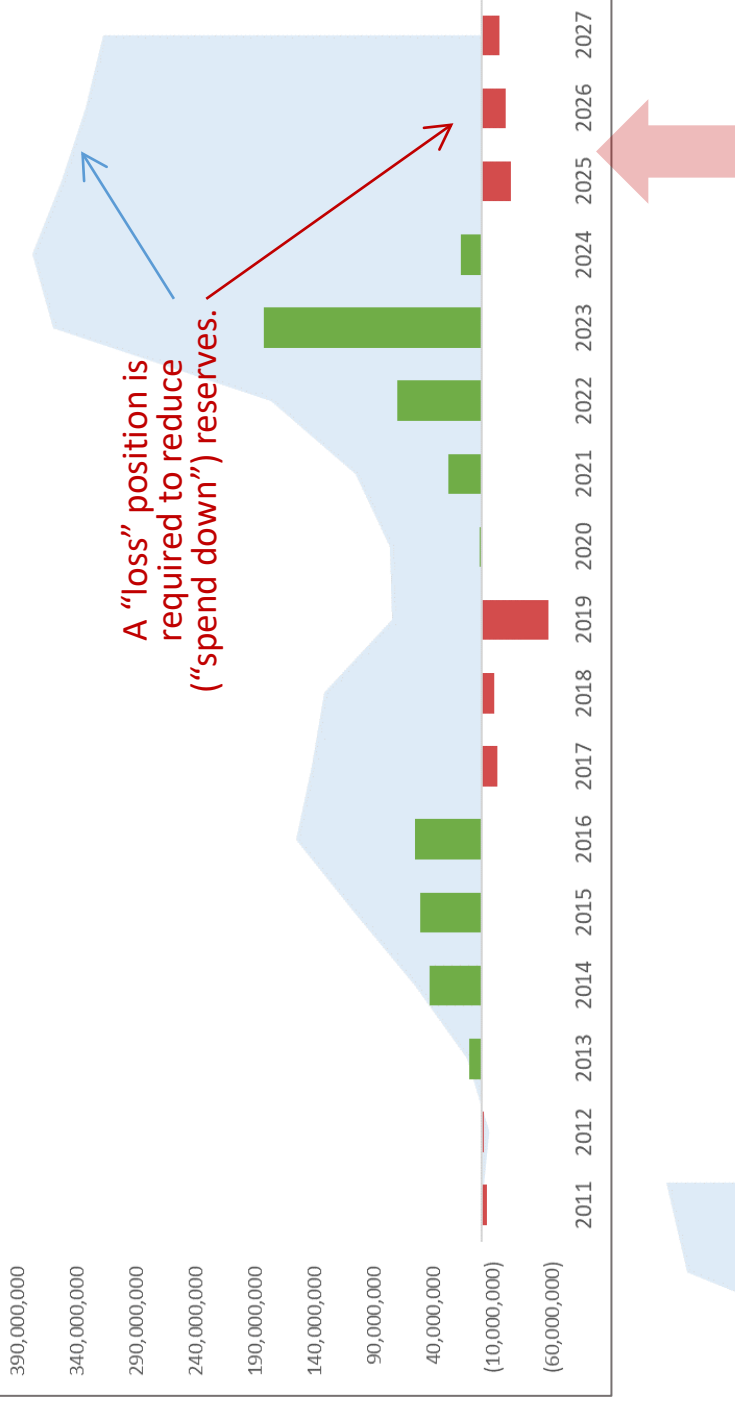
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Context for GCHP Future Budgeting and Financial Planning  
Income and Reserve History and 3-Year Forecast



- To achieve a spend down of some Unrestricted Reserves (i.e., not in the 700% of TNE Policy), GCHP must go into a negative Net Income (“loss”) position.

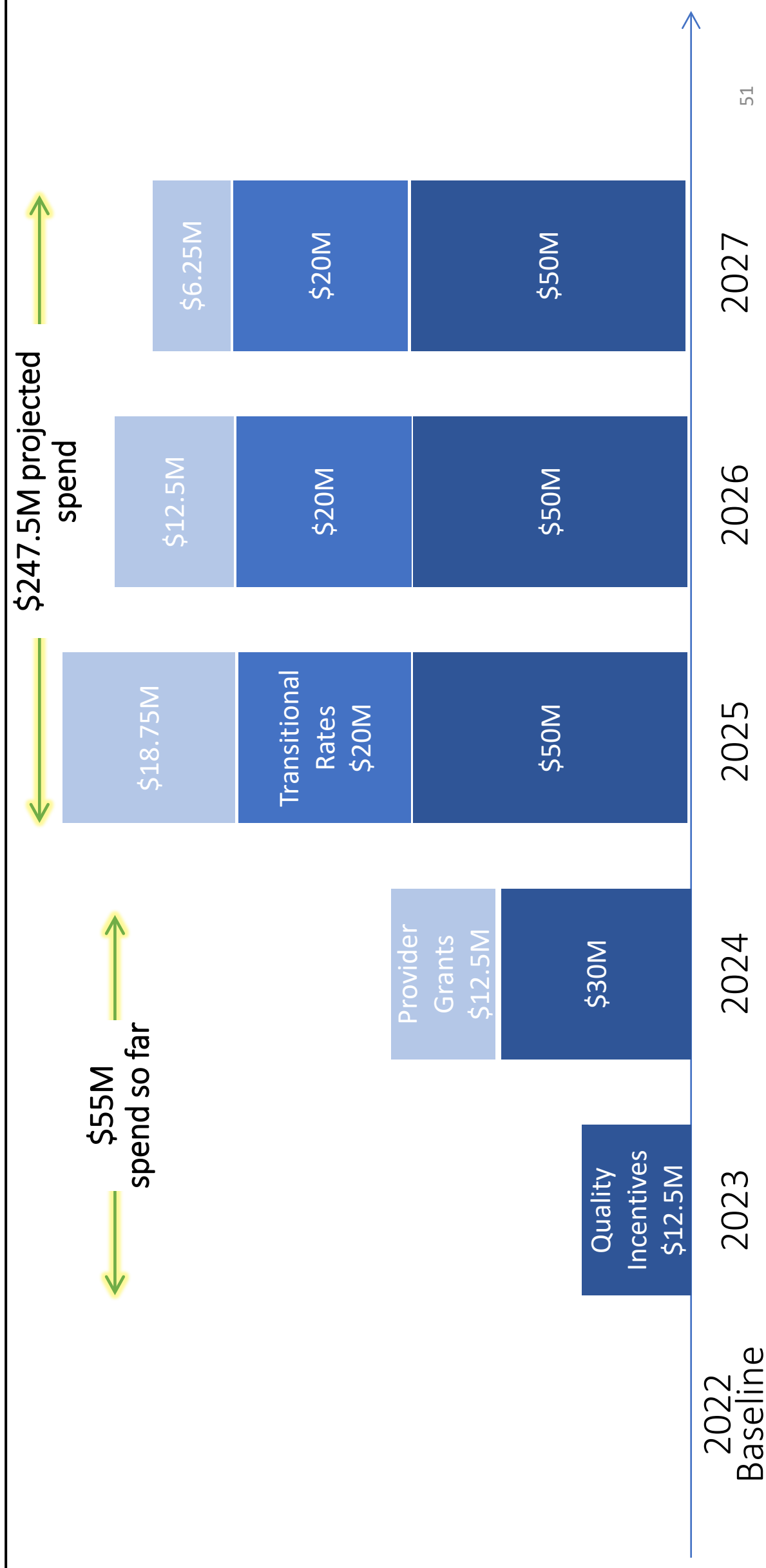
# Budget FY 2024-25 | TNE Composition and Planning

## GCHP Management Recommended Actions

| Management Analysis  |  |
|--|--|
| <p><b>Today</b></p> <p>Unrestricted Reserves</p> <p>1025%</p> <p>325%</p> <p>\$60M</p> | <p>GCHP Management proposes to plan for a \$60M reduction in reserves over the next 3 budgets (spanning July 2024 – June 2027) in the form of compliant and value-based funding for providers.</p>   |
| <p>Restricted Reserves</p> <p>700%</p> <p>\$258M</p>                                   | <p>D-SNP expenses (provider and administrative) are highly sensitive to minor changes in our modeling assumptions. Slightly adverse developments increase magnitude of losses. These are expected losses for D-SNP (actuarially developed) which has been filed with DMHC in its Knox Keene license application.</p> <p>These funds are restricted for maintenance of adequate reserves for long term viability of GCHP. These funds were established as GCHP TNE Reserve by Commission approval of the FY 2023-24 Budget (current year).</p> <p>For Medi-Cal alone, this provides for adequate long-term thinking and planning and investments to GCHP and providers.</p> <p>For Medi-Cal AND D-SNP combined, these reserve levels are inadequate. Management recommends adding to these reserves to meet satisfactory TNE for both programs.</p> |

- ✓ We seek to invest in providers through enhanced Quality-based funding. To do this, we must plan for 3 years of losses. We will course correct if rates and/or medical cost pressures trend adversely to forecast.
- ✓ GCHP Management and Actuaries recommend combining D-SNP TNE and Medi-Cal TNE to account for combined reserve needs.
- ✓ GCHP’s actuarial model for D-SNP financial performance filed with the Knox Keene application expects \$30M cumulative losses Years 1-3.
- ✓ An additional \$30M reserves (on top of \$30M expected losses) is prudent due to significant uncertainty in D-SNP performance/losses in 2026-2029.
- ✓ GCHP is entering a period of industry-wide anticipated premium pressures.

# Budget FY 2024-25 | Quality-Focused Funding Increase 23-27



# Budget FY 2024-25 | Quality-Focused TNE Investment

| Program  | FY 2024 | FY 2025  | FY 2026 | FY 2027  |
|--|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| PCP Quality Improvement Programs Up To:  | \$30M   | \$35M    | \$35M   | \$35M    |
| Hospital and other incentives which may include Specialty, Long Term Care and Behavioral Health Integration Up To: |         | \$15M    | \$15M   | \$15M    |
| Transitional Rates Up To:  |         | \$20M    | \$20M   | \$20 M   |
| Provider and Community Grants Up To:   | \$12.5M | \$18.75M | \$12.5M | \$6.25 M |

*GCHP's financial targets will drive Quality and Access through provider investments aligned with Commission- Approved spend.*

- **Quality Incentives:** \$10 MQIPP Expansion to roll out this FY with incentive programs across other provider areas in development.
- **Transitional Rates:** These rates will be impacted, as much as possible, by quality, access to care, and transitions of care activities and improvements.
- **Provider and Community Grants:** We aim to deliver early on the \$25M, 2–3-year commitment made starting in FY 23-24 and provide an additional \$25M in funding through FY 2027.

# D-SNP/Medicare Forecast Impact on TNE

| Model Assumptions                                   | Knox Keene Filed Scenario | Lower Stars Higher Reimbursement | Higher Membership, Lower Stars, Lower Savings Higher Reimbursement |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Membership by Year 3                                | 5,190                     | 5,190                            | 13,080   |
| CMS Quality Star Rating                             | 4                         | 3.5                              | 3.5  |
| Managed Care Savings (from “unmanaged FFS”)         | 20%                       | 20%                              | 15%  |
| Provider Reimbursement (% of Medicare Fee Schedule) | 102.5%                    | 105%                             | 105%   |
| <b>3- Year Cumulative Losses</b>                    | <b>-\$17M</b>             | <b>-\$39M</b>                    | <b>-\$60M or more*</b>   |

# Budget FY 2024-25 | Key Terms (1 of 2)

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**CMS Quality Star Rating:** The Medicare equivalent of the DHCS Managed Care Accountability Set (MCAS). Ratings focus on health plan quality based on measurements of customer satisfaction and the quality of care a plan delivers. Plans are rated on a scale of one to five, with one star representing poor performance and five stars representing excellent performance.

**D-SNP:** A special needs plan (SNP) is a Medicare Advantage (MA) coordinated care plan specifically designed to provide targeted care and limit enrollment to special needs individuals. A Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs) is a type of SNP that enrolls individuals who are entitled to both Medicare and Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California).

**Medical Benefit Expense:** Costs for medical, dental, vision, transportation, meals, and other covered supplemental benefits.

**Medical Benefit Ratio (MBR):** Ratio of Medical Benefits to Premium Revenue; the percentage of state revenue that is spent on medical care.

**Medicare Fee Schedule:** A complete listing of fees used by Medicare to pay doctors or other providers/suppliers. This comprehensive listing of fees used to reimburse a physician and/or other providers on a fee-for-service basis.

**Medical Management Savings:** Savings generated from health plan activities related to the medical management of health services as compared to the Medicare Fee-For-Service costs.

**Net Income:** The remaining profit or loss after all expenses have been subtracted from all revenues. The Net Income increases reserves if positive or reduces reserves if negative.

# Budget FY 2024-25 | Key Terms (2 of 2)

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Premium Revenue: Amount received from the State to provide medical care and other covered services to GCHP members.

Quality Incentive Pool and Program (QIPP): A focused effort to direct funding to Providers for the achievement of Quality measures.

Restricted Reserves: The portion of Tangible Net Equity (TNE) that GCHP is required by policy to maintain (i.e. not be used). For GCHP's existing line of business (Medi-Cal), this amount is currently set at 700% of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) required minimum TNE.

Tangible Net Equity (TNE): GCHP total assets (cash, physical property, amounts we are owed) less total liabilities (both realized and incurred, such as amounts GCHP owes to pay current claims, vendors, personnel, etc). GCHP is required to maintain the DHCS formula-derived minimum TNE to ensure continuity of payments and services.

Targeted Rate Increase: To improve access to care, quality and equity, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is increasing rates to 87.5% of Medicare for certain Medi-Cal services.

Unrestricted Reserves: The portion of GCHP's TNE above and beyond the Commission-specified minimum. The unrestricted reserves will be used to cover expected losses in the first years of D-SNP as well as the quality-related funding for providers and other Commission-approved uses.

Value-Based Care: Care that ties the amount providers earn to the results they deliver for their patients, such as the quality, access and equity.



**Schedule 1 - Medical Margin Budget: PMPM Cost by Category of Service**

| FY 2024 -25 MEDICAL EXPENSE BUDGET                    |                                |                            |                            |                     |             |                         |  |
|---|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--|
| PMPM COST BY CATEGORY OF SERVICE                      |                                |                            |                            |                     |             |                         |  |
|   | FY 2023-24 as<br>of April 2024 | Projected Jul-<br>Dec 2024 | Projected Jan-<br>Jun 2025 | FY 2024-<br>25 PMPM | %<br>Change | Projected Dollars       |  |
|   | PMPM                           | PMPM                       | PMPM                       |                     |             |                         |  |
| Capitation <sup>1</sup>                               | \$ 24.61                       | \$ 25.63                   | \$ 25.80                   | \$ 25.72            | 4%          | \$ 77,253,316           |  |
| <b>Fee For Service</b>                                |                                |                            |                            |                     |             |                         |  |
| Inpatient   | \$ 69.52                       | \$ 77.85                   | \$ 78.61                   | \$ 78.24            | 13%         | \$ 235,028,410          |  |
| Outpatient  | \$ 28.34                       | \$ 30.31                   | \$ 30.50                   | \$ 30.41            | 7%          | \$ 91,342,329           |  |
| Long Term Care / Skilled Nursing Facility (LTC / SNF) | \$ 60.00                       | \$ 60.36                   | \$ 62.55                   | \$ 61.45            | 2%          | \$ 184,618,913          |  |
| Emergency Room  | \$ 12.91                       | \$ 12.79                   | \$ 12.95                   | \$ 12.87            | 0%          | \$ 38,656,501           |  |
| Physician Specialty                                   | \$ 26.74                       | \$ 28.57                   | \$ 28.85                   | \$ 28.71            | 7%          | \$ 86,250,542           |  |
| Transportation  | \$ 0.80                        | \$ 1.87                    | \$ 1.89                    | \$ 1.88             | 135%        | \$ 5,634,296            |  |
| Primary Care Physician                                | \$ 12.02                       | \$ 13.31                   | \$ 13.29                   | \$ 13.30            | 11%         | \$ 39,957,499           |  |
| Mental and Behavioral Health Services                 | \$ 12.10                       | \$ 13.71                   | \$ 13.93                   | \$ 13.82            | 14%         | \$ 41,503,267           |  |
| Other Medical Professional                            | \$ 1.65                        | \$ 1.61                    | \$ 1.63                    | \$ 1.62             | -2%         | \$ 4,858,907            |  |
| <b>Home &amp; Community Based Services</b>            | \$ 11.40                       | \$ 13.31                   | \$ 13.45                   | \$ 13.38            | 17%         | \$ 40,186,776           |  |
| Laboratory and Radiology                              | \$ 4.24                        | \$ 3.25                    | \$ 3.29                    | \$ 3.27             | -23%        | \$ 9,821,301            |  |
| Directed Payments - Provider                          | \$ 9.93                        | \$ -                       | \$ -                       | \$ -                | -100%       | \$ -                    |  |
| Other Fee For Service                                 | \$ 6.35                        | \$ 7.62                    | \$ 7.74                    | \$ 7.68             | 21%         | \$ 23,069,406           |  |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                                      | <b>\$ 256.00</b>               | <b>\$ 264.54</b>           | <b>\$ 268.67</b>           | <b>\$ 266.61</b>    | <b>4%</b>   | <b>\$ 800,928,147</b>   |  |
| <b>Other Expenditures</b>                             |                                |                            |                            |                     |             |                         |  |
| Quality Funding Program                               | \$ 24.00                       | \$ 27.51                   | \$ 27.42                   | \$ 27.46            | 14%         | \$ 82,500,000           |  |
| Prop 56   | \$ -                           | \$ 3.19                    | \$ 3.20                    | \$ 3.19             | 0%          | \$ 9,595,654            |  |
| Carelon Case Management                               | \$ -                           | \$ 0.83                    | \$ 0.83                    | \$ 0.83             | 0%          | \$ 2,500,000            |  |
| Medical Care Management                               | \$ 8.23                        | \$ 11.57                   | \$ 11.53                   | \$ 11.55            | 40%         | \$ 34,708,829           |  |
| Refunds & Recoveries                                  | \$ (1.05)                      | \$ (0.40)                  | \$ (0.40)                  | \$ (0.40)           | -62%        | \$ (1,200,000)          |  |
| Reinsurance Recoveries                                | \$ 0.62                        | \$ 0.63                    | \$ 0.63                    | \$ 0.63             | 2%          | \$ 1,900,000            |  |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                                      | <b>\$ 31.80</b>                | <b>\$ 43.34</b>            | <b>\$ 43.21</b>            | <b>\$ 43.28</b>     | <b>36%</b>  | <b>\$ 130,004,483</b>   |  |
| <b>Total PMPM Medical Expense</b>                     | <b>\$ 312.41</b>               | <b>\$ 333.51</b>           | <b>\$ 337.68</b>           | <b>\$ 335.60</b>    | <b>7%</b>   | <b>\$ 1,008,185,945</b> |  |
| <b>MBR</b>  | <b>88.8%</b>                   | <b>91.6%</b>               | <b>93.5%</b>               | <b>92.6%</b>        |             | <b>92.6%</b>            |  |

*Note*

1: Financial impact of Kaiser-aligned members have been removed from YTD results for comparative purposes

Schedule 2 - Medical Margin Budget: PMPM Cost by Category of Aid

| FY 2024 -25 MEDICAL EXPENSE BUDGET                    |                  |                  |                    |                    |                  |                    |                    |
|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| PMPM COST BY CATEGORY OF AID                          |                  |                  |                    |                    |                  |                    |                    |
|   | Child            | Adult            | Adult<br>Expansion | SPD                | SPD Dual         | LTC                | LTC Dual           |
| Capitation  | \$ 18.47         | \$ 31.47         | \$ 35.30           | \$ 38.78           | \$ 6.17          | \$ 6.17            | \$ 6.17            |
| <b>Fee For Service</b>                                |                  |                  |                    |                    |                  |                    |                    |
| Inpatient   | \$ 13.12         | \$ 132.11        | \$ 104.73          | \$ 364.82          | \$ 9.40          | \$ 369.40          | \$ 55.27           |
| Outpatient  | \$ 4.04          | \$ 51.70         | \$ 42.15           | \$ 114.12          | \$ 15.28         | \$ 147.17          | \$ 8.12            |
| Long Term Care / Skilled Nursing Facility (LTC / SNF) | \$ 0.72          | \$ 13.63         | \$ 31.67           | \$ 203.51          | \$ 138.79        | \$ 7,763.64        | \$ 8,720.68        |
| Emergency Room  | \$ 11.54         | \$ 16.46         | \$ 14.48           | \$ 24.60           | \$ 1.36          | \$ 15.71           | \$ 1.02            |
| Physician Specialty                                   | \$ 8.24          | \$ 48.20         | \$ 39.51           | \$ 74.83           | \$ 15.02         | \$ 144.22          | \$ 11.19           |
| Transportation  | \$ 0.78          | \$ 1.63          | \$ 2.72            | \$ 8.34            | \$ 0.64          | \$ 13.47           | \$ 0.95            |
| Primary Care Physician                                | \$ 7.88          | \$ 24.79         | \$ 13.91           | \$ 24.16           | \$ 6.98          | \$ 12.99           | \$ 4.16            |
| Mental and Behavioral Health Services                 | \$ 16.72         | \$ 8.64          | \$ 9.32            | \$ 69.13           | \$ 1.63          | \$ -               | \$ 0.19            |
| Other Medical Professional                            | \$ 0.68          | \$ 1.81          | \$ 2.05            | \$ 4.99            | \$ 1.73          | \$ 3.00            | \$ 3.04            |
| <b>Home &amp; Community Based Services</b>            | \$ 2.09          | \$ 7.67          | \$ 10.84           | \$ 61.34           | \$ 46.57         | \$ 24.81           | \$ 23.63           |
| Laboratory and Radiology                              | \$ 0.99          | \$ 6.00          | \$ 4.59            | \$ 6.22            | \$ 0.24          | \$ 5.00            | \$ 0.08            |
| Other Fee For Service                                 | \$ 1.22          | \$ 6.01          | \$ 5.67            | \$ 49.50           | \$ 17.00         | \$ 221.51          | \$ 158.81          |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                                      | <b>\$ 68.01</b>  | <b>\$ 318.66</b> | <b>\$ 281.65</b>   | <b>\$ 1,005.58</b> | <b>\$ 254.63</b> | <b>\$ 8,720.93</b> | <b>\$ 8,987.14</b> |
| <b>Other Expenditures</b>                             |                  |                  |                    |                    |                  |                    |                    |
| Quality Funding Program                               | \$ 20.95         | \$ 44.48         | \$ 44.53           | \$ 118.48          | \$ 66.33         | \$ 125.78          | \$ 66.55           |
| Prop 56 Payment                                       | \$ 1.81          | \$ 9.47          | \$ 2.77            | \$ 1.11            | \$ -             | \$ 0.86            | \$ -               |
| Carelon Case Management                               | \$ 0.83          | \$ 0.83          | \$ 0.83            | \$ 0.83            | \$ 0.83          | \$ 0.83            | \$ 0.83            |
| Grant Program   | \$ 1.30          | \$ 4.57          | \$ 4.58            | \$ 14.85           | \$ 7.61          | \$ 15.87           | \$ 7.64            |
| Refunds & Recoveries                                  | \$ (0.40)        | \$ (0.40)        | \$ (0.40)          | \$ (0.40)          | \$ (0.40)        | \$ (0.40)          | \$ (0.40)          |
| Reinsurance Recoveries                                | \$ 0.63          | \$ 0.63          | \$ 0.63            | \$ 0.63            | \$ 0.63          | \$ 0.63            | \$ 0.63            |
| <b>Sub-total</b>                                      | <b>\$ 25.13</b>  | <b>\$ 59.60</b>  | <b>\$ 52.94</b>    | <b>\$ 135.50</b>   | <b>\$ 75.00</b>  | <b>\$ 143.57</b>   | <b>\$ 75.25</b>    |
| <b>Total PMPM Medical Expense</b>                     | <b>\$ 111.61</b> | <b>\$ 409.72</b> | <b>\$ 369.89</b>   | <b>\$ 1,179.87</b> | <b>\$ 335.80</b> | <b>\$ 8,870.68</b> | <b>\$ 9,068.56</b> |

**Schedule 3 - Medical Margin Budget**

| FY 2024-25 Medical Margin Budget        |                       |                       |                         |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
|   | Jul - Dec 2024        | Jan - Jun 2025        | FY 2024-25              |
| <b>Revenue</b>                          |                       |                       |                         |
| Base Cap                                | \$ 510,105,105        | \$ 508,282,802        | \$ 1,018,387,907        |
| Quality Withhold/Earnback               | \$ (1,284,750)        | \$ (2,541,414)        | \$ (3,826,164)          |
| Maternity                               | \$ 14,710,906         | \$ 15,212,438         | \$ 29,923,344           |
| ECM Revenue                             | \$ 8,816,116          | \$ 8,936,959          | \$ 17,753,075           |
| Prop 56                                 | \$ 5,040,177          | \$ 5,060,511          | \$ 10,100,689           |
| Hyde (including Prop 56)                | \$ 479,845            | \$ 495,922            | \$ 975,767              |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                    | <b>\$ 537,867,399</b> | <b>\$ 535,447,218</b> | <b>\$ 1,073,314,618</b> |
| <b>Fee for Service</b>                  |                       |                       |                         |
| 01-Inpatient Hospital                   | \$ 107,373,319        | \$ 108,806,315        | \$ 216,179,634          |
| 02-Outpatient Facility                  | \$ 45,446,200         | \$ 45,896,129         | \$ 91,342,329           |
| 03-Emergency Room                       | \$ 19,173,228         | \$ 19,483,273         | \$ 38,656,501           |
| 04-Long-Term Care                       | \$ 90,507,090         | \$ 94,111,823         | \$ 184,618,913          |
| 05-Physician Primary Care               | \$ 19,956,811         | \$ 20,000,687         | \$ 39,957,499           |
| 06-Physician Specialty                  | \$ 42,840,481         | \$ 43,410,060         | \$ 86,250,542           |
| 07-FQHC                                 | \$ 9,371,387          | \$ 9,477,390          | \$ 18,848,776           |
| 08-Other Medical Professional           | \$ 2,409,165          | \$ 2,449,742          | \$ 4,858,907            |
| 09-Mental Health - Outpatient           | \$ 11,701,580         | \$ 11,917,359         | \$ 23,618,940           |
| 10-BHT Services                         | \$ 8,849,459          | \$ 9,034,869          | \$ 17,884,328           |
| 12-Laboratory and Radiology             | \$ 4,874,507          | \$ 4,946,794          | \$ 9,821,301            |
| 13-Transportation                       | \$ 2,797,203          | \$ 2,837,094          | \$ 5,634,296            |
| 14-CBAS                                 | \$ 6,039,705          | \$ 6,087,938          | \$ 12,127,643           |
| 15-Hospice                              | \$ 3,015,840          | \$ 3,064,055          | \$ 6,079,895            |
| 16-HCBS Other                           | \$ 1,522,411          | \$ 1,550,933          | \$ 3,073,344            |
| 17-All Other                            | \$ 8,414,082          | \$ 8,575,430          | \$ 16,989,511           |
| 18-Enhanced Care Management             | \$ 8,375,310          | \$ 8,490,111          | \$ 16,865,421           |
| 19-Community Supports                   | \$ 4,018,569          | \$ 4,101,799          | \$ 8,120,368            |
| <b>TOTAL FEE FOR SERVICE</b>            | <b>\$ 396,686,346</b> | <b>\$ 404,241,801</b> | <b>\$ 800,928,147</b>   |
| <b>Capitation Expense</b>               |                       |                       |                         |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITATION</b>                 | <b>\$ 38,429,766</b>  | <b>\$ 38,823,549</b>  | <b>\$ 77,253,316</b>    |
| <b>Other Expenditures</b>               |                       |                       |                         |
| Grant Program                           | \$ 6,250,000          | \$ 6,250,000          | \$ 12,500,000           |
| Claims Recoveries (non-system adjusted) | \$ (600,000)          | \$ (600,000)          | \$ (1,200,000)          |
| Reinsurance Recoveries                  | \$ 950,000            | \$ 950,000            | \$ 1,900,000            |
| Provider Incentives                     | \$ 10,000,000         | \$ 10,000,000         | \$ 20,000,000           |
| QIPP                                    | \$ 25,000,000         | \$ 25,000,000         | \$ 50,000,000           |
| Prop 56 Payment                         | \$ 4,788,168          | \$ 4,807,486          | \$ 9,595,654            |
| Carelon Case Management                 | \$ 1,250,000          | \$ 1,250,000          | \$ 2,500,000            |
| Care Management                         | \$ 17,354,414         | \$ 17,354,414         | \$ 34,708,829           |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER EXPEDITURES</b>          | <b>\$ 64,992,583</b>  | <b>\$ 65,011,900</b>  | <b>\$ 130,004,483</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL MEDICAL BENEFITS</b>           | <b>\$ 500,108,695</b> | <b>\$ 508,077,250</b> | <b>\$ 1,008,185,945</b> |
| <b>Member Months</b>                    | <b>1,499,517</b>      | <b>1,504,617</b>      | <b>3,004,133</b>        |
| <b>MBR</b>                              | <b>91.6%</b>          | <b>93.5%</b>          | <b>92.6%</b>            |

**Schedule 4 - General and Administrative Expenses**

| FY 2024-25 GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES |                          |                      |                       |                   | Notes   |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---|
| Expense  | FY 2023-24<br>Reforecast | FY 2024-25<br>Budget | Year / Year<br>Change | Percent<br>Change |   |
| Salary Expense                                 | \$ 39,992,043            | \$ 43,352,760        | \$ 3,360,717          | 8.4%              |   |
| Taxes and Benefits                             | 12,256,448               | 13,159,773           | 903,325               | 7.4%              |   |
| Overtime                                       | 0                        | 242,916              | 242,916               |                   | Overtime was not broken out and therefore not budgeted for in FY2023-24   |
| Incentive                                      | 3,077,622                | 2,500,000            | (577,622)             | -18.8%            |   |
| Temporary Labor Expense                        | 2,839,974                | 647,800              | (2,192,174)           | -77.2%            |   |
| Tuition Reimbursement                          | 58,854                   | 50,400               | (8,454)               | -14.4%            |   |
| Training, Conference, and Travel               | 1,140,008                | 1,751,576            | 611,568               | 53.6%             | Travel back to pre-pandemic levels / Healthfairs  |
| Outside Service - Conduent                     | 20,973,109               | 2,384,918            | (18,588,190)          | -88.6%            | Termination of Conduent Relationship  |
| Outside Services - Other                       | 9,979,576                | 34,486,245           | 24,506,669            | 245.6%            | Wellth \$6.9M, Carelon \$6.4M, Netmark \$8M / Partially offset in Conduent Savings  |
| Accounting & Actuarial Services                | 197,000                  | 180,000              | (17,000)              | -8.6%             |   |
| Legal Expense                                  | 3,412,091                | 2,550,000            | (862,091)             | -25.3%            | Reforecast included Jan - Dec 2023 Actuals - 2024/25 expenses projected lower   |
| Consulting Services Expense                    | 2,933,411                | 2,450,066            | (483,345)             | -16.5%            | Planned reduction in consulting services  |
| Translation Services                           | 351,468                  | 292,000              | (59,468)              | -16.9%            | Reduction due to cessation of redetermination efforts   |
| Committee/Advisory                             | 12,050                   | 0                    | (12,050)              | -100.0%           |   |
| Employee Recruitment                           | 1,093,555                | 1,000,000            | (93,555)              | -8.6%             | Planned reduction in recruitment expense  |
| Employee Appreciation                          | 0                        | 5,750                | 5,750                 |                   |   |
| Lease Expense -Equipment                       | 16,193                   | 8,800                | (7,393)               | -45.7%            |   |
| Lease Expense -Office                          | 1,988,476                | 1,592,628            | (395,848)             | -19.9%            | Over-budgeted in FY 2023-24   |
| Depreciation & Amortization Expense            | 535,753                  | 4,000,000            | 3,464,247             | 646.6%            | Certain capitalized expenses were not anticipated in FY 2023-24 Budget  |
| Non-Capital - Furniture & Equip.               | 18,031                   | 8,400                | (9,631)               | -53.4%            |   |
| Non-Capital Equipment - Computer               | 571,748                  | 196,800              | (374,948)             | -65.6%            | Reduction in Temp Staff over 2023/24 resulting in lower equipment need  |
| Office & Operating Supplies                    | 112,739                  | 77,674               | (35,065)              | -31.1%            |   |
| Shipping & Postage Expense                     | 374,630                  | 548,130              | 173,500               | 46.3%             | Printing & Fulfillment brought in-house from Conduent   |
| Printing Expense                               | 747,192                  | 1,124,700            | 377,508               | 50.5%             | Printing & Fulfillment brought in-house from Conduent   |
| Software Subscriptions                         | 4,701,225                | 13,390,776           | 8,689,551             | 184.8%            | Reflects new technology brought in-house; offset in Conduent Savings  |
| Software Licenses-Non-Capital                  | 20,794                   | 48,756               | 27,962                | 134.5%            |   |
| Software Maintenance & Support                 | 122,810                  | 2,033,889            | 1,911,079             | 1556.1%           | Increased cost due to bringing several systems in-house   |
| Repairs and Maintenance                        | 284,491                  | 380,143              | 95,652                | 33.6%             | Increased maintenance in Lease  |
| Telephone/Internet                             | 371,647                  | 613,532              | 241,885               | 65.1%             | Primarily Call Center related   |
| Advertising and Promotion                      | 646,703                  | 1,795,000            | 1,148,297             | 177.6%            | Member Incentives and Community Sponsorship   |
| Insurance                                      | 1,488,412                | 1,515,000            | 26,588                | 1.8%              |   |
| Interest                                       | 507,634                  | 225,000              | (282,634)             | -55.7%            | Operations - Based upon a 18 month average expense  |
| Professional Dues, Fees, and Licenses          | 381,907                  | 276,751              | (105,155)             | -27.5%            | Local Health Plans of California membership paid in full in Reforecast  |
| Subscriptions and Publications                 | 37,282                   | 47,114               | 9,832                 | 26.4%             |   |
| Bank Service Fees Expense                      | 5,321                    | 9,000                | 3,679                 | 69.2%             |   |
| Other/ Miscellaneous Expenses                  | 1,653                    | 112,500              | 110,847               | 6705.8%           | Provider Quality Summit, branded clothing for community events  |
| Care Management Credit                         | (20,735,070)             | (34,708,000)         | (13,972,930)          | 67.4%             | Includes items not previously accounted for as Quality Improvement related expenses (Member Incentives, Quality Software, and Quality related software) |
| <b>Total General and Administrative</b>        | <b>90,516,778</b>        | <b>98,350,798</b>    | <b>7,834,020</b>      | <b>8.7%</b>       |   |
| <b>% Admin to Revenue</b>                      | <b>8.9%</b>              | <b>9.0%</b>          |                       |                   |   |
| <b>Operations of the Future (OOTF)</b>         | <b>16,057,840</b>        | <b>4,000,000</b>     | <b>(12,057,840)</b>   | <b>-75.1%</b>     |   |
| <b>Strategic Initiatives (SI)</b>              | <b>0</b>                 | <b>6,968,667</b>     | <b>6,968,667</b>      |                   |   |
| <b>Total G&amp;A (Including OOTF and SI)</b>   | <b>106,574,618</b>       | <b>109,319,464</b>   | <b>2,744,847</b>      | <b>2.6%</b>       |   |
| <b>% to Revenue</b>                            | <b>10.5%</b>             | <b>10.0%</b>         |                       |                   |   |

| Contract Number     | Vendor   | Minority Vendor | Actual Contract Spend as of April 10, 2024 | Projected Monthly Spend | Renewal Strategy        | Renewal Term (Months) | Estimated FY2024/25 Budget Amt | Renewal End Date | Contract Description   |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Contract_2022_00699 | 3M Health Information Systems                    | No              | \$134,314                                  | \$4,200                 | Renew for 3 years       | 36                    | \$50,400                       | 12/15/2027       | IT software: All Patients Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (APR DRG) is a system that classifies patients according to their reason of admission, severity of illness and risk of mortality) |
| Contract_2020_00187 | Adecco (Akkodis) USA, Inc.                       | No              | \$10,517,690                               | \$41,667                | Renew for 1 year        | 12                    | \$500,000                      | 1/31/2026        | IT Temporary labor services  |
| Contract_2020_00191 | Advanced Medical Reviews                         | No              | \$69,197                                   | \$1,500                 | Renew for 3 years       | 36                    | \$18,000                       | 10/31/2027       | Medical review services  |
| Contract_2022_00751 | Affiliated Monitors Inc. [AMI]                   | No              | \$177,715                                  | \$10,000                | Renew for 1 year        | 12                    | \$120,000                      | 11/1/2025        | Corporate integrity services   |
| Contract_2020_00448 | Alligis Grp Hold, Inc. dba Teksystems, Inc.      | No              | \$1,408,584                                | \$20,000                | Renew for 1 year        | 12                    | \$240,000                      | 1/31/2026        | IT Temporary labor services  |
| Contract_2024_00910 | Ash  | No              | \$0  | \$10,000                | Renew for 2 years       | 24                    |                                | 12/31/2026       | Health Risk Assessment   |
| Contract_2020_00218 | CAQH   | No              | \$69,104                                   | \$1,000                 | Renew for 2 years       | 24                    | \$12,000                       | 12/31/2026       | Software as a Service (data sharing)   |
| Contract_2023_00806 | Carol Hsu  | Asian Pacific   | \$421,685                                  | \$5,600                 | Renew for 2 years       | 24                    | \$67,200                       | 10/31/2026       | Medical record review services   |
|                     | Case Net LLC                                     | No              |  | \$50,000                | Renew for 5 years       | 60                    | \$600,000                      | 6/30/2029        | Medical Management Capability License  |
| Contract_2021_00584 | Compuwave  | Asian Pacific   | \$102,829                                  | \$2,333                 | Renewal for 1 year      | 12                    | \$28,000                       | 7/26/2025        | IT Infrastructure Software   |
|                     |  |                 |  |                         |                         |                       |                                |                  | CEO and Finance consulting services primarily related to provider contract analytics and rate changes proposed by DHCS.  |
| Contract_2023_00792 | Consentia Health LLC                             | No              | \$733,600                                  | \$50,000                | Renew for 1 year        | 12                    | \$600,000                      | 12/31/2025       | Provider consulting services   |
| Contract_2023_00791 | Consentia Health LLC                             | No              | \$92,000                                   | \$8,000                 | Renew for 1 year        | 12                    | \$96,000                       | 12/31/2025       | Provider consulting services   |
| Contract_2020_00246 | Crossroads Staffing Services                     | Woman-owned     | \$2,943,888                                | \$15,000                | Renew for 1 year        | 12                    | \$180,000                      | 1/31/2026        | Organization Temporary labor services  |
| Contract_2022_00761 | Divurgent, LLC                                   | No              | \$2,661,286                                | \$150,000               | Renew for 3 months      | 3                     | \$450,000                      | 10/31/2024       | OOTF Operational Management and SME Support  |
| Contract_2021_00593 | Edelstein Gilbert Robson & Smith LLC             | No              | \$130,900                                  | \$5,000                 | Renew for 2 years       | 24                    | \$60,000                       | 10/8/2026        | Consulting services (government advocacy services)   |
| Contract_2021_00596 | Edifecs, Inc.                                    | Asian Pacific   | \$508,231                                  | \$14,600                | Renew for 2 years       | 24                    | \$175,200                      | 12/30/2026       | IT software: EDI   |
|                     |  |                 |  |                         |                         |                       |                                |                  | New OOTF Electronic Data Interchange Platform  |
| Contract_2023_00851 | Ellit Group LLC                                  | Woman-owned     | \$146,620                                  | \$28,000                | Renew for 3 months only | 3                     | \$84,000                       | 10/1/2024        | OOTF Operational Management and SME Support  |
| Contract_2023_00769 | Emagined Security, Inc.                          | No              | \$174,167                                  | \$14,514                | Renewal for 1 year      | 12                    | \$174,167                      | 12/27/2025       | IT Security software   |
| Contract_2021_00622 | Enterprise Systems Solutions dba LA Networks     | No              | \$263,056                                  | \$80,000                | Renewal for 1 year      | 12                    | \$960,000                      | 8/31/2025        | IT hardware maintenance  |
| Contract_2020_00200 | Ephomation.com/Ansafone Contact Ctr              | No              | \$55,569                                   | \$1,000                 | Renew for 3 years       | 36                    | \$12,000                       | 10/31/2027       | Outbound calling software  |
| Contract_2020_00580 | FloQast, Inc.                                    | No              | \$123,742                                  | \$2,900                 | Renew for 3 years       | 36                    | \$34,800                       | 12/31/2027       | Finance software used for General Ledger journal entry management.   |
| Contract_2020_00286 | Gemini Diversified Services, Inc.                | No              | \$251,521                                  | \$5,000                 | Renew for 1 year        | 12                    | \$60,000                       | 9/30/2025        | Credentialing services   |
| Contract_2021_00614 | Health Management Associates Inc.                | No              | \$602,637                                  | \$28,000                | Renew for 1 year        | 12                    | \$336,000                      | 7/31/2025        | Temporary labor services   |
| Contract_2024_00882 | Health Management Associates Inc.                | No              | \$75,587                                   | \$150,000               | Renew for 1 year        | 12                    | \$1,800,000                    | 12/1/2025        | Finance consulting services  |
|                     | Healthedge                                       | No              |  | \$191,667               | Renew for 5 years       | 60                    | \$2,300,000                    | 6/30/2029        | Core Admin Capability License  |
| Contract_2023_00774 | Healthwise, Incorporated                         | No              | \$51,601                                   | \$11,000                | Renew for 3 years       | 36                    | \$132,000                      | 12/31/2027       | IT software  |
| Contract_2023_00873 | Infomedica Group dba Carenet Healthcare Services | No              | \$40,707                                   | \$26,500                | Renew for 6 months      | 6                     | \$159,000                      | 6/30/2025        | Member / Provider Outreach services. (Texting, outbound calls etc.)  |
| Contract_2023_00857 | Infomedica Group dba Carenet Healthcare Services | No              | \$488,955                                  | \$50,000                | Renew for 1 year        | 12                    | \$600,000                      | 12/31/2025       | Member / Provider Outreach services. (Texting, outbound calls etc.)  |

| Contract Number     | Vendor                                    | Minority Vendor | Actual Contract Spend as of April 10, 2024 | Projected Monthly Spend | Renewal Strategy   | Renewal Term (Months) | Estimated FY2024/25 Budget Amt | Renewal End Date | Contract Description   |
|---------------------|---|-----------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--|
| Contract_2022_00725 | Inovalon, Inc.                            | No              | \$1,608,270                                | \$100,000               | Renew for 1 year   | 12                    | \$1,200,000                    | 12/31/2025       | Quality Data: IT software - Data Lake  |
| Contract_2020_00319 | Inovalon, Inc.                            | No              | \$1,245,075                                | \$27,500                | Renew for 3 years  | 36                    | \$330,000                      | 12/31/2027       | Quality Data: HEDIS services   |
| Contract_2020_00318 | Inovalon, Inc.                            | No              | \$1,089,940                                | \$29,583                | Renew for 3 years  | 36                    | \$355,000                      | 12/31/2027       | Quality Data: HEDIS services   |
| Contract_2020_00317 | Inovalon, Inc.                            | No              | \$526,495                                  | \$14,833                | Renew for 3 years  | 36                    | \$178,000                      | 12/31/2027       | Quality Data: HEDIS services   |
| Contract_2020_00322 | Insight Direct USA                        | No              | \$2,452,381                                | \$12,000                | Renew for 1 year   | 12                    | \$144,000                      | 9/29/2025        | Desktop Value Add Reseller (desktop software and peripherals)  |
| Contract_2023_00807 | Insight Direct USA                        | No              | \$111,200                                  | \$40,000                | Renewal for 1 year | 12                    | \$480,000                      | 4/17/2026        | IT Infrastructure Software   |
| Contract_2020_00321 | Insight Direct USA                        | No              | \$129,230                                  | \$61,000                | Renewal for 1 year | 12                    | \$732,000                      | 12/15/2025       | IT Infrastructure Software   |
| Contract_2020_00337 | Insight Direct USA                        | No              | \$93,428                                   | \$2,917                 | Renewal for 1 year | 12                    | \$35,000                       | 6/29/2025        | Network monitoring software. Critical to the business in monitoring network activity and network performance issues. |
| Contract_2020_00320 | Insight Public Sector                     | No              | \$2,007,606                                | \$350,000               | Renewal for 1 year | 12                    | \$4,200,000                    | 12/31/2025       | IT Infrastructure Software   |
| Contract_2020_00348 | Iron Mountain                             | No              | \$111,724                                  | \$1,000                 | Renew for 4 months | 4                     | \$4,000                        | 3/7/2025         | Data storage   |
| Contract_2023_00799 | Jonathan Baker                            | No              | \$99,975                                   | \$5,500                 | Renew for 2 years  | 24                    | \$66,000                       | 2/28/2027        | Medical record review services   |
| Contract_2020_00361 | Lazer Broadcasting Corporation            | Hispanic        | \$96,464                                   | \$250,000               | Renew for 5 years  | 60                    | \$3,000,000                    | 6/30/2029        | Print and Fulfillment Capability License   |
| Contract_2020_00366 | LinkedIn Corporation                      | No              | \$224,066                                  | \$3,000                 | Renew for 2 years  | 24                    | \$36,000                       | 12/3/2026        | Subscription for online business training (hard skills and soft skills) modules.                                     |
| Contract_2022_00743 | LTC Performance Strategies Inc.           | No              | \$75,360                                   | \$1,000                 | Renew for 1 year   | 12                    | \$12,000                       | 9/29/2025        | HR/ Compensation & salary benchmarking services  |
| Contract_2023_00805 | Madhavi Gupta                             | Woman-owned     | \$279,865                                  | \$5,000                 | Renew for 2 years  | 24                    | \$60,000                       | 9/30/2026        | Medical record review services   |
| Contract_2021_00598 | Manifest Medex                            | No              | \$503,461                                  | \$62,000                | Renew for 2 years  | 24                    | \$744,000                      | 2/14/2027        | IT software (Data sharing)   |
| Contract_2024_00878 | Milliman                                  | No              | \$50,000                                   | \$8,333                 | Renew for 3 years  | 36                    | \$100,000                      | 12/31/2027       | Actuarial services for development of the D-SNP program.   |
| Contract_2024_00891 | Moss Adams                                | No              | \$589,549                                  | \$15,000                | Renew for 1 year   | 12                    | \$180,000                      | 10/31/2025       | Finance auditor services   |
| Contract_2020_00527 | Multiview Corporation                     | No              | \$121,306                                  | \$3,500                 | Renew for 2 years  | 24                    | \$42,000                       | 8/31/2026        | General Ledger, Accounts/Payable, and Procurement software.  |
| Contract_2023_00780 | Navex Global, Inc.                        | No              | \$53,017                                   | \$1,667                 | Renew for 1 year   | 12                    | \$20,000                       | 2/9/2026         | Compliance software  |
| Contract_2023_00779 | Navex Global, Inc.                        | No              | \$72,007                                   | \$2,667                 | Renew for 1 year   | 12                    | \$32,000                       | 2/9/2026         | Risk Mgmt Compliance software  |
| Contract_2022_00759 | New Level Resources                       | Woman-owned     | \$39,634                                   | \$4,167                 | Renew for 1 year   | 12                    | \$50,000                       | 6/30/2029        | RPO Staffing, FTE hiring   |
| Contract_2022_00677 | OptumInsight, Inc.                        | No              | \$92,714                                   | \$2,583                 | Renew for 5 years  | 36                    | \$600,000                      | 10/25/2025       | New Business Process Outsorce Partner supporting Core Admin functions  |
| Contract_2022_00742 | Pajaro Consulting LLC                     | No              | \$458,892                                  | \$25,000                | Renew for 1 year   | 12                    | \$300,000                      | 6/30/2025        | Training and HR Support services   |
| Contract_2021_00668 | Perfect Gift, LLC                         | No              | \$2,292,583                                | \$125,000               | Renew for 3 years  | 36                    | \$1,500,000                    | 12/31/2027       | Optum Medical Editing, Pricing Software  |
| Contract_2024_00896 | Press Ganey Assoc.                        | No              | \$0  | \$5,000                 | Renew for 2 years  | 24                    | \$60,000                       | 6/30/2025        | Organization Transformation consulting services  |
| Contract_2020_00542 | Quest Analytics                           | No              | \$67,436                                   | \$12,750                | Renew for 3 years  | 36                    | \$153,000                      | 12/31/2027       | Gift cards used as incentives for members participation in completion of MCAS-related screenings and tests           |
| Contract_2020_00518 | Ryan, LLC dba Ryan Tax Compliance Svs LLC | No              | \$89,901                                   | \$8,000                 | Renew for 1 year   | 12                    | \$2,000                        | 2/28/2191        | Provider survey services   |
| Contract_2021_00659 | SAI360 Inc.                               | No              | \$111,696                                  | \$3,333                 | Renew for 1 year   | 12                    | \$40,000                       | 11/14/2025       | IT software - Provider geocoder software   |
| Contract_2023_00862 | Salesforce                                | No              | \$200,000                                  | \$83,333                | Renew for 5 years  | 60                    | \$1,000,000                    | 6/30/2029        | Abandoned and unclaimed property services  |
| Contract_2023_00856 | Simpledataabs inc dba Prophecy Inc.       | Asian Pacific   | \$161,627                                  | \$15,862                | Renew for 3 years  | 36                    | \$190,344                      | 9/30/2025        | Compliance 360 software licenses   |
| Contract_2021_00642 | Stacy Miller Public Affairs               | Woman-owned     | \$933,166                                  | \$30,000                | Renew for 1 year   | 12                    | \$360,000                      | 12/31/2025       | CRM Member Services platform License   |
|                     | TBI Consulting                            | Black           |  |                         | Renewal for 1 year | 12                    |                                | 6/30/2027        | IT Infrastructure Software   |
|                     |   |                 |  |                         | Renew for 3 years  | 36                    |                                | 6/30/2027        | Public relations services  |
|                     |   |                 |  |                         | Renew for 1 year   | 12                    |                                | 12/31/2025       | Annual contract for Chief Diversity Officer  |

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| Contract_2020_00458 | Tevora Business Solutions, Inc.         | Disabled Veteran | \$136,443                                  | \$2,917                 | Renewal for 1 year    | 12                    | \$35,000                       | 10/31/2025       | IT Infrastructure Software   |
| Contract_2021_00639 | The Finish Line                         | Woman-owned      | \$93,598                                   | \$12,500                | Renew for 3 years     | 36                    | \$150,000                      | 8/31/2027        | Communications services  |
|                     | Transaction Application Group           | No               |  | \$83,333                | Renew for 5 years     | 60                    | \$1,000,000                    | 6/30/2029        | Provider and Member Portal Capability License  |
|                     | TTEC                                    | No               |  | \$16,667                | Renew for 5 years     | 60                    | \$200,000                      | 6/30/2029        | Call Center Telephony Infrastructure   |
| Contract_2023_00844 | UpToDate, Inc.                          | No               | \$16,958                                   | \$9,000                 | Renew for 3 years     | 24                    | \$108,000                      | 6/30/2027        | Pharmacy software  |
| Contract_2022_00739 | Vendor Credentialing Svs LLC dba Symplr | No               | \$79,616                                   | \$3,333                 | Renew for 2 years     | 24                    | \$40,000                       | 9/13/2026        | Provider contracting and credentialing software  |
| Contract_2020_00475 | Vendor Credentialing Svs LLC dba Symplr | No               | \$271,654                                  | \$4,667                 | Renewal for 1 year    | 12                    | \$56,000                       | 1/31/2026        | Hosting services, contracting and credentialing software   |
| Contract_2023_00828 | Wellth Inc.                             | Asian Pacific    | \$1,169,785                                | \$575,290               | Renew for 2 years     | 24                    | \$6,903,480                    | 7/12/2026        | Behavioral economic-based member incentive vendor for managing those members with specific chronic conditions. |
| Contract_2022_00738 | Workday Inc.                            | No               | \$103,054                                  | \$5,583                 | Renew for 2 years     | 24                    | \$67,000                       | 9/30/2026        | Software used for budgeting administrative (non-medical) costs.  |
| Contract_2020_00476 | Xpedite Systems (Easylink) OpenText     | No               | \$371,625                                  | \$7,500                 | Renewal for 2.5 years | 18                    | \$7,500                        | 11/30/2025       | Fax software. Used for centralized provider and member fax receiving and distribution.                         |

**New Vendors / Contracts for Strategic Initiative (SI) Projects**

|                         |             |                |     |     |                      |     |           |     |   |
|-------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----|-----|----------------------|-----|-----------|-----|---|
| Communications          | TBD         | TBD            | N/A | N/A | New Contract Pending | TBD | \$120,000 | TBD | Rebranding Initiative with investment in media buying, managing campaigns and upgrade in website/digital capabilities |
| Compliance              | TBD         | TBD            | N/A | N/A | New Contract Pending | TBD | \$30,000  | TBD | Compliance Auditing software  |
| Continuous Improvement  | TBD         | TBD            | N/A | N/A | New Contract Pending | TBD | \$144,000 | TBD | Continuous Improvement Consultant: LEAN SixSigma capability to educate and streamline work processes.                 |
| Continuous Improvement  | TBD         | TBD            | N/A | N/A | New Contract Pending | TBD | \$50,000  | TBD | Enterprise Project Management tool that will bring visibility to all projects   |
| Culture and Recognition | BucketList  | TBD            | N/A | N/A | New Contract Pending | TBD | \$120,000 | TBD | Implementation of Recognition, Celebration and Work Anniversary program, with platform to manage and provide rewards  |
| Culture and Recognition | Co-Creation | Minority Owned | N/A | N/A | New Contract Pending | TBD | \$350,000 | TBD | Culture Transformation (Co-Creation). To enhance the work environment and overall performance of the organization     |
| D-SNP                   | TBD         | TBD            | N/A | N/A | New Contract Pending | TBD | \$150,000 | TBD | D-SNP: System continued configuration of Core Adimm, MMS, Provider Portal, CRM, Print & Fulfillment and Call Center   |
| D-SNP                   | PSG         | TBD            | N/A | N/A | New Contract Pending | TBD | \$600,000 | TBD | D-SNP: PBM Consultant to establish DSNP pharma operations   |
| D-SNP                   | TBD         | TBD            | N/A | N/A | New Contract Pending | TBD | \$70,000  | TBD | DSNP: PBM Vendor system configuration   |
| D-SNP                   | TBD         | TBD            | N/A | N/A | New Contract Pending | TBD | \$150,000 | TBD | DSNP: Consultant for CMS filings and bid (non-actuary)  |

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| D-SNP   | Milliman          | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$150,000                      | TBD              | DSNP: Finance/Actuality Consultant  |
| D-SNP   | BBK               | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$180,000                      | TBD              | DSNP: Legal and Regulatory Services and Filing  |
| D-SNP   | TBD               | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$40,000                       | TBD              | DSNP: Member materials, Enrollment and Communications Consultant to set up processes and do filings       |
| D-SNP   | TBD               | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$290,000                      | TBD              | DSNP: Core Admin, MMS and Provider Portal System Configuration Support BSA / PMI Consultants              |
| Finance of the Future                             | Moss Adams        | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$50,000                       | TBD              | Completion of Quality Improvement survey  |
| Finance of the Future                             | TBD               | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$112,500                      | TBD              | Workday HRIS Consultant to configure new process and systems  |
| Finance of the Future                             | TBD               | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$127,500                      | TBD              | Workday: Finance BA for gathering/documenting business requirements, UAT script development               |
| Finance of the Future                             | Workday Inc.      | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$280,000                      | TBD              | Finance and HRIS platform to improve efficiencies, accuracy and timeliness of reporting data.             |
| Finance of the Future                             | Workday Inc.      | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$163,000                      | TBD              | Finance and HRIS system license fees.   |
| Management of Provider Incentives and Performance | TBD               | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$150,000                      | TBD              | Consultant for Grant Program development and oversight  |
| Management of Provider Incentives and Performance | TBD               | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$10,000                       | TBD              | Grant program tracking software   |
| MCAS: Quality                                     | TMG               | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$200,000                      | TBD              | MCAS intervention of data processes related to MCAS and coding accuracy for diagnoses, design and support |
| MCAS: Quality                                     | TBD               | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$91,667                       | TBD              | MCAS: Targeted in home visits to close a variety of MCAS gaps in care                                     |
| MCAS: Quality                                     | ASH               | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$67,500                       | TBD              | MCAS: Self-test Kit Expansion COL, CHL, HBD   |
| MCAS: Quality                                     | Alinea            | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$50,000                       | TBD              | MCAS: Expansion of Mobile Mammogram and other Mobile Services   |
| MCAS: Quality                                     | CareNet           | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$600,000                      | TBD              | CareNet: MCAS Quality Outreach for WCV, CCS, BCS, and COL.  |
| MCAS: Quality                                     | TBD               | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$20,000                       | TBD              | MCAS: Benchmark and participate in Learning Collaboratives related to Quality/Community Care              |
| Member Experience                                 | TBD               | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$310,000                      | TBD              | Member Experience: CRM Configuration  |
| Member Experience                                 | Press Ganey Assoc | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$150,000                      | TBD              | Member: Journey and VOM consultants for focus groups, surveying and journey mapping                       |
| Member Experience                                 | Various           | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$120,000                      | TBD              | Contingent Labor for Community Care Events  |
| Model of Care                                     | Arlene            | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$1,000,000                    | TBD              | Chronic Disease Care Management   |



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| Model of Care                 | TBD: Solera                    | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$100,000                      | TBD              | Diabetes Management<br>Health Information Exchange (HIE) that is used by specific major provider systems to share ADT (Admission, Departure, Transfer) data from the hospital with GCHP. |
| Model of Care                 | Bamboo                         | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$88,000                       | TBD              | Cal-AIM requirement: Data exchange between entities (providers, vendors and other organizations)   |
| Model of Care                 | TBD                            | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$320,000                      | TBD              | Completion of MDW: Short-term data developers / consultants  |
| Modern Data Warehouse         | TBD                            | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$34,000                       | TBD              | Pre-Service Transition Support and HSP & Provider Portal Data  |
| OOIF - Continuous Improvement | Conduent                       | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$4,750,000                    | TBD              | Mailroom Operations - 6 months   |
| OOIF - Continuous Improvement | Conduent                       | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$600,000                      | TBD              | Mailroom Document Mgmt System Development and IT contingent labor  |
| OOIF - Continuous Improvement | TBD                            | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$900,000                      | TBD              | Enrollment Data, Testing, Training and PCP Assignments and Hypercare support   |
| OOIF - Continuous Improvement | Netmark                        | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$2,836,000                    | TBD              | Pre-Service Transition Support and Medica Management Data  |
| OOIF - Continuous Improvement | Medhok                         | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$500,000                      | TBD              | Hypercare: Post-Go-Live Support with IT and Operations Contingent Labor and Member Portal Development and OOTF Continuous Improvement Widgets  |
| OOIF - Continuous Improvement | Adecco (Akkodis) USA, Inc.     | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$2,070,000                    | TBD              | Implementation of Member Portal  |
| OOIF - Continuous Improvement | NIT Implementation Services    | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$1,000,000                    | TBD              | CRM New members services capabilities  |
| OOIF - Continuous Improvement | Salesforce                     | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$170,000                      | TBD              | CRM New members services capabilities  |
| OOIF - Continuous Improvement | Silver Implementation Services | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$150,000                      | TBD              | Contract Management System to build efficiencies and improve quality   |
| Provider Network Operations   | TBD                            | TBD             | N/A  | N/A                     | New Contract Pending | TBD                   | \$210,000                      | TBD              |  |



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**

TO: Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission  
FROM: Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer  
DATE: June 24, 2024  
SUBJECT: Discussion on Dignity's Notice of Contract Termination

**VERBAL REPORT**

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 6**

**TO:** Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission

**FROM:** Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer

**DATE:** June 24, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Report

On June 2, 2024, GCHP hosted its Family Day / Día de la Familia and Health Fair at Oxnard College. The Health Fair connected our community with care through numerous preventive health screenings and featured health education workshops, GCHP member orientations, community resources, and more. One of the event’s highlights was the entertainment where members enjoyed Zumba, cultural music and dancing. We would like to thank BBK for sponsoring the entertainment.

The event was successful in connecting members with care:

1. We closed 661 gaps in care at the event.
2. 437 members received at least one preventive screening.
3. We distributed \$21,000 in earned member incentives.

Members also won Fitbit activity trackers, bicycles, a television, and gift cards to local retailers.

We, along with our partners, administered the following screenings:

| <b>Screening</b>                             | <b>Organization</b>   |
|--|---|
| <b>Asthma Medication Ratio Education</b>     | Gold Coast Health Plan Team   |
| <b>HbA1c Self-Administered Test Kits</b>     | Livingston Memorial / Ash Wellness  |
| <b>Chlamydia Self-Administered Test Kits</b> | Ash Wellness / Ventura County Ambulatory Care   |
| <b>Blood Pressure Screenings</b>             | Livingston Memorial, Community Memorial, Ventura County Health Care Agency, Westminster Free Clinic |
| <b>Fluoride Varnish</b>                      | Sugarbug Dental & Clinicas del Camino Real  |
| <b>Brest Cancer Screenings</b>               | Alinea  |
| <b>Point of Care A1C</b>                     | Ventura County Health Care agency   |

We would like to thank the following providers and community partners for participating at the event:

| <b>Partner / Providers</b>                                       |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Ventura County Health Care Agency                             | 16. First 5   |
| 2. Ventura County Human Services Agency                          | 17. Clinicas del Camino Real                              |
| 3. Ventura County Behavioral Health: Substance Abuse Program     | 17. Child Development Resources                           |
| 4. Ventura County Public Health (VCPH): Cal Fresh Healthy Living | 18. Carelon   |
| 5. VCPH: Chronic Disease Prevention Zumba                        | 19. Promotoras y Promotores Foundation                    |
| 6. VCPH: Tobacco Education Prevention Program                    | 20. Community Action of Ventura County                    |
| 7. VCPH: Women, Infants, and Children                            | 21. Mixteco Indigena Community Organizing Project (MICOP) |
| 8. VCPH: Communicable Disease                                    | 22. Tri-Counties  |
| 9. VCPH: Immunizations   | 23. Every Woman Counts                                    |
| 9. Ventura County-California Children Services                   | 24. Oxnard Police Activities League                       |
| 10. VCPH: Oral Health and Regional Health Equity team            | 25. Westminster Free Clinic                               |
| 11.VCPH: Opioid Prevention Program                               | 26. Rainbow Connection                                    |
| 12. VCPH: HIV Program  | 27. National Health Foundation                            |
| 13. Ventura County: Child Support                                |   |
| 14. Planned Parenthood   |   |
| 15. El Concilio  |   |

The health fair proved to be an effective way to close care gaps and connect members with care and we look forward to working with our providers and partners on future health fairs.

## **I. External Affairs**

### **A. Federal Affairs**

#### **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Hosts National Health Equity Conference**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) hosted its second annual [Health Equity Conference](#) on May 29-30, convening leaders in health equity from federal and local agencies, health provider organizations, academia, community-based organizations, and others. The two-day conference weaved the theme “Sustaining Health Equity Through Action” through a variety of sessions. GCHP’s Government Relations Team virtually attended the plenary sessions and several panel discussions.

Throughout the conference, coalition building, leveraging work that is already underway, and the need for appropriate data collection and exchange were common themes that underscore the collaborative approach needed to address health equity. California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) was a topic in several panels where the use of Section 1115 Waivers has helped the state cover a spectrum of services including food and medicine interventions. CalAIM highlighted the need for data and collaboration by citing efforts to create universal Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes for food by working with other states that cover similar supports, allowing more uniformity and better data to support and understand the utilization of the benefit. Other discussions included the need to ensure the aging population is included in health equity efforts, as they are often overlooked and face the biggest inequalities, and promoting hiring from the community and those with lived experiences when addressing the needs of those transitioning from the justice system.

Advancing health equity is a priority at the national, state, and local level including state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) efforts to require managed care plans (MCPs) to create a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion [training program](#) that encompasses sensitivity, diversity, cultural competency and cultural humility, and health equity trainings for all MCP staff, and network providers. GCHP is currently working on the development of the DEI training program in accordance with the requirements that must be fully implemented by Dec. 2025.

#### **Congress Discusses Health Care Issues in Committee Hearings; Facing Spending Cliffs in Early 2025**

In advance of the August recess, U.S. Legislators are continuing to work on various aspects of health care. Much of the health care related work will continue in Committees with the Senate floor focused on messaging items and nominations and the House working on appropriations bills as its key focus. In early June, the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) held a hearing on women’s reproductive health – a continued area of focus for Democrats in advance of the November election. The House

Energy and Commerce Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee held a hearing on the 340B prescription drug pricing program, and the House Oversight Select Subcommittee invited Dr. Anthony Fauci to testify on the coronavirus pandemic.

While it is unlikely we will see any large health care related actions from Congress before the November election, several spending deadlines are set to coincide in early 2025, creating the potential for another round of potential shutdowns. The deadline to raise the debt ceiling is in early 2025, followed by the expiration at the end of next year of Trump-era tax cuts and spending caps that dictate the budgets for the military and other federal agencies. The ability to resolve these issues is largely dependent on the outcome of the November election.

## **B. Redetermination Update**

The Institute for Medicaid Innovation (IMI) shared [findings](#) from their national Redetermination Survey, in which GCHP participated. The survey represents health plan data from almost every state with Medicaid Managed Care and provides insights on redetermination impacts, including plan forecasting, outreach strategies, and data sharing. The survey found that when preparing for the commencement of the redetermination process and projecting anticipated disenrollments, most plans tended to project higher disenrollments than were actually realized. For example, at the beginning of redeterminations, 50% of surveyed plans estimated that a third of their membership would be disenrolled when in actuality, only 6-15% of their members disenrolled. The survey noted that outreach methods varied widely and included many different and creative approaches; the five most successful outreach strategies were:

- Texting
- Calling
- Letters / Postcards
- Collaborating with Community Health Centers on patient outreach
- Updating enrollee contact information in advance of redetermination

GCHP implemented numerous proactive strategies to inform members of the need to submit renewal information, including all of the strategies listed above.

According to the most recent data available, the Kaiser Family Foundation [Unwinding Tracker](#) reports that as of May 23, 2024, at least 22.3 million Medicaid enrollees have been disenrolled from coverage. There continues to be wide variation in disenrollment rates across states, ranging from 55% in Utah and Idaho to 13% in Maine. **California's disenrollment rate is 22%**. Efforts including the implementation of federal waivers and the increase in ex parte renewals have improved the redetermination process, but procedural reasons continue to be the primary reason for disenrollment. DHCS noted that ex parte renewals now account for 65% of redeterminations compared to 30% in December.

The DHCS March [2024 March Unwinding Dashboard](#) reports that the March disenrollment rate was 12% both statewide and in Ventura County. Statewide, 80% of disenrollments are due to procedural reasons; 76% of Ventura County's disenrollments are due to procedural

reasons. The final group of GCHP members received redetermination notices in May; this final cohort of members undergoing redetermination have until Aug. 2024 to provide all necessary information for eligibility determination. A final redetermination report will be shared with the Commission at the August meeting.

## **C. State Regulatory Update**

### **DHCS Hosts Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory Committee**

DHCS held a Stakeholder Advisory Committee and Behavioral Health Stakeholder Advisory Committee that included a discussion with DHCS Director Michelle Baass on the recent budget activity. In response to the May budget revision, known as the May Revise, the committee members expressed concerns with the Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax. Director Baass was largely positive regarding the budget and noted the Early Action Budget Agreement that is currently pending CMS approval, will generate \$1.5 billion in additional revenue. The committee members covered a variety of issues ranging from the MCO Tax to data sharing, redeterminations, the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI), Behavioral Health Services Act, and the Health Equity Roadmap.

DHCS shared its vision for a statewide data exchange, including how the Data Exchange Framework (DxF) will create new connections and efficiencies between health and social services providers, improving whole-person care in conjunction with the state's Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) that requires the secure and appropriate exchange of health and human services information. GCHP signed the DSA and complies with the requirements of the DxF that went live for many stakeholders on Jan. 31, 2024. DHCS also discussed the CMS Interoperability Patient Access and Prior Authorization Rules and the CalAIM Data Sharing Authorization Guidance (DSAG). All of these data efforts seek to enable providers to work together and improve individuals' health and wellbeing.

Stakeholders also discussed the issues facing children and youth behavioral health and cited concerns with budget limitations that could impact funding. DHCS shared overviews of several behavioral health initiatives and programs and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) encouraged stakeholders to continue to consider Community Health Workers and Promotores in their work in the community. The next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2024.

### **Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program Transition to MCPs**

In alignment with the CalAIM goal to reduce administrative complexities and as authorized by [SB 184](#), DHCS is sunsetting and/or fully transitioning components of the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program that already exist in other Medi-Cal delivery systems. The CHDP Program transition was finalized and released in March 2024; the transition must be completed by July 1, 2024. DHCS is asking MCPs to work with their counties on the CHDP Transition, which includes the following components:

- Children's Presumptive Eligibility

- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT)
- Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care
- CHDP – Childhood Lead Poisoning & Prevention Program
- Newborn Hearing Screening Program

Historically, local CHDP programs provided EPSDT screenings and preventive services; both Medi-Cal fee-for-service and managed care plans are already required to comply with the EPSDT screening and treatment services. GCHP is participating in discussions with the county and may leverage county training materials as part of the transition implementation.

### **DHCS Proposes Charging MCPs to Administer the CYBHI Fee Schedule**

As part of CYBHI, DHCS is expanding access to school-based (or school-linked) behavioral health services provided to students at a school site. Specifically, DHCS, in collaboration with the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) and California Department of Insurance, is establishing a statewide multi-payer school-linked fee schedule to reimburse school-linked providers for the provision of specified outpatient mental health and substance use disorder services furnished to students 25 years of age or younger at a school site. DHCS contracted with a third-party administrator (TPA), Carelon Behavioral Health, to administer the school-linked statewide behavioral health provider network. The first cohort is set to go live in July 2024.

DHCS recently released trailer bill language (TBL) that proposes to charge MCPs a “reasonable” fee to support the TPA contract with Carelon Behavioral Health. The TPA must create and administer a process for enrolling and credentialing all eligible practitioners seeking to enroll and for the submission and reimbursement of claims eligible to be reimbursed. The proposed fee underscores the ongoing budget issues facing the state and how DHCS is looking for alternate funding mechanisms to support program implementation. The proposal is strongly opposed by MCPs and GCHP is working with its trade association, Local Health Plans of California (LHPC), to secure amendments that limits plans’ financial impact and provides protections for MCPs’ existing relationships with Local Education Agencies (LEAs). GCHP’s Government Relations Team will continue to provide updates as discussions on the proposed language continue.

### **DHCS Removes Barriers to Accessing Community Health Worker (CHW) Services in the Emergency Department (ED)**

DHCS released [APL 24-006](#), Community Health Worker (CHW) Services Benefit, that adds requirements for the provision of CHW services during Emergency Department (ED) visits, including streamlining network provider enrollment requirements and updating documentation requirements. Specifically, the APL requires MCPs to have a billing pathway for providers, including contracted hospitals, to submit claims for CHW services provided during an ED visit. Additionally, for CHW services rendered in the ED, the treating provider may verbally



recommend CHWs to initiate services and later document the recommendation in the Member's record or the record of the ED visit.

These updates to the CHW Services Benefit will facilitate more timely access to care when members are in the ED and ensure there is a billing pathway for CHW services provided during an ED visit. The CHW Services Benefit changes are consistent with broader efforts, such as CMS' recent Access Rule, that seek to address access to care and ensure services are received in a timely manner.

### **Dual-Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNP) Updates**

GCHP's Government Relations Team attended several calls for the CalAIM Managed Long-Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) & Duals Integration Workgroup and Dual Special Need Plan (D-SNP) learning series. The call focused on default enrollment and the 2024 Exclusively Aligned Enrollment (EAE) D-SNP Default Enrollment Pilot project. As aligned with federal rules and current national trends, California's 2024 EAE D-SNP Default Enrollment Pilot initiative allows D-SNPs to enroll newly dual-eligible members of their managed care plan into their affiliated D-SNP. This is a statewide preliminary program that has launched in two counties (San Mateo and San Diego) with three Medi-Medi Plans.

The call also highlighted how dual-eligible beneficiaries are likely to align with one or more of following populations of focus:

- Adults Experiencing Homelessness
- Adults at Risk for Avoidable Hospital or ED Utilization
- Adults with Serious Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Needs
- Adults Transitioning from Incarceration
- Adults Living in the Community and At Risk for Long-Term Care Institutionalization
- Adult Nursing Facility Residents Transitioning to the Community

The 2024 EAE D-SNP pilot program aims to ensure access to care and services is not disrupted, reduce the administrative workload for eligible enrollees, and promote increased care coordination for the most vulnerable Californians. Based on the findings from the pilot program, the state may choose to expand the initiative in other counties.

The 2024 D-SNP learning series call on provider network and reimbursement considerations hosted by LHPC addressed stakeholder confusion with the Medicare network adequacy requirements for D-SNPs as well as best practices for building provider capacity. The D-SNP learning series call also provided best practices and strategies for network adequacy evaluation and improvement including encouraging plans to leverage existing networks to predict enrollment, review accessibility in service areas to address coverage gaps, and develop targeted reimbursement and profit-sharing approaches to maximize provider enrollment. Moreover, plans should collaborate with community-based organizations to address the social determinants of health as well as review member feedback and provider

performance data for network improvement. Communication with members, providers, and DHCS/CMS is key for D-SNP approval and network adequacy.

To learn more, DHCS has released the [CY 2025 D-SNP Policy Guide](#), which provides key guidance for CY2025 EAE D-SNPs.

## **D. State Legislative Update**

### **2024-25 State Budget**

Last month, Governor Newsom released the updated 2024-25 budget proposal, known as the “May Revise.” The revised budget proposal put forwards a total state budget of \$288 billion (\$200.9 billion GF) for 2024-25 and slightly reduces General Fund (GF) health and human services expenditures (\$70.1 billion GF) by 4.7% compared to 2023-24. To address the existing \$27.6 billion budget shortfall, the Administration opted for various one-time and ongoing funding solutions, including reserve withdrawals, funding reductions, expansion pauses and shifts, and revenue and internal borrowing.

Notably, the Administration proposes to eliminate In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) coverage for undocumented Californians, as well as amend the MCO tax. The Administration proposes to expand the MCO tax to include health plan Medicare revenue in the revenue limit calculation, as well as reduce \$6.7 billion from Medi-Cal provider rate increases, Graduate Medical Education, and the Medi-Cal labor workforce over the next few years to alleviate the strain on the GF.

On May 29, 2024, the Legislature released a draft joint legislative budget agreement after a deal was reached between the state Senate and Assembly leaders. In this proposal, the Legislature puts forward a balanced budget that contains a total of \$46.9 billion in solutions for 2024-25 and \$29.8 billion for 2025-26 to reduce the budget shortfall. The proposed measures to address the budget deficit in 2024-25 include reductions (\$16.6 billion), revenues (\$10.6 billion), delays (\$5.6 billion), fund shifts (\$7.2 billion), deferrals (\$1.6 billion), and reserves (\$5.3 billion). For 2025-26, the Legislature proposes \$11.6 billion in reductions, \$7.8 billion in revenues, \$0.6 billion in delays, \$1.8 billion in fund shifts, \$0.5 billion in deferrals, and \$7.4 billion in reserves.

The Legislature’s budget deal rejects the Administration’s proposed amended MCO tax proposal to backfill the Medi-Cal GF and opposes proposed cuts to core public health programs. Specifically, the Legislature rejects the May Revise proposal to eliminate the \$2.4 billion provider health investments, including targeted provider rate increases, and rather, opts to delay the new provider investments to 2026. With the Administration’s proposed MCO shifts, provider rate increases will be limited as the majority of the MCO tax revenue is allocated as a GF budget solution. With the Legislature’s recent budget agreement, new health investments from the currently enacted MCO tax will be protected to expand the Medi-Cal provider network and maintain the Medi-Cal delivery system, including protecting targeted provider rate increases in future years.

The Legislature's budget agreement rejects the Administration's reductions to essential state initiatives including CalWORKs, the developmental services rate increases, foster care, and IHSS to protect access to care and services for the most vulnerable Californians. Further, The Legislature's budget plan uses less state reserves overall than the Governor's May proposal and relies on programmatic cuts and reductions to achieve a balanced budget. The Legislature's proposal implements key budgeting reforms to bolster the ability of the state to address future economic downturns. The Legislature proposes to increase the size of California's Rainy-Day Fund by 10% and create a new fund, the Projected Surplus Temporary Holding Account, to store future state surpluses and utilize those funds during the years of economic decline.

GCHP's Government Relations Team has attended numerous hearings on the MCO tax as well as other DHCS budget proposals for 2024-25 and our trade association, LHPC, testified in April 2024 that managed care plans are highly supportive of the MCO tax and how the tax revenue must be reinvested in the Medi-Cal program to help expand the provider network and bolster timely access to care. The budget is a working document and requires a three-party agreement (Administration, Senate, and Assembly) to be chaptered into law. Through state constitutional mandate, the Legislature must pass a balanced budget by June 15. GCHP's Government Relations Team will continue to provide updates as they become available.

### **Development of Outreach and Education Approval Standards**

As a result of low utilization of Medi-Cal non-specialty mental health services, California enacted [SB 1019](#) (2021-22), which requires MCPs to create and administer annual outreach and education to members and providers about covered mental health benefits using culturally and linguistically appropriate standards by Jan. 1, 2025. In developing the outreach and education plan, MCPs must incorporate feedback from local stakeholders, tribal partners, and their Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to ensure that outreach represents diverse racial and ethnic communities. Additionally, outreach and education plans must list multiple points of contact for members to access non-specialty mental health benefits such as the MCP contact information and DHCS ombudsman.

Due to legislative statute, SB 1019 has a highly expeditious timeline as outreach and education plans are due to DHCS for review in Sept. 2024. DHCS will release the final APL on Non-Specialty Mental Health Services: Member Outreach, Education, and Experience Requirements in the upcoming weeks to better clarify MCP responsibilities. Once the final APL is released, GCHP will be responsible for facilitating stakeholder and tribal partner meetings and consulting with members to develop the outreach and education plan and submit the documents to the state for approval. Once DHCS reviews and approves GCHP's outreach and education plan, GCHP must implement the approved plan by Jan. 1, 2025.

## State Legislative Activity

Below is a list of priority bills that GCHP’s Government Relations Team is currently tracking. This list will continue to be updated as bills move through the legislative process.

| Bill Title  | Summary   | GCHP Potential Impact(s)   |
|---|---|--|
| <p><a href="#"><u>AB 236:</u></a><br/><i>Provider Directories</i></p>                           | <p>AB 236 mandates health care plans to ensure provider directories are up-to-date and accurate on an annual basis. Plans will be mandated to delete inaccurate information and ensure their directory is 60% accurate by July 1, 2025, and 95% accurate by July 1, 2028. Beginning July 1, 2025, plans are required to remove providers from the directory if plans have not financially compensated that provider in the prior year, with some limited exceptions. Failure to meet deadlines and inaccurate provider listings will result in monetary penalties for the plans.</p>                                  | <p>Plans have concerns with how the 95% accuracy threshold will be determined, given the numerous components that must be included in the provider directory. LHPC is currently in discussions with the state Senate Committee on Health to address these issues.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> AB 236 has passed in the Assembly and was referred to the Senate Committee on Health on May 1, 2024.</p>   |
| <p><a href="#"><u>AB 2466:</u></a> <i>Medi-Cal Managed Care: Network Adequacy Standards</i></p> | <p>AB 2466 increases network adequacy standards and oversight. A Medi-Cal managed care plan would be considered non-compliant with network adequacy requirements if less 85% of Network Providers had an appointment available within the appointment time standards or the state is provided information that the plan did not deliver timely or accessible health care to members. Additionally, the bill would require annual renewal and approval of previously approved alternative access standards. If a plan is found noncompliant, plans may face contract termination or the consequences of sanctions.</p> | <p>LHPC has taken an oppose unless amended position and noted how the 85% threshold conflicts with the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) appointment time standards, as outlined in APL 23-018 and also limits the ability of DHCS to implement recommendations from the <i>Children Enrolled in Medi-Cal Face Challenges in Accessing Behavioral Health Care</i> audit report.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> AB 2466 is currently held under submission in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations.</p> |

| Bill Title  | Summary  | GCHP Potential Impact(s)   |
|---|--|--|
| <p><a href="#"><u>AB 3275:</u></a><br/><i>Health Care Coverage: Claim Reimbursement</i></p> | <p>AB 3275 would require a health plan to reimburse a claim no later than 15 workdays after receipt of the claim and notify the provider within 15 days if the claim is contested or denied. The health plan has 15 days after additional information is submitted to reconsider the claim. To ensure plan compliance, the bill includes interest of 15% per year.</p> <p>AB 3275 requires DMHC and/or California Department of Insurance to develop a categorical list of claims that a health plan is required to pay within a five-day timeframe after receipt of the claim including emergency care levels, skilled nursing facility care, and labor and delivery.</p> | <p>LHPC submitted a letter of opposition and continues to negotiate this bill with the author / Assembly Speaker to seek amendments that would expedite payment timelines for clean claims while lessening the impact on local health plans.</p> <p>There are ongoing conversations between the Legislature, the California Association of Health Plans (CAHP), and LHPC on proposed amendments to the bill.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> AB 3275 was referred to the Senate Committee on Health on May 29, 2024.</p>   |
| <p><a href="#"><u>AB 815:</u></a> <i>Health Care Coverage: Provider Credentials</i></p>     | <p>AB 815 mandates the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) to develop and maintain a provider credentialing board to certify public and private entities and credential providers instead of a health care plan's credentialing process.</p> <p>This bill would require health plans to accept an authorized credential from a board-certified entity, eliminate the ability of a plan to impose other requirements, and mandate plans to administer payment to the board-certified entity.</p>  | <p>This bill was initially proposed to create a centralized provider credentialing system. LHPC, CAHP, and other stakeholders expressed opposition, shared concerns, and worked with the sponsors to amend the bill. The bill now proposes creating a standardized provider credentialing form. The amended language is a positive development for plans; however there are still some concerns regarding how the standardized form will take into account credentialing requirements for other lines of business, such as Medicare. GCHP continues to provide feedback on proposed amendments.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> AB 815 was referred to the Senate Committee on Health on June 7, 2024.</p> |

| Bill Title  | Summary  | GCHP Potential Impact(s)  |
|---|--|---|
| <p><a href="#"><u>AB 1975</u></a>: <i>Medi-Cal: Medically Supportive Food and Nutrition Interventions</i></p> | <p>Subject to federal approval and final guidance from DHCS, AB 1975 would make medically supportive food and nutrition interventions a covered Medi-Cal benefit through both the fee-for-service and managed care delivery systems beginning July 1, 2026.</p>  | <p>Although GCHP currently offers medically supportive food for individuals that have recently been hospitalized for diabetes or congestive heart failure-related reasons within the past 30 days, this bill would require GCHP to provide medically supportive food and nutrition interventions for up to 12 weeks if found medically necessary for a member.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> AB 1975 was referred to the Senate Committee on Health on May 29, 2024.</p>  |
| <p><a href="#"><u>SB 516</u></a>: <i>Health Care Coverage: Prior Authorization</i></p>                        | <p>SB 516 restricts a health care plan or insurer from requiring a contracted provider to acquire prior authorization (PA) for covered services if the plan or insurer approved or would have approved a minimum of 90% of all PA requests in the last one-year contract period.</p> <p>The bill also creates standards for the PA exemption and outlines details for process, rescission, and appeal. SB 516 allows the plan or insurer to examine the continuation of exemption once every 12 months and rescind an exemption at the end of the 12-month period if certain conditions are met.</p> | <p>If enacted, SB 516 will require GCHP to align PA protocols with the revised state and federal requirements. GCHP will continue to monitor federal and state PA requirements as there continues to be an increased focus on streamlining the process for enrollees.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> There are ongoing conversations with the Administration, Legislature, and LHPC to address concerns with this bill and ensure it aligns with MCP processes. The California Medical Association (CMA) has proposed various amendments, including allowing plans to petition DHCS to reinstitute PA of a covered service depending on increased utilization.</p> |

| Bill Title   | Summary  | GCHP Potential Impact(s)  |
|--|--|---|
| <p><u><a href="#">SB 1120</a></u>:<br/><i>Health Care Coverage: Utilization Review</i></p> | <p>SB 1120 would require that health plans follow certain requirements when using artificial intelligence (AI) and other types of software tools for utilization management.</p> <p>The bill would mandate that all AI and software tools be equitably applied, based upon individual clinical circumstances and enrollee medical history, not engage in discriminatory practices, and be governed by accountability and reliability policies.</p> | <p>AI is a growing concern in the health care industry; discussions have been ongoing at the state and federal level surrounding how to use AI and reduce the administrative workloads for providers, enrollees, and plans.</p> <p><i>Status:</i> SB 1120 was referred to the Assembly Committee on Health on June 3, 2024.</p> |

### E. Community Relations: Sponsorships

Through its sponsorship program, GCHP continues to support the efforts of community-based organizations in Ventura County to help Medi-Cal members and other vulnerable populations. The following organizations were awarded in May 2024:

| Organization                                      | Description   | Amount         |
|---|---|----------------|
| <p>Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County</p> | <p>The mission of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County (BBSVC) is to build and professionally support one-on-one youth mentoring relationships to ignite the power and promise of youth. GCHP’s sponsorship will help support the “Emerald Sock Hop” event to raise funds for youth programs that serve more than 1,000+ youth in Ventura County.</p> | <p>\$1,000</p> |
| <p>Boys and Girls Club of Santa Clara Valley</p>  | <p>The Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Santa Clara Valley provides physically and emotionally safe spaces for our community’s youth. GCHP’s sponsorship will support their annual “Golf Classic” fundraising event to raise operational funds for the communities of Fillmore, Piru and Santa Paula.</p>  | <p>\$1,000</p> |

| Organization  | Description  | Amount  |
|---|--|---------|
| Cancer Support Community Valley / Ventura / Santa Barbara | The mission of Cancer Support Community Valley / Ventura / Santa Barbara is to ensure that all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community. GCHP's sponsorship will help support the "5K Hope Walk," a family friendly, community event that promotes awareness and education about cancer while raising critical funds.      | \$1,000 |
| For the Troops  | For The Troops is a volunteer-run non-profit organization dedicated to providing members of the American military with 'We Care' packages containing basic necessities. GCHP's sponsorship will support their annual "Heroes' Golf Tournament" that raises funds to continue their programs.   | \$1,000 |
| Forever Found   | Forever Found's mission is to prevent, rescue and restore child trafficking victims in Ventura County. GCHP's sponsorship will help support their "14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Forever Found Freedom Gala" to raise awareness to their efforts. Funds raised will provide the necessary financial support for the more than 100 child survivors.   | \$1,000 |
| Juneteenth Celebration of Ventura County*                 | The Juneteenth Celebration fosters cross-cultural understanding and awareness of Black heritage, history, and freedom from enslavement. GCHP's sponsorship will help support and continue to fund their education and celebration of Black Heritage.<br><br>*Sponsored by GCHP's Chief Diversity Officer, Ted Bagley   | \$1,000 |
| Oxnard Housing Authority                                  | Established in 1945, the Oxnard Housing Authority (OHA) owns and operates 520 units of federally subsidized low-income public housing. GCHP's sponsorship supports OHA's third annual scholarship program for students receiving housing assistance in the Public Housing and Section 8 Program that are attending either a four-year university, community college, or vocational school. | \$1,000 |



| Organization  | Description  | Amount  |
|---|--|---------|
| Promotoras & Promotores Foundation                        | The Promotoras & Promotores Foundation advocates for individuals and families to obtain appropriate health care and education, and other community services. GCHP's sponsorship will help support Binational Health Week - Wellness and Informational Resource Fair.   | \$3,500 |
| Rebozo Festival   | The Rebozo Festival is a benefit event established to raise funds for Ventura County non-profit charitable organizations focusing on the cultural, social, and educational needs of the community. GCHP's sponsorship provided funding to continue to support non-profit organizations in Ventura County.  | \$1,000 |
| Ventura County Community Foundation – Sergeant Helus Fund | Established in 1987, the Ventura County Community Foundation specialize in connecting philanthropic resources with community needs, including scholarships and community grants. GCHP's sponsorship supports the "Sergeant Ron Helus Ride For The Blue," an annual event that brings motorcycle riders together from Southern California and raises funds for equipment, wellness training and support for first responders. | \$1,000 |
| Sugarbug Dental and Orthodontics                          | Sugarbug Dental are community leaders in pediatric dentistry with offices in Oxnard and Camarillo. Sugarbug partnered with GCHP and other community leaders and dentists to provide dental screenings and fluoride varnish applications to kids at the GCHP Family Day and Health Fair. GCHP's sponsorship funded materials to provide dental health screenings to members and the community.                                | \$1,822 |
| Rainbow Connection – Tri Counties                         | Rainbow Connection is a Family Resource Center in Ventura County that serves people with developmental disabilities / special needs and their families. GCHP's sponsorship will go toward their "2nd Annual Down Syndrome Walk and Luncheon." The purpose of this event is to offer a fun environment to socialize, educate families, and connect them with resources and programs.  | \$1,000 |

| Organization            | Description  | Amount          |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Westminster Free Clinic | Westminster Free Clinic's mission is to strengthen the capacity of Ventura County's uninsured, working-poor individuals and their families to thrive by providing free health care and health-supporting services, meeting immediate needs, and serving as a training site for students to explore careers in health care. GCHP's sponsorship will go toward their "Healthy Return to School Events." The goal of these annual events is to distribute backpacks filled with school supplies, oral health kits, books, and other resources to Ventura County low-income Latino children. | \$4,500         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            |  | <b>\$19,822</b> |

#### F. Community Relations: Community Meetings and Events

In May, the Community Relations team participated in 17 events, provided presentations about GCHP benefits and services, partnered with community-based organizations to host health fairs, and hosted the "Family Day and Health Fair" event. The purpose of these events is to connect with members and community partners to raise awareness about benefits and services and connect members with care.

| <b>Food Distributions</b>  |              |
|--|--------------|
| GCHP's Community Relations Team was onsite at these food distributions to provide resources and answer questions about Medi-Cal renewals.  |              |
| Organization   | Date         |
| Sacred Hearts of Ventura County  | May 8, 2024  |
| New Creations Church   | May 15, 2024 |
| Samaritan Center   | May 16, 2024 |
| Help of Ojai   | May 22, 2024 |
| <b>Collaborative Meeting</b>   |              |
| The collaborative meeting engages community-based organizations in the sharing of resources, announcements, and upcoming community events. |              |
| Oxnard Collaborative   | June 5, 2024 |
| Strengthening Families Collaborative   |              |

| <b>Community Events</b>  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| School events allow parents / guardians to connect with the school and engage with community organizations. Participants learned about community resources.  |                  |
| Rio Mesa Health Fair   | May 1, 2024      |
| Oxnard College De-stress Wellness event  | May 2, 2024      |
| Ocean View Jr. High Resource Fair  | May 2, 2024      |
| Cesar Chavez English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) meeting  | May 3, 2024      |
| Hueneme High School Resource Fair  | May 23, 2024     |
| District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC) meeting at Ventura County Office of Education   | May 29, 2024     |
| <b>Health Fairs</b>  |                  |
| Goodwill Job Fair<br><br>In collaboration with Livingston Memorial, GCHP offered blood pressure screenings to members and provided information about GCHP's benefits and services.   | May 9, 2024      |
| BUD ranch – Celery Ranch<br><br>In collaboration with Livingston Memorial, GCHP offered blood pressure screenings for farmworkers and connected uninsured individuals with partnered agencies to process Medi-Cal applications.  | May 7 & 22, 2024 |
| Fillmore School District Health Fair<br><br>In collaboration with Livingston Memorial, GCHP offered blood pressure screenings and asthma medication ratio education to members and provided information about GCHP's benefits and services.  | May 18, 2024     |
| GCHP Family Day and Health Fair<br><br>In collaboration with Livingston Memorial, CMH, Ventura County Public Health, and Clinicas del Camino Real, members received medical screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, chlamydia, mammograms, dental screenings and fluoride varnish applications, and asthma medication education. | June 2, 2024     |

| Conference   |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <p>Metamorphosis Mental Health Conference</p> <p>Promotoras and Promotores Foundation hosted a mental health conference that focused on suicide prevention. The health education staff and GCHP partner for behavioral health services, Carelon, participated and provided information on mental health resources.</p> | <p>May 31, 2024</p> |

### **G. Community Relations: Community Insight Coalition**

The Community Insight Coalition identifies and addresses barriers members may have when accessing care and community resources. The goal of the coalition is to work together to address shared challenges to strengthen our community.

In May, the group discussed:

- Senate Bill 1016: Latino and Indigenous Disparities Reduction Act – How to reach out to local representatives and show support for this bill.
- Resources for uninsured individuals.
- Upcoming community events.

The Community Relations team also provided an update on the community care project and the Family Day and Health Fair. Additionally, GCHP’s Wellness and Prevention Program Manager, Rob Davenport, provided an overview presentation about the member incentive program through Wellth.

The next coalition meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2024.

## II. PLAN OPERATIONS

### A. Membership

|        | VCMC   | CLINICAS | CMH    | DIGNITY | PCP-OTHER | ADMIN MEMBERS | NOT ASSIGNED |
|--------|--------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|---------------|--------------|
| May-24 | 97,375 | 53,080   | 34,367 | 7,125   | 5,023     | 48,620        | 2,727        |
| Apr-24 | 97,121 | 52,693   | 34,451 | 7,122   | 5,054     | 48,786        | 3,499        |
| Mar-24 | 95,346 | 53,767   | 34,660 | 7,106   | 5,169     | 49,599        | 3,359        |

#### NOTE:

Unassigned members are those who have not been assigned to a Primary Care Provider (PCP) and have 30 days to choose one. If a member does not choose a PCP, GCHP will assign one to them.

#### Administrative Member Details

| Category  | May 2024 |
|---|----------|
| Total Administrative Members  | 48,620   |
| Share of Cost (SOC)   | 610      |
| Long-Term Care (LTC)  | 706      |
| Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP)  | 27       |
| Hospice (REST-SVS)  | 25       |
| Out of Area (Not in Ventura County)   | 300      |
|   |          |
| DUALS (A, AB, ABD, AD, B, BD)   | 27,134   |
| Commercial Other Health Insurance (OHI) (Removing Medicare, Medicare Retro Billing, and Null) | 21,223   |

#### NOTE:

The total number of members will not add up to the total number of Administrative Members, as members can be represented in multiple boxes. For example, a member can be both Share of Cost and Out of Area. They would be counted in both boxes.

## **METHODOLOGY**

Administrative members for this report were identified as anyone with active coverage with the benefit code ADM01. Additional criteria follows:

1. Share of Cost (SOC-AMT) > zeros
  - a. AID Code is not 6G, 0P, 0R, 0E, 0U, H5, T1, T3, R1 or 5L
2. LTC members identified by AID codes 13, 23, and 63.
3. BCCTP members identified by AID codes 0M, 0N, 0P, and 0W.
4. Hospice members identified by the flag (REST-SVS) with values of 900, 901, 910, 911, 920, 921, 930, or 931.
5. Out of Area members were identified by the following zip codes:
  - a. Ventura Zip Codes include: 90265, 91304, 91307, 91311, 91319-20, 91358-62, 91377, 93000-12, 93015-16, 93020-24, 93030-36, 93040-44, 93060-66, 93094, 93099, 93225, 93252
  - b. If no residential address, the mailing address is used for this determination.
6. Other commercial insurance was identified by a current record of commercial insurance for the member.

## **B. Provider Contracting Update**

### **Provider Network Contracting Initiatives**

Provider Network Operations (PNO)

### **Regulatory / Audit Updates**

Provider Network Operations (PNO), in collaboration with Compliance, IT, and Member Services, completed the Network Adequacy Validation (NAV) audit with no preliminary findings. NAV is a federal audit focusing on provider network adequacy, required by the state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Moving forward, it will be an annual audit. GCHP submitted supporting documentation in May and participated in virtual interviews June 4-5.

### **California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Update**

The Ventura County Health Care Agency (VCHCA) notified GCHP that as of June 30, 2024, it will no longer support the following CalAIM Community Supports services:

- Medically Supportive Food
- Personal Care and Homemaker
- Respite Care

To ensure a seamless transition for members who are currently accessing these services, PNO initiated recruiting and contracting efforts with providers rendering these services through direct contracts with VCHCA. PNO is working internally with the Care Management Team, and with VCHCA, to coordinate member information and Community Supports services

details to ensure continuity of care. PNO is also prepared to execute Letters of Agreement with providers for any contracts that are pending completion.

### Operations of the Future

PNO created a training plan and outreach strategy for the July 1, 2024, Provider Portal launch. The team provided a demonstration of the new system to the Commission to share the new design and functionality. The presentation resulted in positive feedback, which helped inform the content for the trainings and expanded outreach strategy to GCHP’s broader provider network. The outreach includes routine communications, meetings, and trainings.

Other notable Operations of the Future deliverables include:

- Provider Contract and Credentialing (PCCM) system upgrade
- HealthPayer Core System Implementation

### Exclusively Aligned Enrollment / Dual Special Needs Plan (EAE/D-SNP)

PNO continues to support the GCHP expansion into EAE/D-SNP. Most recently, PNO helped prepare responses to the DHCS Readiness Checklist, which assesses preparedness and progress of GCHP ahead of the Jan. 2026 transition to a statewide Medi-Medi Plan (MMP) structure.

PNO will also start the network development for EAE/D-SNP by engaging with the target providers that signed a Letter of Intent.

### Provider Network Developments: May 1-31, 2024

| Network Developments for New Contracts     |       |
|--|-------|
| Provider Additions Fulfilling Network Gaps | Count |
| Ocularist                                  | 1     |
| Ophthalmologist                            | 1     |

Note: The numbers above represent contract completion in targeted specialties to close GCHP provider network gaps. PNO continues its outreach to targeted specialties and areas, such as eastern Ventura County, where provider network gaps exist.

| GCHP Provider Changes from Feb. to March 2024 |       |
|---|-------|
| Provider Additions and Terminations           | Count |
| Additions                                     | 63    |
| Terminations                                  | 23    |
| Midwife                                       | 0     |

Note: The additions and terminations above are for GCHP tertiary providers and do not have a significant impact on member access for services.

| <b>GCHP Provider Network Additions and Total Counts by Provider Type</b> |                          |               |                     |
|--|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| <b>Provider Type</b>   | <b>Network Additions</b> |               | <b>Total Counts</b> |
|  | <b>Mar-24</b>            | <b>Apr-24</b> |                     |
| <b>Hospitals:</b>  | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>      | <b>25</b>           |
| Acute Care   | 0                        | 0             | 19                  |
| Long-Term Acute Care (LTAC)  | 0                        | 0             | 1                   |
| Tertiary   | 0                        | 0             | 5                   |
| <b>Providers:</b>  | <b>182</b>               | <b>110</b>    | <b>7,620</b>        |
| Primary Care Providers (PCPs) & Mid-levels                               | 0                        | 6             | 512                 |
| Specialists  | 177                      | 82            | 6,358               |
| Hospitalists   | 5                        | 22            | 750                 |
| <b>Ancillary:</b>  | <b>1</b>                 | <b>0</b>      | <b>610</b>          |
| Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)  | 0                        | 0             | 8                   |
| Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS)                                    | 0                        | 0             | 14                  |
| Durable Medical Equipment (DME)  | 0                        | 0             | 97                  |
| Home Health  | 0                        | 0             | 29                  |
| Hospice  | 0                        | 0             | 23                  |
| Laboratory   | 0                        | 0             | 40                  |
| Optometry  | 0                        | 0             | 97                  |



| Provider Type   | Network Additions |          | Total Counts |
|---|-------------------|----------|--------------|
|   | Mar-24            | Apr-24   |              |
| Occupational Therapy (OT) / Physical Therapy (PT) / Speech Therapy (ST)   | 1                 | 0        | 151          |
| Radiology / Imaging   | 0                 | 0        | 68           |
| Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) / Long-Term Care (LTC) / Congregate Living Facility (CLF) / Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) | 0                 | 0        | 83           |
| <b>Behavioral Health:</b>   | <b>8</b>          | <b>0</b> | <b>510</b>   |

### C. Delegation Oversight

#### Delegation Oversight

Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) is contractually required to perform oversight of all functions delegated through subcontracting arrangements. Oversight includes, but is not limited to:

- Monitoring / reviewing routine submissions from subcontractors
- Conducting onsite audits
- Issuing a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) when deficiencies are identified

*\*Ongoing monitoring denotes the delegate is not making progress on a CAP issued and/or audit results were unsatisfactory. GCHP is required to monitor the delegate closely, as it is a risk to GCHP when delegates are unable to comply.*

Compliance will continue to monitor all CAPs. GCHP's goal is to ensure compliance is achieved and sustained by its delegates. It is a state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requirement for GCHP to hold all delegates accountable. The oversight activities conducted by GCHP are evaluated during the annual DHCS medical audit. DHCS auditors review GCHP's policies and procedures, audit tools, audit methodology, and audits conducted

and corrective action plans issued by GCHP during the audit period. DHCS continues to emphasize the high level of responsibility plans have in the oversight of their delegates.

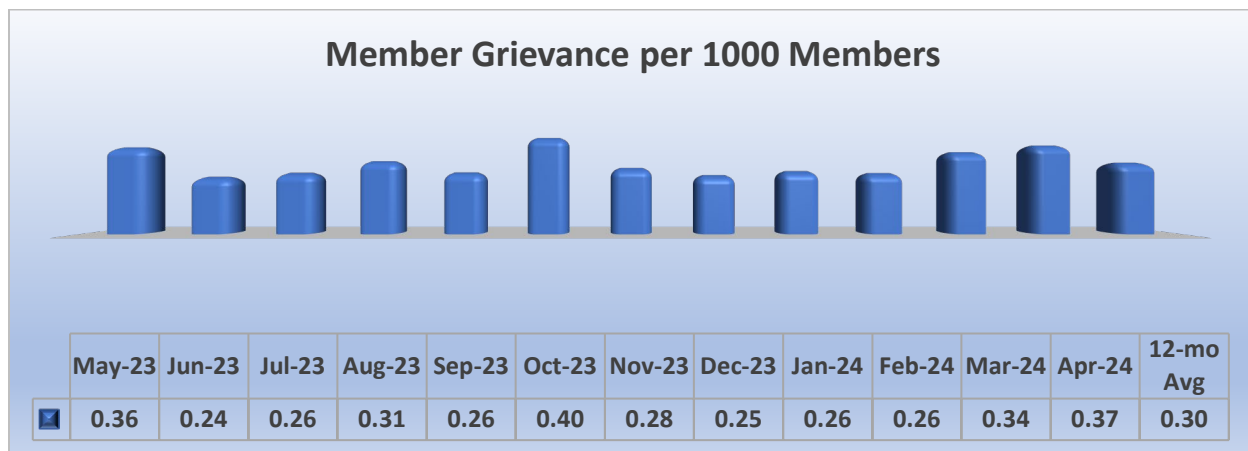
The following table includes audits and CAPs that are open and recently closed. Closed audits are removed after they are reported to the Commission. The table reflects changes in activity through May 31, 2024.

| Delegate                        | Audit Year / Type                         | Audit Status | Date CAP Issued | Date CAP Closed | Notes |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Carelon                         | 2024 Q2 Utilization Management (UM) Audit | Open         | 5/8/2024        | Under CAP       | N/A   |
| Clinicas del Camino Real (CDCR) | 2024 Annual UM Audit                      | Open         | 5/2/2024        | Under CAP       | N/A   |
| CDCR                            | 2023 Q4 Focused Claim Audit               | Open         | 3/8/2024        | Under CAP       | N/A   |
| CDCR                            | 2023 Annual Claims Audit                  | Open         | 2/8/2024        | Under CAP       | N/A   |
| CDCR                            | 2023 Quarterly Focused Claim Audit (July) | Open         | 9/7/2023        | Under CAP       | N/A   |
| CDCR                            | 2024 Q1 Focused Claim Audit               | Open         | 4/5/2024        | Under CAP       | N/A   |
| Conduent                        | 2022 Annual Claims Audit                  | Open         | 8/31/2022       | Under CAP       | N/A   |
| Conduent                        | 2023 Annual Claims Audit                  | Open         | 8/1/2023        | Under CAP       | N/A   |
| Ventura Transit System (VTS)    | 2024 Annual Call Center                   | Open         | 4/19/2024       | Under CAP       | N/A   |

| Delegate                           | Audit Year / Type                        | Audit Status | Date CAP Issued | Date CAP Closed | Notes  |
|------------------------------------|--|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| VTS                                | 2024 Driver Credentialing Audit          | Open         | 5/23/2024       | Under CAP       | N/A  |
| <b>Privacy &amp; Security CAPs</b> |  |              |                 |                 |  |
| Delegate                           | CAP Type                                 | Status       | Date CAP Issued | Date CAP Closed | Notes  |
| N/A                                | N/A                                      | N/A          | N/A             | N/A             | N/A  |
| <b>Operational CAPs</b>            |  |              |                 |                 |  |
| Delegate                           | CAP Type                                 | Status       | Date CAP Issued | Date CAP Closed | Notes  |
| Conduent                           | IKA Inventory, KWIK Queue, APL 21-002    | Open         | 4/28/2021       | N/A             | IKA Inventory and KWIK Queue Findings Closed |
| Conduent                           | Sept. 23, 2021 CAP                       | Open         | 9/23/2021       | N/A             | N/A  |
| Conduent                           | Oct. 2021 CAPs                           | Open         | 11/22/2021      | N/A             | N/A  |
| Conduent                           | Nov. 2021 Service Level Agreements (SLA) | Open         | 1/28/2022       | N/A             | N/A  |
| Conduent                           | Jan. 2021 Contract Deficiencies          | Open         | 2/4/2022        | N/A             | N/A  |
| Conduent                           | Dec. 2021 Contract Deficiencies          | Open         | 2/11/2022       | N/A             | N/A  |
| Conduent                           | March 2022 SLA Deficiencies & Findings   | Open         | 3/11/2022       | N/A             | N/A  |

| Delegate | CAP Type           | Status | Date CAP Issued | Date CAP Closed | Notes |
|----------|--------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Conduent | Jan. 2022 SLA CAP  | Open   | 3/25/2022       | N/A             | N/A   |
| Conduent | Feb. 2022 SLA CAP  | Open   | 4/15/2022       | N/A             | N/A   |
| Conduent | March 2022 SLA CAP | Open   | 6/17/2022       | N/A             | N/A   |

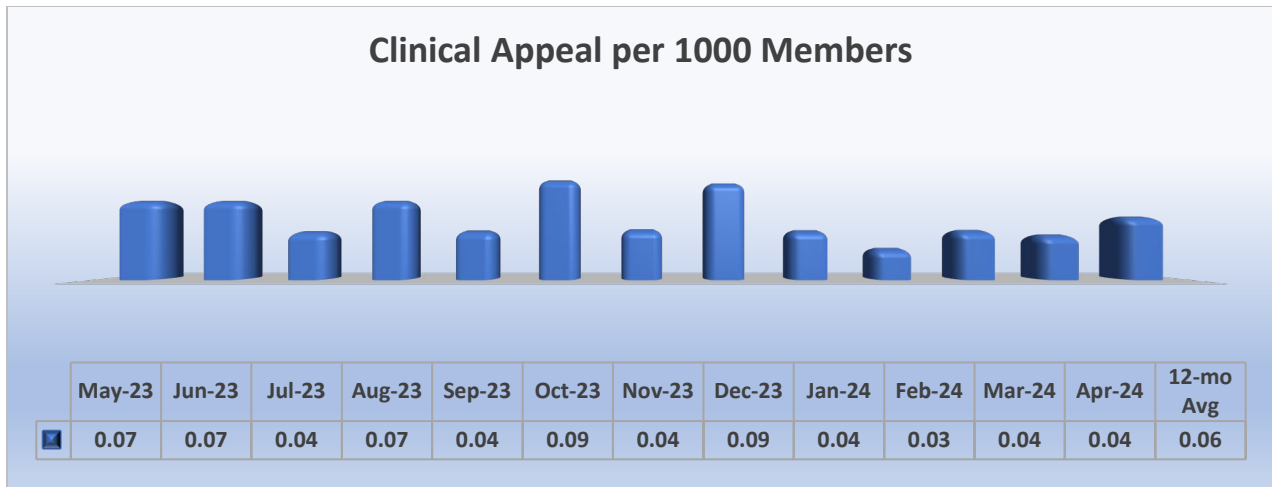
#### D. Grievance and Appeals



#### Member Grievances per 1,000 Members

The data show GCHP’s volume of grievances decreased in April. In April, GCHP received 64 member grievances. Overall, the volume is still relatively low, compared to the number of enrolled members. The 12-month average of enrolled members is 250,667, with an average annual grievance rate of .30 grievances per 1,000 members.

In April 2024, the top reason reported was “Quality of Care,” which is related to member concerns about the care they received from their providers.



**Clinical Appeals per 1,000 Members**

The data comparison volume is based on the 12-month average of .06 appeals per 1,000 members.

In April 2024, GCHP received 10 clinical appeals:

1. Three were overturned.
2. Four were upheld.
3. Three were withdrawn.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Accept and file.



## **AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

TO: Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission

FROM: Felix L. Nuñez, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer

DATE: June 24, 2024

SUBJECT: Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Report

### **Health Services Update**

Health Services continues to work in a highly aligned and focused way towards achievement of critical transformational goals. Both Utilization Management (UM) and Care Management (CM) teams are fully engaged in training on our new medical management software (MMS), TruCare, and will be ready for our go-live on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We will retain our legacy MMS, MedHok as a view only application for 6 months following TruCare implementation. This will be necessary to maintain continuity for our members, allowing our staff to reference care plans, histories, and documents which may not fully migrate to TruCare. The teams are excited about the opportunity to have greater collaboration and coordination capabilities, and we anticipate that TruCare will inspire new levels of innovation and integration that is vital to our ongoing transformation.

In addition to the mission critical implementation work, Health Service teams continue to move to advance on our work of achievement of National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) accreditation, completing policy and workflow remediation in preparation for our application in 2025. This accreditation is necessary for our move to obtain Knox-Keene licensure and Medicare Dual Special Need Plan (D-SNP) approval. As detailed work is on track in keeping with our established timeline.

We are awaiting final confirmation of the date for our California Department of Health Services (DHCS) annual audit which is tentatively scheduled for the end of September. We are anticipating another full programmatic audit and will begin preparations following our Operations of the Future go-live.

Overall, Health Services continues to focus on working to reinforce our day-to-day operational commitment to give members greater access to medically necessary care and minimize administrative burden for our network providers.

### **NCQA Accreditation Project Update**

Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) is on track to achieve National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Health Equity Accreditation (HEA) and NCQA Health Plan Accreditation

(HPA) by January 2026, as mandated under CalAIM. The NCQA survey submission timeframes are as follows:

- HEA: GCHP has secured a survey start date of June 10, 2025.
- HPA: A survey start date is pending. The HPA application will be submitted in July 2024 with a requested start date of September 16, 2025.

In preparation for the 2025 surveys, the internal NCQA project team is developing a timeline for a second mock survey with our consultants at The Mihalik Group (TMG) between August – September 2024 for HEA and October – November 2024 for HPA. The initial mock survey was completed between November 2022 – January 2023.


The NCQA project team is continuing to work with the standards-focused workgroups, in collaboration with TMG, to remediate gaps identified in the initial mock reviews and address critical risks. Critical risks include:

- Compliance with rigorous requirements in HEA that require the development of new policies and processes related to organizational diversity, SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) data collection, and a practitioner network that can meet the cultural and linguistic needs of individuals
- TruCare Medical Management system implementation by July 1, 2024
- Provider Directory enhancements
- Delegation agreement modifications and scope of oversight

The NCQA project team is working closely with business owners, leadership, and the technical and IT stakeholders on risk minimization.

Below is a high-level timeline for the NCQA accreditation journey.



| Aug – Dec 2022  | Jan – Jun 2023   | Jul – Dec 2023   | Jan – Jun 2024  | Jul – Dec 2024  | Jan – Jun 2025  | Jul – Dec 2025   | Jan 2026  |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aug – Engaged TMG &amp; kicked off NCQA Accreditation project</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nov – Completed 1<sup>st</sup> HPA mock survey</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan – Received HPA Readiness Report from TMG &amp; began gap remediation</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jan – Completed 1<sup>st</sup> HEA mock survey</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> July – Dec Continued HPA and HEA gap remediation with bi-weekly workgroup sessions</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Continue HPA and HEA gap remediation with bi-weekly workgroup sessions</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> HEA mock survey from Aug-Sept <span style="color: red;">■</span></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conduct 2<sup>nd</sup> HPA mock survey from Oct-Nov <span style="color: red;">■</span></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Remediate gaps identified in 2<sup>nd</sup> mock survey</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> All systems to be in production by 1/1/25</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit HEA Survey Tool on June 10, 2025 <span style="color: red;">■</span></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit HPA Survey Tool in mid-Sept (date pending) <span style="color: red;">■</span></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> NCQA to review GCHP submission</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Achieve NCQA HPA &amp; HEA, as required under CalAIM</li> </ul>  |

■ Milestone

Below is the current performance, by Standard Category, as of 5/31/24.

| Accreditation               | Standard Category                       | Total Points Possible | Current Points | Percent |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------|----------------|---------|
| Health Plan Accreditation   | Credentialing and Re-credentialing (CR) | 20                    | 16             | 80.00%  |
|                             | Member Experience (ME)                  | 28                    | 12             | 42.86%  |
|                             | Network Management (NET)                | 29                    | 8.5            | 29.31%  |
|                             | Population Health Management (PHM)      | 23                    | 7.5            | 32.61%  |
|                             | Utilization Management (UM)             | 47                    | 8              | 17.02%  |
|                             | Quality Improvement (QI)                | 15                    | 8              | 53.33%  |
| Health Equity Accreditation | Health Equity (HE)                      | 27                    | 3              | 11.11%  |

To earn Accreditation, GCHP must meet **at least 80%** of applicable points in each standards category.

### Medi-Cal Rx and Pharmacy Services Update

GCHP Pharmacy Services Department has been monitoring and assisting members who need assistance with processing their prescriptions, understanding the limitations or restrictions based on the coverage criteria by Medi-Cal Rx, and facilitating communication between the members and the pharmacies/providers. We are still answering questions about



the Medi-Cal Rx benefit and collaborating with Care Management and Utilization Management to assist our members with getting access to their medications.

Communication about any Medi-Cal Rx updates have continued to be shared in the Pharmacy newsletter, Provider Operations Bulletin, GCHP website and in multiple GCHP committees to provide awareness to the GCHP team and providers to enable us to help our members. GCHP will continue to work closely with DHCS and Medi-Cal Rx to assist members in accessing their medications.

There have been questions regarding the coverage of weight loss medications by Medi-Cal Rx. For your awareness, within the Glucagon-like Peptide 1 (GLP-1) agonists drug class, there are two medications that are covered by Medi-Cal Rx's Contract Drug List. They are Wegovy (semaglutide) and Saxenda (liraglutide). However, both medications do have Code I restrictions which means that if a prescriber is writing a prescription for one of these medications, they need to include a diagnosis code that confirms member is using it for chronic weight management, and there is a maximum quantity limit per dispensing and only one dispensing every 28 days. For more information, feel free to review the [Contract Drug List](#). Any other medication that is not listed in the Contract Drug List may be prescribed by the provider but it will require a prior authorization to be submitted to Medi-Cal Rx with a justification for medical necessity by the provider.

Starting July 1, 2024, there will be a temporary transition in pharmacy leadership. Dr. Lily Yip, who is currently the Director of Pharmacy Services, will be out on maternity leave from July until end of November/beginning of December. Dr. Yoonhee Kim, who is currently the Clinical Programs Pharmacist, will be assuming the Interim Director of Pharmacy Services role while Dr. Yip is out on leave. The Pharmacy Services department will also be hiring a temporary Clinical Pharmacist to assist Dr. Kim with daily pharmacy operations tasks and projects. And we will have a pharmacy consultant who has many years of experience working for a Medi-Cal and Medicare managed care plan to also provide any guidance for Dr. Kim during this time.

The GCHP Pharmacy Services Department will continue to review and develop policies and procedures for pharmaceutical management to prepare us for NCQA accreditation. We will be reviewing the List of Physician Administered Drugs and authorization process in our quarterly Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee meetings. Our next P&T meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2024.

GCHP has completed a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) in March which will be required to help GCHP prepare and implement a Medicare Part D prescription drug benefit for our Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP) members in 2026. We are currently reviewing the proposals/bids we have received. In May, we started working closely with a pharmacy consultant, Pharmaceutical Strategies Group (PSG), who has the expertise to help guide us in selecting the right PBM vendor to partner with to develop a prescription drug plan that will benefit our members.