

**California Department of Aging**  
**Multipurpose Senior Services Program Narrative**  
**Medi-Cal Home and Community-Based Services Waiver**

**Program: 3910100**

**Description**

The Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) provides both social and health care management services to assist frail individuals aged 65 and older to remain in their own homes and communities. To be eligible for MSSP, these individuals must meet the criteria for skilled nursing facility care. The Program's goal is to prevent or delay institutionalization through ongoing care management, using available community services and resources, and purchasing needed services when they are not already available. The total annual combined cost of care management and other services must be lower than the cost of receiving skilled nursing facility care.

MSSP operates under a Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California) 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services waiver that has been approved by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The current waiver extends from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. The California Department of Aging (CDA) administers MSSP under an interagency agreement with the Department of Health Care Services. CDA's MSSP Branch oversees the programmatic, fiscal, and service components of local MSSP site operations.

Under California's Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI), most Medi-Cal beneficiaries in CCI counties must be enrolled in a participating Medi-Cal managed care health plan to receive their Medi-Cal benefits, including MSSP. MSSP sites that provide waiver services in a CCI county have entered into agreements with participating managed care health plans to deliver MSSP waiver services to eligible plan members. MSSP sites serving non-CCI counties deliver MSSP services as a Medi-Cal fee-for-service benefit.

In the CCI counties (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo and Santa Clara), MSSP continues to be a 1915(c) HCBS waiver benefit until it transitions to being a fully integrated managed care health plan benefit that is administered and authorized by the plan. In San Mateo County, this transition occurred on October 31, 2015. In the remaining six CCI counties, this transition must occur no later than December 31, 2017. Full transition of MSSP into Medi-Cal managed care in the remaining six CCI counties will affect 12 MSSP sites and approximately 4,856 participants.

## Benefits

A team of health and social service professionals provides each MSSP participant with a complete health and psychosocial assessment to determine needed services. The team then works with the MSSP participant, their physician, family, and others to develop an individualized care plan.

Services include, but are not limited to: care management; adult day care; housing assistance; supplemental in-home chore and supplemental personal care services; respite services; transportation services; supplemental protective services; meal services; and special communication assistance.

## Eligibility

<i>Income</i>	Currently eligible for Medi-Cal under a qualifying primary Medi-Cal aid code.
<i>Age</i>	65 and older.
<i>Other</i>	Certified or certifiable for placement in a skilled nursing facility.  Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in a CCI demonstration county must be enrolled in a participating Medi-Cal managed care health plan to receive MSSP services. This requirement applies unless the individual lives outside the managed care health plan's covered service area, is awaiting enrollment into a managed care health plan, or is exempt from managed care health plan enrollment.

## Access

Information on how to receive services from MSSP is available through the statewide toll-free Senior Information Line at **1-800-510-2020** and the CDA website at [www.aging.ca.gov](http://www.aging.ca.gov).

## Current State Fiscal Year Funding Information (2015-16)

<i>Source</i>	The total local assistance budget is funded jointly by the State General Fund and the Federal Medicaid Program (Social Security Act Title XIX).
<i>Allocation Formula</i>	N/A.
<i>Match Requirements</i>	The federal match is 50 percent.

**Current State Fiscal Year Funding Information (2015-16), *continued***

<i>Other Funding Information</i>	N/A.
<i>Funding Cycle</i>	July 1 – June 30.