



The UCSF Community Living Policy Center and the UC Berkeley Health Research for Action Center are pleased to announce the launch of an evaluation of Cal MediConnect. Cal MediConnect is a federally-funded state demonstration program that aims to integrate Medicaid and Medicare services for dually eligible beneficiaries, a population with an often complex array of needs, including medical care, mental health care, and long-term services and supports. Health plans in seven California counties will offer adults who are eligible for both Medicare and Medi-Cal coverage “coordinated medical, behavioral health, long-term institutional, and home- and community-based services through a single organized delivery system.” Roughly 400,000 beneficiaries may be impacted by the program. For more information on Cal MediConnect, go to www.calduals.org.

Researchers from the University of California will document the impact of the program on individuals’ experiences with care, including access, quality, and coordination. The study will also examine service delivery system response to the initiative in several sectors, including health plans, medical care providers, behavioral health, skilled nursing, and home- and community-based services. The 3-year evaluation will begin in January 2015. It will gather information throughout the program period from:

- ❖ Focus groups with beneficiaries who transitioned to Cal MediConnect;
- ❖ Telephone surveys with dually eligible beneficiaries at different points in time, and
- ❖ Interviews with key health care and social service providers in the seven counties.

The research team will work closely with the California Department of Health Care Services and an expert Advisory Group, including stakeholders from a variety of sectors. The UC research team includes:

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