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**Children
Now®**

**On a mission to
build power for kids.**



**Community Health Worker
Benefit
=
Opportunity to Improve Oral
Health Outcomes**

CHW services may address:

- **the control and prevention of chronic conditions or infectious diseases**
- **oral health**
- **need for preventive services**
- **child health and development**
- **mental health conditions and substance use disorders**
- **perinatal health conditions**
- sexual and reproductive health
- environmental and climate-sensitive health issues
- aging
- injury
- domestic violence
- violence prevention

Covered Services

Health Education - may include coaching and goal-setting to improve a beneficiary's health or ability to self-manage health conditions.

Health Navigation - to provide information, training, referrals, or support to assist beneficiaries to:

- Access health care, understand the health care system, or engage in their own care
- Connect to community resources necessary to promote health; address barriers, including connecting to medical translation/interpretation or transportation services; or address health-related social needs

Covered Services

**Screening
& Assessment -**

that does not require a license

**Individual Support
& Advocacy -**

that assists a beneficiary to prevent the onset or exacerbation of a health condition

How are we doing now?

What would progress look like in the next two years?

- The CHW/P/R workforce feels supported, properly compensated and trained as the training and certification program gets finalized next month and rolls out.
- CHW/P/R workforce is sufficiently trained to provide oral health education and navigation to (majority fee-for-service) Medi-Cal Dental services, either through the basic certification and/or specialty certification.

What would progress look like in the next two years?

- Guidance issued to providers and members about how to activate the CHW benefit to support health education and/or navigation to Medi-Cal carved out benefits, such as dental.
- Closed loop referrals – required of Medi-Cal managed care plans starting January 2025 – include community health workers as recognized member of care team

**Turn the curve for oral health
with the CHW/P/R benefit!**



Learn more about the CHW/P/R Benefit:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/community-health-workers>

CHW/P/R benefit in the Medi-Cal Program manual (July 2022):

<https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/Publications/masters-MTP/Part2/chwprev.pdf>

Learn more about the CHW/P/R Training and Certification Requirements:

<https://hcai.ca.gov/workforce-capacity/community-health-workers-promotores-chw-p/>