



At Wellcare by Health Net (Health Net®), we focus on whole person health care solutions. Each community is unique, so we partner with local groups and public agencies to build those solutions. We invest millions of dollars in programs that address social drivers of whole health and improve outcomes for all Californians.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Health Net Voices Local Approach to Quality Improvement at NCQA Summit

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) held its Innovation Summit the week of October 23, 2023 in Orlando, Florida. The Summit called on some of America's largest health plans and health networks that help to lead quality reform and expand focus on the future of health care innovation. The summit comprised groups from:

- Health plans
- Technology vendors
- Health systems
- Consult services
- Government agencies

Health Net's Vice President of Quality Management Cathi Misquitta, Quality Improvement Director Amy Wittig and Senior Manager of Quality Shekinah Wright were on-hand to share their knowledge of health care quality improvement. Their session titled, *A Hyper-Local, Targeted Approach to Improving Quality*, was part of the Results Through Relationships track at the summit.

The session focused on details of Quality EDGE (Evaluating Data to Generate Excellence), and how it's used to improve health care. Quality EDGE is a program that Health Net designed to better engage with our providers for quality improvement. Its structured process is based on teamwork and synergy to:

- Define main action items
- Create and maintain a best practices playbook
- Work with providers and gauge how ready they are to change processes and improve outcomes
- Apply change
- Track action plans and outcomes

Quality EDGE funding initiatives have covered:

- Provider call campaigns
- New equipment, supplies and materials
- Health education
- Marketing campaigns
- Office staff training
- After-hours office visits
- Enhanced Electronic Health Record systems
- Planning mobile mammography sessions and more

In fact, in 2022 **more than 200 Quality EDGE action items were funded**.

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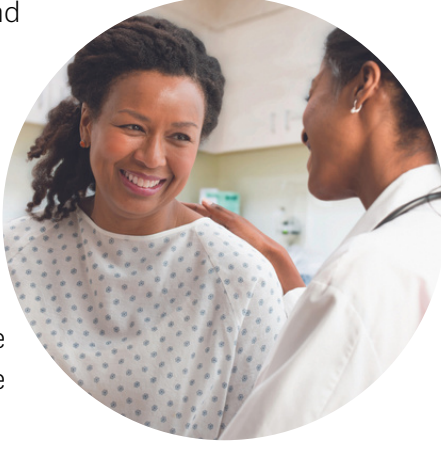
HEALTH EQUITY

Health Equity Starts With Trust – and the Right Numbers

People's lives come first when we think about health care. It's not just their physical and mental health. Our data tells us exactly who faces barriers – and why.

The good news: We're dialed into the why, which largely links to:

- Where they live
- Their access to nutritious food
- Their race/ethnicity and other key factors



Our focused data collection steers us toward the most at-risk communities. That's one way we can find the greatest differences. It's the lived experiences by the people in the communities we serve that tell us how to improve equity and how to make whole communities healthier.

[Learn more](#)

REDETERMINATION

Eight Los Angeles Organizations Receive Grants to Help Residents Stay on Medi-Cal

Health Net has awarded \$500,000 in grants to eight Los Angeles organizations to help increase outreach and education efforts about the Medi-Cal eligibility redetermination procedure.

To help residents keep their health coverage, it is critical that Medi-Cal enrollees are aware of upcoming deadlines and the available resources to guide them through the renewal process.

"We know that access to quality health care is directly correlated with better health outcomes for vulnerable populations," said Martha Santana-Chin, Medicare and Medi-Cal president at Health Net. "Health Net is working to ensure that all eligible Angelenos maintain their comprehensive health care benefits. These grants will help our longstanding community-based partners engage with residents to provide necessary resources."

[Read more](#)

Understand and Explain the Urgency of Redetermination Through Infographics

Through a new infographic resource you can now show current Medi-Cal members why redetermination matters. You can also help guide these members and their families on how they can stay covered.

See the [infographic](#) on our [Bridging the Divide website](#).

MEDI-CAL EXPANSION

Access to Medi-Cal Coverage Will Expand in 2024

On January 1, 2024, California will allow adults ages 26 through 49 to enroll in full-scope Medi-Cal, no matter their immigration status. All other Medi-Cal eligibility rules, including income limits, will still apply.

This new age guideline follows expansion for young adults 19 through 25 and adults 50 years of age and older.

An application for Medi-Cal will not affect immigration status, nor chances of permanent residency or citizenship. Health Net does not collect or report immigration status information.

Visit [keepyourbenefits.org](https://www.healthnet.com/content/healthnet/en_us/providers/working-with-hn/hn-provider-2024-medi-cal-transition.html) or the [Department of Health Care Services website](#) for more information.

2024 FOOTPRINT

Provider Preparation Underway for 2024 Presence and Contracts

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal contract transition **takes effect on January 1, 2024**.

Health Net will provide Medi-Cal managed care services in California counties that include:

- Los Angeles
- Sacramento
- Amador
- Calaveras
- Inyo
- Mono
- San Joaquin
- Stanislaus
- Tulare
- Tuolumne

Health Net also continues to serve CalViva Health members in Fresno, Kings, Madera counties, and Community Health Plan of Imperial Valley members in Imperial County, via other contractual arrangements.

For frequently asked questions (FAQs), announcements, information on upcoming trainings and webinars and more, visit: https://www.healthnet.com/content/healthnet/en_us/providers/working-with-hn/hn-provider-2024-medi-cal-transition.html

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