

PLAN/PROVIDER APPROACHES TO CAREGIVER SUPPORT

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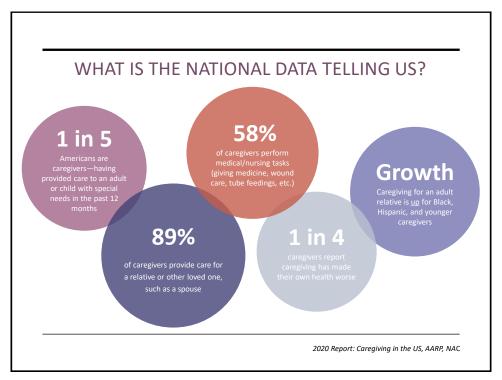
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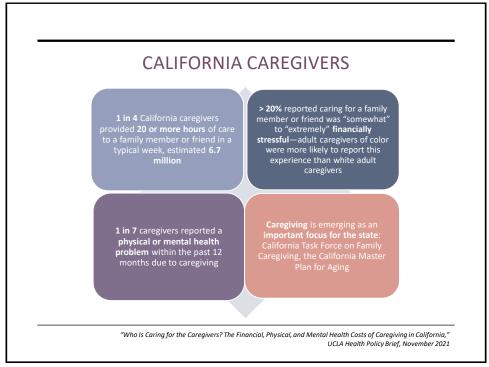
WHY SUPPORT CAREGIVERS?

- California's population of adults aged 50 and older is increasing at a record pace
- Older adults represent the fastest-growing age cohort receiving care through California's safety-net provider system
- This population, many of whom are dual eligible, require significant care and coordination
- Caregivers are increasingly an important linchpin for adults with serious illness receiving palliative care



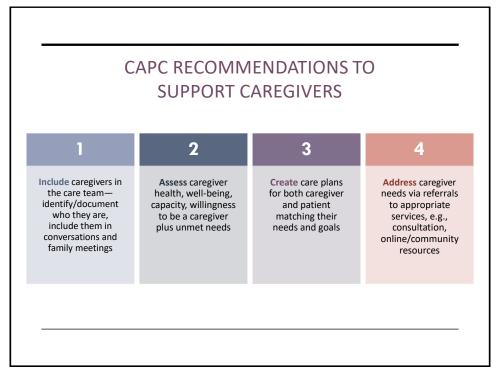
"Improving Care for California's Older Adults: The Role of Community Health Centers and Public Hospital Systems," 2022, CHCF





WHO IS DOING WHAT TO SUPPORT CAREGIVERS? Medicare Advantage (MA) Florida's statewide plans are increasingly offering benefits to family caregivers -Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term offers caregiver support – workshops, well-being coaches, Care program requires managed support groups, 1:1 coaching, care programs providing HCBS to peer mentoring, respite respite community-dwelling enrollees to evaluate and create an individualized care plan for the caregiver

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WHAT DO WE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT MEDI-CAL PALLIATIVE CARE MEMBERS' CAREGIVERS?

Who are they?

What kinds of care are they providing?

How does their caregiving affect their quality of life, health and well-being and the health and care of the patient:

What supports do they need to help them care for a palliative care patient?

How does supporting the caregiver support the palliative care patient, caregiver health system, health plan?

Are caregivers who don't selfidentify as caregivers receiving the support they deserve?

How can health care providers and plans engage with the caregiver respecting the patient? Are diverse caregivers receiving the culturally competent caregiver recognition assessment and support they deserve?

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OPPORTUNITIES TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS



Identify

the caregiver in patient's medical record—point of care, care management, new enrollee, claims data



Implement

a caregiver screening/ assessment



Refer

caregiver education, training, & support



Provide

short-term counseling or other support



Coordinate

caregiver needs with other programs (e.g., respite through Community Supports)



Establish

a formalized process for caregiver follow-up

CAREGIVER ASSESSMENTS AND SUPPORTS

ACTIVITY	Providers Offering*	Plans Requiring*
Assistance with application to become an IHSS provider or request IHSS provider	92%	50%
Identification of the primary caregiver in the patient's medical record	88%	43%
Referral to community/regional/national resources for caregivers	88%	36%
Short-term counseling or other emotional support for caregivers (provided by palliative care organization)	71%	36%
Screening for caregiver support needs with a standardized tool	33%	0%
Formalized process to follow up with caregivers who have significant needs	29%	7%
Separate medical record for the identified caregiver	0%	0%
None of the above	0%	43%

^{*}Responses to 2023 CCCC Medi-Cal PC survey from 24 palliative care providers and 14 Medi-Cal managed care plan.

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THANK YOU

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