A guide to help payers, providers, and other stakeholders in pediatric palliative care (PPC) navigate the transition from the PPC waiver program (Partners for Children) to the Medi-Cal state benefit for home-based palliative care services (SB 1004)

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This Pediatric Palliative Care Waiver Transition Resource Guide was developed by the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California (CCCC) in response to California’s January 1, 2019, transition for the provision of pediatric palliative care services from a waiver program to a pediatric palliative care Medi-Cal state benefit. The guide is intended to support managed care plans and providers as they navigate this change and to ensure a smooth transition for the pediatric members being served under the waiver. We want to acknowledge the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Medi-Cal managed care plans, pediatric palliative care providers, and numerous clinicians and other stakeholders throughout the state for their valuable input.

This online resource guide should be considered a living document as we continue to work with the DHCS to clarify remaining discrepancies and questions related to the new state benefit. CCCC will actively update this resource guide as we learn more from DHCS and other stakeholders involved in the delivery of community- and home-based pediatric palliative care.

If you have questions about home-based pediatric palliative care in California that are not answered in this resource guide or have suggestions for other resources that should be included in this guide, please email CCCC’s Program Director for Pediatrics at agarzon@coalitionccc.org. If you would like to be added to our distribution list to receive alerts when we release updates to this resource guide, please email info@coalitionccc.org.

Who should use this online resource guide?

This guide will be useful to:

- Home health and hospice agencies currently delivering pediatric palliative care or those who have an interest in developing a community-based pediatric palliative care program
- Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs)
- Referring providers
- Coalitions or organizations supporting or representing children who may benefit from pediatric palliative care
- Anyone looking to better understand pediatric palliative care – i.e. state health care departments, payers, community stakeholders, etc.