IN THE NEWS

The National Health Law Program has updated its 2020 guide for Medi-Cal advocates. The guide explains policy changes related to the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative, including a chapter on Case Management and Community-Support Services.

NATIONAL POLICY

The guide provides information on new services that have become widely available. There is also a related initiative, which provides information on how to maintain coverage.

Resources:

- [CalAIM](https://www.medicalisé.com)

INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

The Arc and the University of Minnesota are conducting a national survey of family members or unrelated caregivers, such as a friend or neighbor, who provide primary and frequent support to a person with an intellectual or developmental disability. The goal is to identify the most pressing needs.

-related: Caregiver Survey: Family and Individual Needs for Disability Supports

CALIFORNIA POLICY

The theme is "To Attract In-Home Caregivers, State Offers Paid Training — and Self-Care." The survey is available in several formats, including REDcap, Qualtrics, and paper.

Related: Caregiver Survey: Family and Individual Needs for Disability Supports

DISABILITY EQUITY

The Arc is working to build a more equitable future for people with disabilities. The Arc's #MakingEquityReality campaign seeks to elevate voices of people with disabilities and bring attention to the systemic barriers they face.

Related: Community-Based Ecosystems: Strengthening the Home- and Community-based Ecosystem

COVID-19 UPDATES

COVID-19 updates and resources are posted to our website. The related website is "COVID-19 Update and Resources.

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

If you have news or updates, please contact Hannah.Au@lpfch.org with your news or updates. Or contact Eileen Walsh at Eileen.Walsh@LPFCH.ORG.

PEDIATRICS

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ADVANCEMENT POLICY

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HEALTH COMPLEXITY

PediHome is a content-valid family-reported survey measure of home healthcare quality for children with medical complexity that can be used to evaluate family caregivers' perspectives on the quality of care they receive. The freely available survey, whose development was funded by our Foundation, can be used for care delivery evaluation, research, quality improvement, and identifying deficits in care to improve the quality of care for children with medical complexity.

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EVENTS

- [Webinar: Pursuing a Secure Economic Future for Youth with Disabilities](https://www.childrenshealthnetwork.org/)
- [Roundtable: Strengthening the Home- and Community-based Ecosystem](https://www.childrenshealthnetwork.org/)
- [Conference to Focus on Developing Diverse Leaders in Maternal, Child Health](https://www.childrenshealthnetwork.org/)

Resources:

- [Medicaid-Eligible Children](https://www.medicaid.gov/)
- [Congress Approves Boost to Special Ed Disability Programs - from Disability Scoop](https://www.disabilityscoop.com/)
- [Supreme Court Case Could Change How Special Ed Disputes Are Handled - from Disability Scoop](https://www.disabilityscoop.com/)

To view issues, visit the [Children's Health Network Newsletter Archive](https://www.childrenshealthnetwork.org/).