

Prioritization of Opportunities from August Presentation on California's Leadership in Implementing Federal Alzheimer's & Caregiver Plan Recommendations - DRAFT

High Quality Care

- Engage health care settings outside of primary care and educate other providers to increase early detection and sensitivity to the care needs, including communication strategies, of persons living with dementia and their caregivers.
- Expand supports through CalAIM and DCA to help health care systems develop tools, trainings and referral systems for all threshold languages and cultures.
- Pursue equity in comprehensive care, including pharmacological and non-pharmacological supports.
- Increase intensive discharge planning, caregiver assessment & post-visit follow up in emergency departments, skilled nursing facilities, subacute/post-acute care, and hospitals.

Care Costs

- Establish California Voluntary Savings Accounts for Long Term Care.
- Develop & launch robust Long-Term Services and Supports Benefit.
- Expand affordable respite benefits for caregivers.

Data and Awareness

- Fund an annual statewide public awareness campaign, including information on health and community supports and a focus on caregivers.
- CDPH Alzheimer's report (2022) – Need for regular updates, including more detailed data at the county level on people with ADRD and caregivers.
- Strengthen data collection to identify cultural and socioeconomic needs of persons with ADRD and caregivers, including those who are unhoused, BIPOC, LGBTQIA+ and other communities.
- Share CalAIM data on Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports.
- Make BRFSS data more user-friendly and available.

Collaboration

- Initiate collaborations with state agencies and state-funded organizations involved in dementia risk reduction issues outside of health care.
- Expand HBI/BOLD to all interested counties.
- Incorporate RAISE indicators of success into MPA.
- Explore opportunities for international research collaborations in dementia awareness and care.

Caregiver Support

- Incorporate family caregiving into planning in local communities.
- Ensure that providers identify family caregivers in the diagnostic process and include them in future planning.
- Expand family caregiver protections and access.
- Include a caregiver assessment requirement and caregiver-related quality metric in Cal-AIM.
- Include caregiver education and support as an additional Community Support under CalAIM.

Glossary

- ADRD – Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders
- BIPOC – Black, Indigenous, and People of Color
- BOLD – Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer’s Act
- BRFSS – Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
- CalAIM
- CDPH – California Department of Public Health
- DCA – Dementia Care Aware
- HBI – Healthy Brain Initiative
- LGBTQIA+ - Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual and Other Identities
- RAISE – Recognize, Assist, Include, Support and Engage (RAISE) Act Family Caregiving