

#### **Covered California Participation Opportunity**

Community Clinic Forum August 26, 2024

#### **Our Mission**

To serve member health with excellence and dignity, respecting the value and needs of each person.

#### Our Vision

By 2027, remove barriers to health care access for our members, implement same-day treatment authorizations and real-time claims payments for our providers, and annually assess members' social determinants of health.

### Agenda

- Background
- Overview of the Orange County Covered California Landscape
- Value Proposition for CalOptima Health Participation
- Member Story
- Guiding Principles
- Stakeholder Engagement
- High Level Timeline
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## Background

- Covered California (Covered CA) is the California state-based Marketplace program through which eligible Californians can purchase individual insurance coverage for themselves and their families.
- Lawfully present California residents who are not eligible for Medi-Cal or employer-sponsored insurance can purchase a plan through Covered CA.
- Premium subsidies are available to qualifying individuals/families.
- The type of plans offered in Covered CA are called Qualified Health Plans (QHPs).
- CalOptima Health would be seeking to join the Covered CA market for the 2027 plan year.
- Covered CA advises that new plans will need a two-year runway to prepare for participation.



#### Orange County's Covered CA Plans





### Value Proposition for Participation

- **Opportunity**: The recent reinstatement of Medi-Cal renewals and existing churn in eligibility for low-income populations compromises continuity of care for members and results in mixed-coverage households with varying provider networks.
- **Solution**: Entry into the Covered CA market will bridge the coverage gap when our members lose Medi-Cal coverage and keep family members in aligned networks at affordable premiums.
- **Value**: CalOptima Health is the largest health plan in Orange County with broad partnerships and a commitment to reinvesting in our local community.
- **Call to Action**: CalOptima Health has a responsibility to protect access to and continuity of high-quality care for our members throughout their life span.



### Member Story

- A CalOptima Health member undergoing breast cancer treatment recently received a Medi-Cal disenrollment notice due to her current income level that was assessed during the redetermination process.
- The member was very concerned about the following:
  - Maintaining access to the same providers that are administering her current treatment plan.
  - Inability to afford her out-of-pocket treatment costs under any of the currently available Covered CA plans.
- Due to her lack of Medi-Cal eligibility, CalOptima Health was prohibited from exercising "continuity of care" (COC) provisions.
  - COC provisions to maintain access to her current providers can only be exercised at the discretion of her *new* plan — and may be time-limited.



#### CalOptima Health Covered CA Guiding Principles

- 1. Through Covered CA participation, provide continuous, high-quality care to our members across changes in life circumstances.
- 2. Ensure sufficient provider reimbursement in alignment with the current Covered CA market in Orange County.
- 3. Consistently engage external stakeholders on an ongoing basis to inform the design and development of the program in a transparent way.
- 4. Be strong stewards of public funds by identifying opportunities for efficiency and careful investment in needed capabilities.
- 5. Ensure ongoing reinvestment in the Orange County community as a key tenet of Covered CA participation.
- 6. Start small and target individuals and families churning on and off Medi-Cal coverage.



### Stakeholder Engagement

- CalOptima Health has started engaging key stakeholders in discussions about participation in Covered CA.
- A small steering group made up of external stakeholders will begin meeting in August to inform the development of the program.
- The Member and Provider Advisory Committee meeting in August included a discussion topic on Covered California.
- Community Listening Sessions are taking place in August to obtain broad community input into the program development process.



#### **High-Level Timeline**



# **Question & Answer**

