Community Supports Update: New Global Cap (as of January 1, 2025)

In late May 2025, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) informed managed care plans that the Community Supports (CS) services Short Term Post Hospitalization Housing (STPHH) and recuperative care are part of a new global cap, per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Waiver 1115 Demonstration.

The global cap for both STPHH and recuperative care became effective on January 1, 2025. The global cap limits Partnership HealthPlan of California's members to 182 days within a 12-month rolling period for STPHH and/or recuperative care. This means that a member may not receive more than a combined six months of STPHH and recuperative care services during any rolling 12-month period.

Managed care plans must count the rolling 12-month period starting from the member's first date of utilization of STPHH and/or recuperative care — not from the date of authorization. Once 182 days of the services has been used by a member, the member will have to wait until the 12-month period ends to use the STPHH and/or recuperative care services again.

Partnership is notifying members who are within 30 days of their 182-day global cap. If you have questions regarding Partnership's process for Treatment Authorization Requests (TARs) for these services, please reach out to CommunitySupports@partnershiphp.org.

For more information about the global cap, requirements, and changes to the STPHH and recuperative care services, please access the resources below.

Resources:

- DHCS CS Policy Guide, Volume 2 – April 2025
  https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/MCQMD/DHCS-Community-Supports-Policy-Guide-Volume-2.pdf

- DHCS Effective Dates – May 2025
  https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/MCQMD/Community-Supports-Policy-Guide-Effective-Dates.pdf

- CMS Approval Letter and CalAIM Technical Corrections – January 2025
  https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Documents/CalAIM-Approval-Letter-Technical-Corrections-and-Attachments.pdf

- DHCS CalAIM Webpage
  https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CalAIM/Pages/CalAIM.aspx