



CalAIM 90-Day Pre-Release Services Program

Adult Correctional Health

October 3, 2024

Background

- On January 26, 2023, California became the first state in the nation approved to offer a targeted set of Medicaid services to youth and eligible adults in state prisons, county jails, and youth correctional facilities.
- The 1115 demonstration provides waiver and expenditure authority to the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).
- State Law and the Section 1115 demonstration waiver require all California prisons, jails, and youth correctional facilities to implement a 90-day Pre-Release Services Program.
- October 2023- DHCS Provided a Policy Guide outlining the expectations for the program.
- Feb. 2024: DHCS released the CalAIM Justice Involved Initiative: Correctional Facility Readiness Assessment Template.
- All California Correctional Facilities must demonstrate readiness to participate in the 90-Day Pre-release Services initiative at least six months before the intended go-live date. All must go-live after Oct 1, 2024, but no later than Oct. 1, 2026.

90-Day Pre-Release Services Overview

90-Days prior to the release of a patient, correctional facilities must:

- Determine if a patient is eligible for the 90-Day Pre-Release Services Program
- Assign a care manager to eligible patients
- Establish rapport with eligible patients
- Help eligible patients manage their health conditions
- Ensure eligible patients adhere to treatment regimens for addiction and mental health conditions
- Coordinate warm hand-offs to community-based health, mental health, and supportive social services for their re-entry into the community
- Ensure eligible patients can leave the facility with the appropriate durable medical equipment and pharmaceuticals upon release
- Share data with the appropriate managed care plans

Readiness Assessment Areas of Focus

Five Areas

1. Medi-Cal Application Process
2. 90-Day Pre-Release Eligibility and Behavioral Health Screenings
3. 90-Day Pre-Release Service Delivery
4. Reentry Planning and Coordination
5. Oversight and Project Management

1. Medi-Cal Application Process

Correctional Facility needs to screen all patients for Medi-Cal Eligibility as close to intake as possible

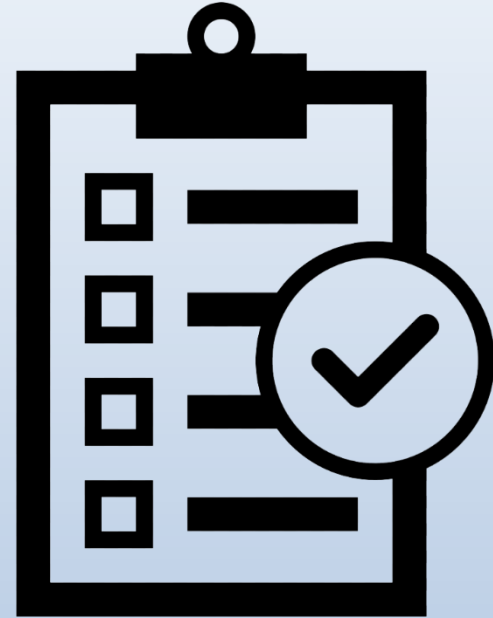
- If eligible, they must have a process in place to enroll a patient into Medi-Cal
- Correctional Facility must collaborate with the county's Social Services Department to suspend or quickly re-active Medi-Cal coverage upon release.



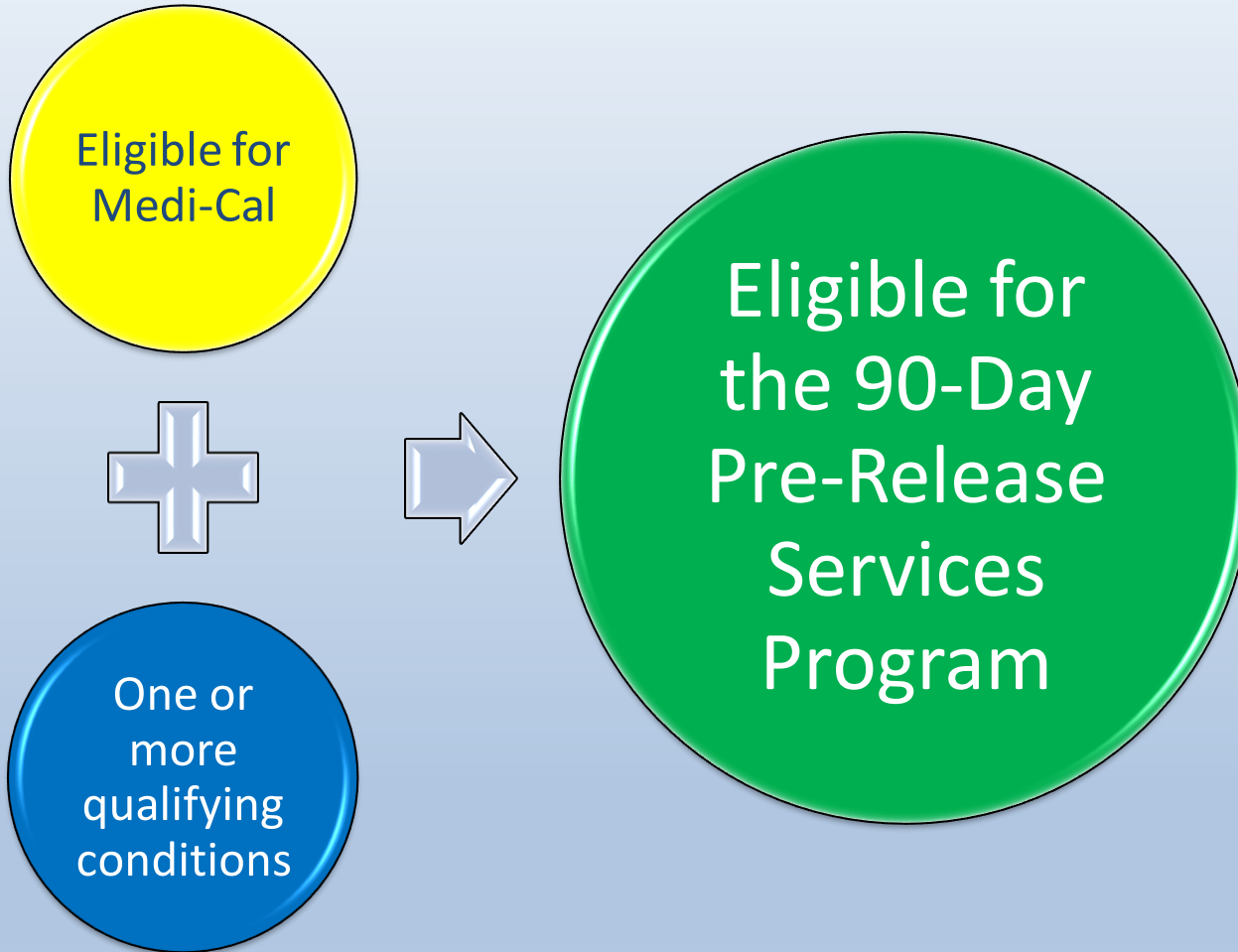
2. Eligibility and Behavioral Health Screenings

Patients must be screened for the following health conditions as close to intake as possible:

- Mental Illness
- Substance Use Disorder
- Chronic Condition or a Significant Non-Chronic Condition
- Intellectual or Developmental Disability
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- HIV/AIDS
- Pregnant or Postpartum



Full eligibility:



3. Service Delivery

Correctional facilities need to demonstrate their ability to provide pre-release services, including but not limited to:

- Care management
- Consults
- Virtual Visits / Telehealth
- Ability to prescribe and administer medications using the Medi-Cal Drug Formulary
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Provision of Durable Medical Equipment
- The ability to submit claims to DHCS's Billing Systems

4. Reentry Planning and Coordination

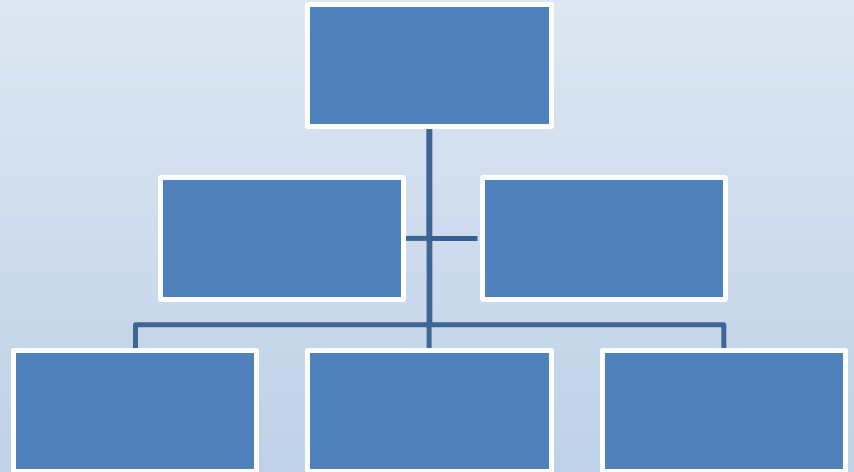
Correctional facilities must develop a reentry planning and coordination process to ensure an easy transition for patients.

- They must have the ability to notify SSD and other partners of patient release dates
- Develop a reentry care plan
- Provide a warm handoff for
 - Care management
 - Behavioral Health Links
 - Social Services
- Provision of Durable Medical Equipment upon release
- Provision of medications upon release

5. Oversight and Project Management

The correctional facility must demonstrate that they have the proper human resources to ensure the seamless implementation of the services required by the 90-day Pre-release initiative. This includes:

- Leadership
- Staff
- Contracts (if applicable)
- Governance Structure
- Established process for collaborating with key implementation partners
- Creating a reporting process to monitor program performance

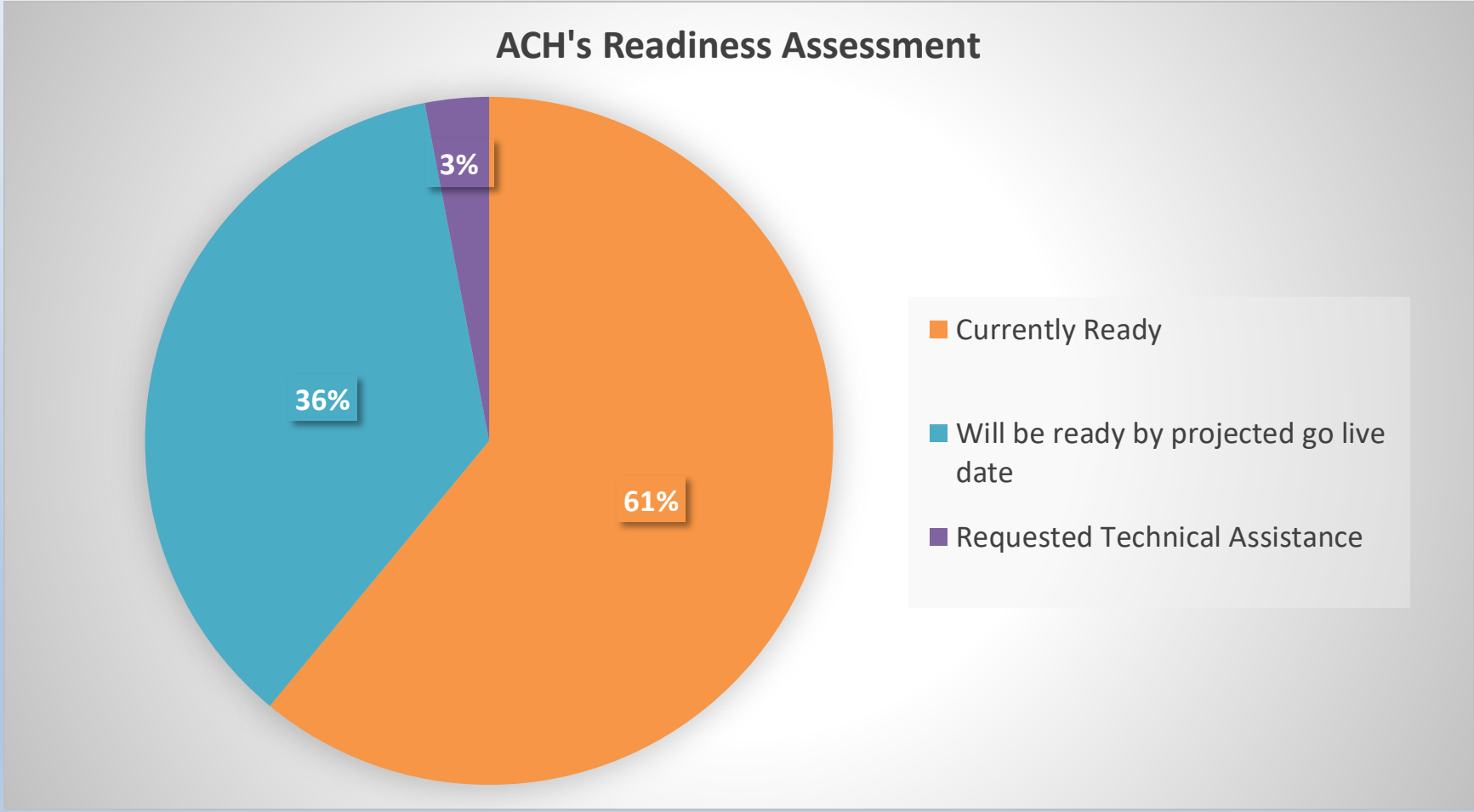


ACH's Readiness Assessment Overview

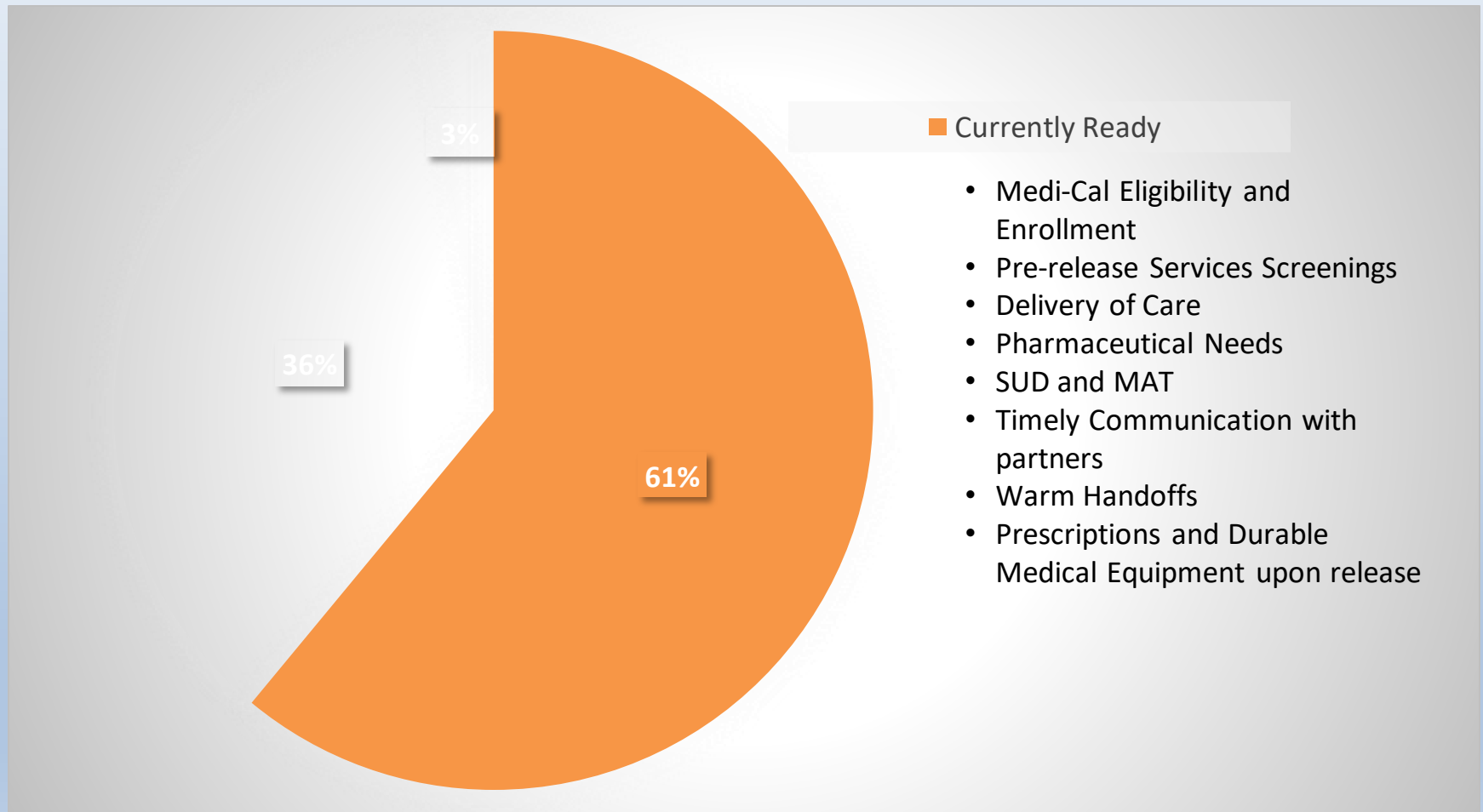
- Collaborative Process
- Submitted on 08/01/2024
- Projected Go Live date: January 1, 2025
- Still under review



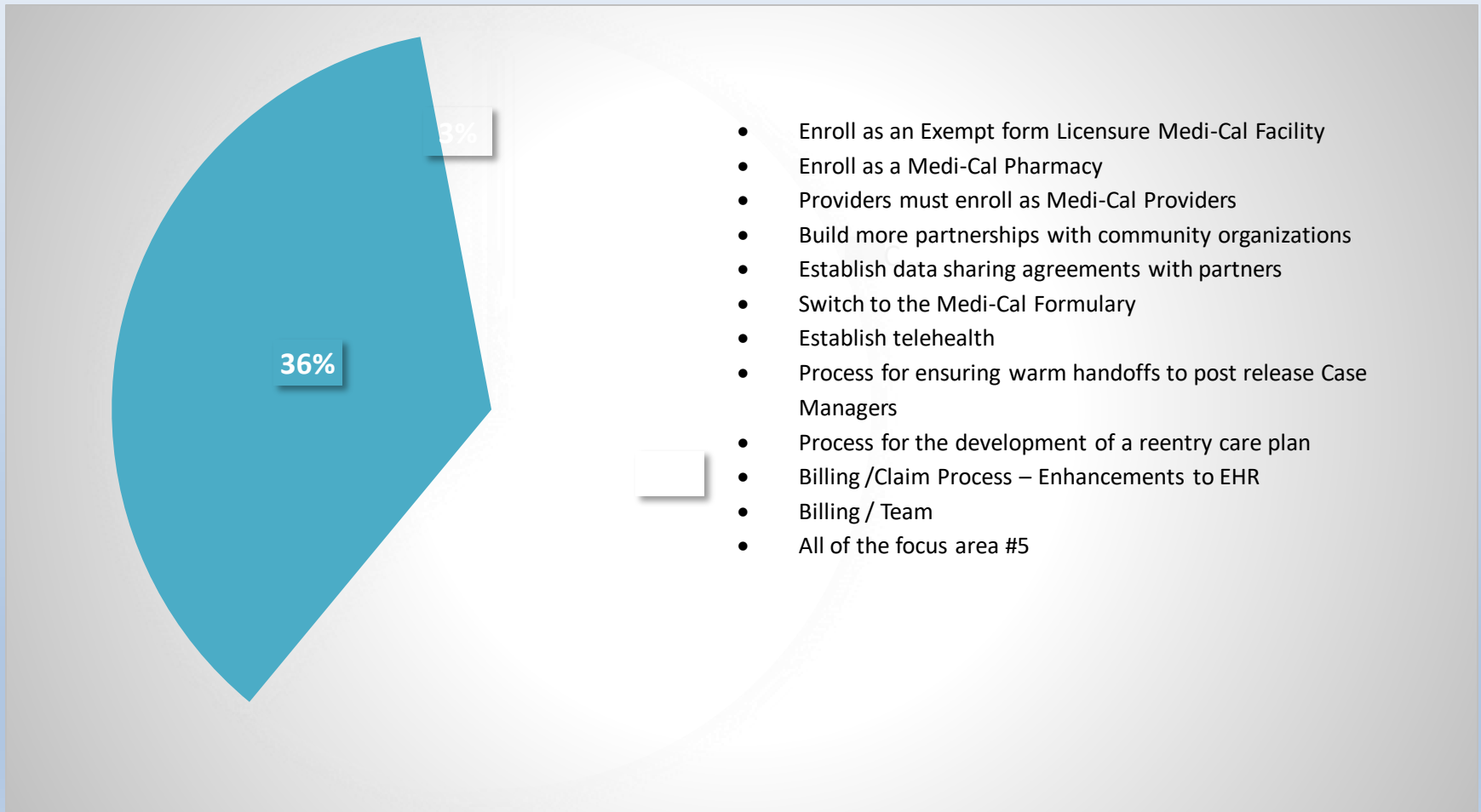
ACH's Readiness Assessment Breakdown



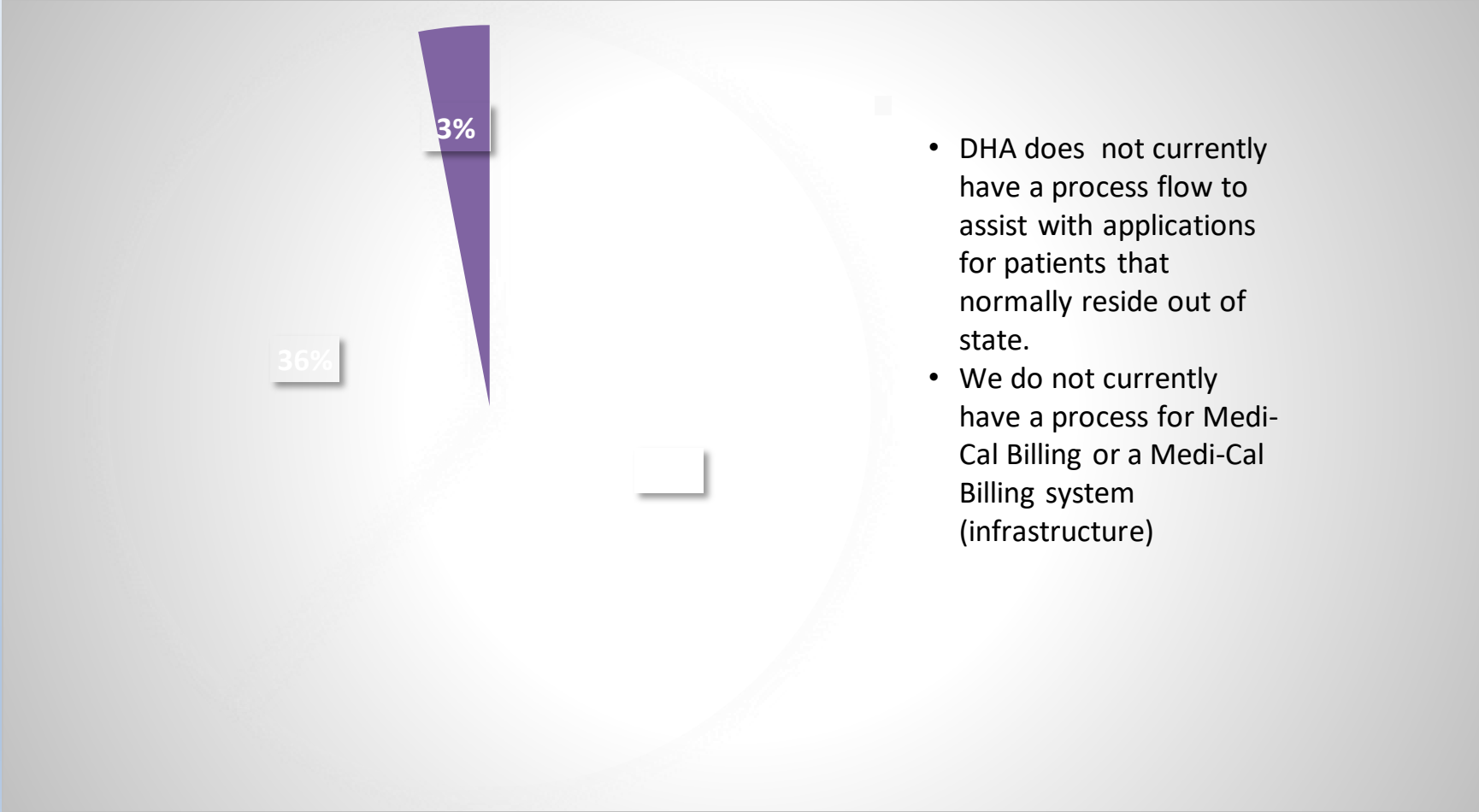
Currently Ready



Will be ready by the go-live date



Requested Technical Assistance



What is next?

- Response from DHCS
- Work towards actual readiness:
 - Build out more partnerships
 - Enroll our facilities into Medi-Cal
 - Create/update policies and procedures, process follows, and forms
 - Conduct a staffing analysis
 - Enhance our EHR System
 - Pursue contracts
 - Build out our governance structure
- Consultant- Kerry Landry
- Stay informed
- Find more resources

Sources

- [DHCS Policy and Operational Guide for Planning and Implementing the CalAIM Justice Involved Initiative](#)
- [Webinars & Meetings- Justice Involved initiatives](#)
- [DHCS CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiative: Correctional Facility Readiness Assessment Template](#)
- ACH's Response completed Readiness Assessment

Thank you!

