



## What is Dementia Care Aware?

Dementia Care Aware is a training and support program that empowers primary care teams to assess and address dementia. We provide online training on an initial 5-10-minute cognitive health assessment (CHA) and additional training on important topics and resources for the next steps in evaluation and care planning with patients. We also provide tools for implementing dementia detection and care in clinical practice and connecting patients and care partners to community resources.



### Why is screening for cognitive health important?

- Dementia will soon affect 1 in 5 older Californians.
- Dementia impacts a person's ability to self-manage their day-to-day activities and medical conditions.
- Detecting dementia early:
  - Allows you to connect the person and their caregivers to resources early.
  - Improves quality of life for affected persons and their caregivers.
  - Reduces unnecessary costs of care.
  - Allows you to start a brain health plan earlier, which can slow progression.

**The brief CHA can be done by all members of the health team and is:**



Completely  
Free



Validated in  
Primary Care



Easy to Score



Available in multiple  
languages



## Training on the CHA

- Dementia Care Aware provides a self-paced core training that can be done over time and offers CE/CME/MOC.
- Providers who take the training are eligible to bill for this assessment for patients 65 and older with Medi-Cal only using code 1494F.
- The Dementia Care Aware CHA may be used as a resource for the Medicare Annual Wellness Visit.
- More trainings are available, including through podcasts, monthly webinars, videos, and written tools.
- Dementia Care Aware will provide additional modules on key topics, such as the CHA in non-English speaking populations.

## Practice Support

We help providers and practices implement the CHA in practice with resources that fit your bandwidth:

- Centralized warmline support ([1-800-933-1789](tel:1-800-933-1789)) for clinical management or consult questions Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT.
- Virtual live education and case conferences on the CHA and dementia care.
- Practice support coaching to implement dementia care in your practice and get hands-on, customized practice improvement guidance.

## Ready to get started?



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take the training!