

# Access & Affordability (A&A) Strategy and Implementation Plan

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# Purpose for today's meeting

Present the Access & Affordability (A&A) Strategy to the AAWG for input and recommendation to the ICOC

November AAWG (Strategy recommendation)



December ICOC (Strategy approval)



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### **Prop 14's Access & Affordability**

Enhance patient access

Promote affordability



CIRM's Access & Affordability
(A&A) Strategy provides a
framework, integrated into existing
programs and operations, to
advance equitable access to CGT
clinical trials and approved
therapies for Californians

# A&A Strategy Objectives

- 1. Clinical Infrastructure Integration
- 2. Policy & Payer Engagement
- 3. Affordability & Financial Innovation



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# 1. Clinical Infrastructure Integration

#### Goal

Create a cohesive, performancedriven network that drives geographically distributed access of CIRM-funded clinical trials and therapies, making resulting treatments and cures broadly accessible to California patients

#### **Key Components & Actions**

- Alpha Clinics
- Community Care Centers of Excellence
- Patient Support Program
- Community-Based
   Organization Expansion
   Program

# 1. Clinical Infrastructure Integration

Key Components	Actions
Alpha Clinics (ACs)	<ul><li>Enhance Operational Performance of Trials</li><li>Standardized Metrics</li></ul>
Community Care Centers of Excellence (CCCEs)	<ul> <li>Partnership with ACs</li> <li>Geographic Expansion</li> <li>Early-phase Readiness</li> <li>Standardized Metrics</li> </ul>
Patient Support Program (PSP)	<ul><li>Integration with ACs/CLIN2</li><li>Ancillary Support</li><li>Outcome &amp; Equity Tracking</li></ul>
Community-Based Organization (CBO) Expansion Program	<ul> <li>Gap Analysis &amp; Mapping</li> <li>Pilot Program</li> <li>Metrics &amp; Accountability</li> <li>CBO Coordination</li> </ul>

# 1. Clinical Infrastructure Integration

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- YoY increases in participation of underserved populations
- 100% of ACs/CCCEs reporting standardized metrics annually by FY27/28
- Statewide map of access points for CGT clinical trials and therapies
- Expanded geographic coverage aligned with population distribution
- Consistent statewide outreach practices across infrastructure and CBOs

# 2. Policy & Payer Engagement

#### Goal

Position CIRM as a credible and trusted convener among payers and policymakers to advance coverage and reimbursement models to ensure equitable access to CGTs to all Californians

#### **Key Components & Actions**

- Structured Payer Engagement Framework
- California CGT Reimbursement Pilot
- Policy Advocacy

# 2. Policy & Payer Engagement

Key Components	Actions
Structure Payer Engagement Framework	<ul> <li>Strategic Stakeholder Engagement</li> <li>Technical Evidence Exchange Sessions</li> <li>Foundation for Reimbursement Pilots</li> </ul>
California CGT Reimbursement Pilot	<ul><li>Public Payer Partnership</li><li>Scalability &amp; Evidence Generation</li></ul>
Policy Advocacy	<ul> <li>Newborn &amp; Early-Life Screening     Linkages</li> <li>Equity Lens</li> <li>Partnership with Other State Agencies</li> </ul>

# 2. Policy & Payer Engagement

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- Establish engagement channels with a public payer and 2+ major commercial payers by FY28/29
- Support the launch of a California CGT reimbursement pilot by FY34/35
- Early diagnosis and screening pathways integrated into trial enrollment for rare diseases
- Demonstrable reduction in access disparities linked to socioeconomic barriers





# 3. Affordability & Financial Innovation

#### Goal

Promote that high-cost, potentially curative CGTs are accessible to all eligible Californians by embedding accessibility planning early in CIRM's R&D programs and advancing innovative financial models that make these therapies sustainable

#### **Key Components & Actions**

- Formalizing A&A Planning in Awards
- Financial Modelling & Innovation
- Rare Disease
   Commercialization and
   Financial Innovation Program

# 3. Affordability & Financial Innovation

Key Components	Actions
Formalizing A&A Planning in Awards	Embedded Milestones
Financial Modeling & Innovation	<ul> <li>Financial Model Development</li> <li>Portfolio Integration</li> <li>Cost Reduction Through Manufacturing Innovation</li> </ul>
Rare Disease Commercialization & Financial Innovation Program	<ul> <li>New Models for Sustainable Delivery and Access</li> </ul>

### 3. Affordability & Financial Innovation

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

- 100% of CLIN2 and PDEV awardees integrate A&A Toolkit—based reimbursement and affordability milestones by FY 26/27
- Implementation of at least one California-based financial pilot by FY31/32
- Sustained affordability frameworks adopted by Medi-Cal and commercial payers for CGTs originated from CIRM's pipeline



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# **Near-Term Milestones – by FY26/27**

#### **Operational**

• Finalize internal A&A strategy and governance structure

#### **Objective 1 - Clinical Infrastructure Integration**

- Establish standardized metrics to track ACs/CCCEs performance
- Expand reach to under-represented populations by successfully onboarding and developing community-based strategies for engagement, referral and enrollment

#### **Objective 2 - Policy & Payer Engagement**

Initiate payer engagement framework and first knowledge-exchange session

#### Objective 3 - Affordability & Financial Innovation

Engage external financial modeling experts and deliver recommendations

### **Long-Term Milestones – by FY34/35**

#### **Objective 1 - Clinical Infrastructure Integration**

 Demonstrate measurable increases in trial participation of underrepresented populations across all ACs/CCCEs.

#### **Objective 2 - Policy & Payer Engagement**

- Support the initiation of a functioning California CGT reimbursement pilot with a public payer and at least two commercial payers
- Achieve 100% of BLA-ready therapies with access and reimbursement plans

#### **Objective 3 - Affordability & Financial Innovation**

 Operationalize a sustainable commercialization model for at least one rare disease therapy



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#### Recommendation

CIRM requests a recommendation from the AAWG to advance the draft Access & Affordability Strategy to the ICOC for approval