

## **Project Summary: Substance Assistance For Elders (SAFE) Project**

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**Target Population:** The SAFE project aims to target older (55+) individuals residing in the greater Los Angeles area, identified as having risky substance use behaviors and willing to discuss these behaviors with a qualified professional. These individuals may also be disabled, dual-eligible, and/or require caregiver support.

**Project Overview:** Through Independence at Home (IAH), a division of SCAN Health Plan, the SAFE project will implement education and early interventions for older adults residing in the community with identified substance misuse and abuse issues. A combination of face-to-face and telephonic outreach will address a growing trend of substance use amongst this population. Services would be no cost to the individual and available in both English and Spanish.

### **Project Goals**

- Increase provider and community awareness about substance use/misuse amongst older adults.
- Engage older adults in SAFE services
- Improve participant health outcomes