

## The California Health Workforce Education and Training Council

## **Biography**

## Yingjia Huang

Yingjia Huang is the Assistant Deputy Director of Health Care Benefits and Eligibility with the California Department of Health Care Services. She oversees the development and implementation of benefit and eligibility policy for the Medi-Cal program. She was formerly the Assistant Division Chief of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Division (MCED) which promulgates all Medi-Cal eligibility policies across the Medi-Cal program. In response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Ms. Huang co-directed MCED's eligibility flexibilities, policy rollout, and implementation during the pandemic. She previously served as Chief, Policy Operations Branch, directing Medi-Cal residency and immigration policies and programs, outreach and enrollment grant programs, Medi-Cal eligibility system changes and implementation, and program oversight of the California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention System and the Statewide Automated Welfare Systems. Huang earned a bachelor's in history, international relations, and East Asian languages and culture, and a master's degree in public policy and public management from the University of Southern California and earned a graduate certificate in international studies from Johns Hopkins University. Huang has studied and lived abroad in Beijing, Nanjing, and South Korea as a Fulbright-Hays Scholar.