



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES

**Department of Health Care Service (DHCS) Tribal and Designees of Indian Health Programs Quarterly Webinar on Proposed Changes to the Medi-Cal Program  
February 25, 2022  
Questions and Answers**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0001 - Community Health Worker Services**

- 1. Question:** Has the Department considered allowing clinics to bill Fee-For-Service (FFS) for Community Health Worker (CHW) services, similar to how we bill FFS for Family Planning, Access, Care and Treatment (Family PACT) and the Breast Cancer Early Detection Program (BCEDP)?

**DHCS Response:** DHCS does not intend to allow Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, or Tribal Health Programs to bill for CHW services as a FFS payment. CHWs are staff that assist billable providers and do not provide a clinic-billable service.

**SPA 22-0023 – Updates to Medi-Cal Rehabilitative Mental Health Services**

- 2. Question:** Where can we view the changes to the definition of assessment for Medi-Cal Rehabilitative Mental Health Services?

**DHCS Response:** You may view this information in SPA 22-0023, which will be posted on [DHCS' Proposed State Plan Amendments](#) website as soon as the SPA is submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**SPA 22-0024 – Revised Definition for Peer Support Specialists**

- 3. Question:** Is there a list available of the counties that are participating in Peer Support Services?

**DHCS Response:** The Department is in the process of developing guidance to counties in terms of what the opt-in process will be. At this time, the Department does not have a list of the counties that will be in opting in.