



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH CARE SERVICES

**Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Tribal and Designees of Indian Health Programs Quarterly Webinar on Proposed Changes to the Medi-Cal Program
August 31, 2022
Questions and Answers**

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0040 – Ground Emergency Medical Transport Quality Assurance Fee (GEMT QAF) Program

1. **Question:** How many Tribal GEMT providers are there?

DHCS Response: There are 4 Tribal GEMT providers currently participating in the GEMT QAF program.

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0043 – Qualifying Community Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services

2. **Question:** Will clinics be required to provide 24/7 mobile crisis intervention services or will they be able to determine their own hours of operation? The concern is that the availability of staff for 24/7 services may be very challenging for some rural clinics who have difficulty filling other positions.

DHCS Response: Thank you for the feedback. The Department will share this information with the team. Currently, if approved the SPA will require that clinics provide mobile crisis intervention services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

3. **Question:** How will clinics be reimbursed for mobile crisis intervention services? Will reimbursement be at the All-Inclusive Rate (AIR)?

DHCS Response: The reimbursement policy is currently under review with the Department. DHCS will release a Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) clarifying the reimbursement policy for mobile crisis intervention services. The BHIN will be posted to [DHCS' Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services and BHIN](#) webpage.

4. **Question:** Can clinics provide mobile crisis intervention services in any type of vehicle?

DHCS Response: Additional information regarding the minimum requirements and specifications will be released once the Department receives approval for the SPA from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). For reference, please see the Tribal Notice for [SPA 22-0043](#) on [DHCS' Notice of Proposed Changes to Medi-Cal Program](#) webpage. For more information on the CalAIM

Mobile Crisis Services Initiative please visit their webpage on the [DHCS website](#) and see the links below.

- [Supplement 3 to Attachment 3-1-A Page 6](#)
- [Attachment 4-19-B pages 21-25](#)
- [Attachment 4-19-B pages 38-41](#)

California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) Section 1915 (b) Waiver & Section 1115 Demonstration – Managed Care Plan Model Change Amendments Overview for Tribal Partners

- 5. Question:** Will there be a change to reimbursement for dental services for American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) members who are enrolled in a Dental Managed Care Plan (MCP)?

DHCS Response: There will be no change to reimbursement for dental services for AI/AN members enrolled in a Dental MCP for Tribal Health Programs as a result of these waiver amendments.