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WITHDRAWAL OF STATE PLAN AMENDMENT 20-0032: ADDITION OF INTENSIVE  
TRANSITION SERVICES AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT  
PROVIDERS

Dear Mr. Scott:

In response to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) guidance, the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is withdrawing State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0032.

This SPA proposed to amend the California Medicaid 1915(i) State Plan for the Developmentally Disabled to add a new service and provider type for services for the developmentally disabled.

SPA 20-0032 proposed to add the following:

- Intensive Transition Services (ITS): A crisis service that provides individuals with the most complex challenges support in the transition from an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) to a less restrictive living option.
- Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA): A new provider type under Speech, Language and Hearing Services. SLPAs operate under the supervision of a Speech and Language Pathologist.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Richard Nelson, Division Chief, Integrated Systems of Care Division, at (916) 345-7957, or by email [Richard.Nelson@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Richard.Nelson@dhcs.ca.gov).

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