

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE SUPPLEMENTAL
PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN PHYSICIAN SERVICES FUNDED BY PROPOSITION
56 TOBACCO TAX FUNDS**

This notice serves to provide information of public interest regarding proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0004 that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) plans to submit to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The proposed SPA will seek to extend the supplemental payment program for physician services funded by Proposition 56 past the current sunset date of December 31, 2021, effective beginning January 1, 2022.

On November 8, 2016, California voters approved the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act (commonly known as Proposition 56) to increase the excise tax rate on cigarettes and tobacco products. The Legislature appropriates a specified portion of Proposition 56 revenues to DHCS for use as the nonfederal share of health care expenditures in accordance with the annual state budget process, including funds allocated for supplemental payments for certain physician services.

Assembly Bill (AB) 128 (Chapter 21, Statutes of 2021) enacted as part of the state budget process for the 2021-22 state fiscal year, extended Proposition 56 supplemental payments for certain physician services.

The supplemental payment amounts are fixed at the amounts listed in the chart below for each eligible physician service listed by Procedure Code. The supplemental payment is paid on a per claim basis for each eligible physician service. The supplemental payments are for new and established patient office/outpatient visits, psychiatric diagnostic evaluations, psychiatric diagnostic evaluation with medical services, and psychiatric pharmacological management services as identified by the CPT codes below:

CPT Code	Supplement Amount	CPT Code	Supplement Amount
99202	\$35.00	99381	\$77.00
99203	\$43.00	99382	\$80.00
99204	\$83.00	99383	\$77.00
99205	\$107.00	99384	\$83.00
99211	\$10.00	99385	\$30.00
99212	\$23.00	99391	\$75.00
99213	\$44.00	99392	\$79.00

CPT Code	Supplement Amount	CPT Code	Supplement Amount
99214	\$62.00	99393	\$72.00
99215	\$76.00	99394	\$72.00
90791	\$35.00	99395	\$27.00
90792	\$35.00	90863	\$5.00

DHCS estimates that the extension of the physician services supplemental payments will result in an increase in annual aggregate expenditures of approximately \$66 million in total funds and \$26.4 million in Proposition 56 funds.

The proposed SPA is subject to approval by CMS.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA 21-0004 will be published at the following Web page:

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending_2021.aspx

If you would like to view the SPA in person once it becomes available, please visit your local county welfare department. You may also request a copy of proposed SPA 21-0004 or a copy of submitted public comments related to SPA 21-0004 by requesting it in writing to the mailing or email addresses listed below. Please indicate SPA 21-0004 in the subject line or message.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services
 Fee-For-Service Rates Development Division
 Attn: Provider Rates Section
 P.O. Box 997413, MS 8400
 Sacramento, California 95899-7417

Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA 21-0004 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA 21-0004 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.