

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST  
RELEASE DATE: SEPTEMBER 22, 2021**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO CONTINUE THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
PAYMENTS FOR DENTAL SERVICES USING PROPOSITION 56 TOBACCO TAX  
FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THE 2021-22 STATE FISCAL YEAR**

This notice provides information of public interest regarding a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The proposed SPA 21-0030 will seek to continue Proposition 56 supplemental payments for certain dental services in effect for Fiscal Year 2020-21 beginning January 1, 2022.

On November 8, 2016, California voters approved the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016 (commonly known as "Proposition 56") to increase the excise tax rate on cigarettes and tobacco products. The Budget Acts of 2018 and 2019 continued to appropriate a specified portion of the revenue to DHCS for use as the nonfederal share of health care expenditures in accordance with the annual state budget process for the 2019-20 and the 2020-21 state fiscal years.

SPA 21-0030 proposes Proposition 56 funds to be allocated as supplemental payments for dental services, which includes visits and diagnostics, preventive, restorative, endodontic, periodontic, prosthetic, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontic, and adjunctive services categories. Continuing for FY 2021-22, the supplemental payment rates will remain the same as published on the DHCS Proposition 56 webpage (<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Prop-56/Pages/Prop56-Provider-Dental.aspx>) and in the file titled Prop 56 Dental Codes for Supplemental Payments for 2019-21 (<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Documents/MDSD/Prop56/Prop56DentalFY1921Codes.pdf>).

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for the procedures within the categories described in this Public Notice will increase by \$228,029,500 in total funds for the remainder of state fiscal year 2021-22 beginning January 1, 2022.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is January 1, 2022 and subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS**

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA 21-0030 will be published at the following internet address:

[https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending\\_2021.aspx](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 21-0030 using the mailing or email addresses listed below.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

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Comments may also be emailed to [PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov). Please indicate SPA 21-0030 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA 21-0030 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.