

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: AUGUST 26, 2021**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE THE SUNSET DATE
FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS
AND ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES SCREENINGS**

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 21-0045 seeks to eliminate the sunset date for the supplemental payment to support developmental screenings and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) screenings, previously referred to as “trauma screenings”. DHCS requests input from beneficiaries, providers, and other interested stakeholders concerning the proposed SPA 21-0045.

These supplemental payment programs were originally established using Proposition 56 (Prop. 56) funds for the non-federal share from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021. The Budget Act of 2021 eliminated the sunset date for supplemental payments for both ACEs and developmental screenings. In addition, beginning July 1, 2022, the Budget Act of 2021 changes the source of the non-federal share of supplemental payments for ACEs screenings to the state General Funds in accordance with the annual state budget process through 2021-22 state fiscal years.

SPA 21-0045 does not make any other changes to the rates for, structure of, or requirements for the supplemental payments for developmental or ACEs screenings, including those provided by managed care plans, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Rural Health Clinics (RHC), and Indian Health Services providers.

DHCS estimates the overall budgetary impact of the proposed elimination of the sunset date of supplemental payments to result in an aggregate expenditure increase of approximately \$107.9 million in total funds for fiscal year 2021-22 (\$43.1 million state funds/\$64.5 million federal funds).

The effective date of the proposed SPA 21-0045 is January 1, 2022. The proposed SPA is 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 21-0045 will be published at the following internet address:

[Pending State Plan Amendment 2021](#)

If you would like to view the SPA, you may request a copy of proposed SPA 21-0045 or a copy of submitted public comments related to SPA 21-0045 by writing to the mailing or email addresses listed below. Please indicate SPA 21-0045 in the subject line or message.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services
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Attn: Jim Elliott
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Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov . Please indicate SPA 21-0045 in the subject line or message.

To be assured consideration prior to submission of the SPA to CMS, comments must be received no later than September 23, 2021. Please note that comments will continue to be accepted after September 30, 2021, but DHCS may not be able to consider those comments prior to the initial submission of SPA 21-0045 to CMS.