

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
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PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH A REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY FOR REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING TELEHEALTH SERVICES

This notice provides information of public interest regarding a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). DHCS plans to submit SPA 21-0048 to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to obtain federal approval to establish Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS) reimbursement rates for remote patient monitoring telehealth services, effective July 1, 2021.

The Public Health Omnibus bill of 2021, or similar legislation, is projected to amend Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 14124.12, which allows the Department to establish reimbursement rates for telehealth services delivered via remote patient monitoring, effective July 1, 2021. Accordingly, contingent on final enacted legislation, DHCS will establish Medi-Cal FFS rates at no more than 80% of the corresponding Medicare rate for the same or similar service, effective July 1, 2021.

The proposed SPA 21-0048 will not supersede existing rate flexibilities, as approved in SPA 20-0024 still currently in effect due to the national public health emergency (PHE) declared in response to the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures resulting from SPA 21-0048 will increase by approximately \$5.1 million in total funds based on the most recent available data.

The proposed SPA is subject to approval by CMS.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #21-0048 will be published at the following internet address:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/PendingStatePlanAmendments.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 #21-0048 using the mailing or email addresses listed below.

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 4600
Sacramento, California 95899-7417

Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA #21-0048 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #21-0048 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.