

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2021**

PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO EXEMPT MEDI-CAL FEE-FOR-SERVICE PROVIDERS OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COMPLEX REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMPLEX REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES FROM A STATUTORY TEN PERCENT PAYMENT REDUCTION

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 proposed SPA 21-0064 to the Federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to exempt Durable Medical Equipment Complex Rehabilitation Technology (DME CRT) and Complex Rehabilitation Technology Services (CRTS) from the Assembly Bill (AB) 97 ten percent payment reductions, effective January 1, 2022.

Pursuant AB 97 (Chapter 3, Statutes of 2011), and Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) section 14105.192, Medi-Cal fee-for-service benefits are subject to payment reductions of no more than 10 percent for dates of service on and after June 1, 2011.

The Public Health Omnibus bill of 2021, AB 133 (Chapter 143, Statutes of 2021), amended WIC section 14105.192, to exempt Medi-Cal providers of DME CRT and CRTS from the AB 97 ten percent payment reductions, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2022. DHCS will seek approval for this exemption in SPA 21-0064.

Proposed SPA 21-0064 is subject to approval by CMS.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for DME CRT and CRTS will increase by approximately \$2 million in total funds.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA 21-0064 will be available on the DHCS website:

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 21-0064 using the mailing or email addresses listed below.

Written comments may be submitted to the following address. Please indicate SPA 21-0064 in the subject line or message:

Department of Health Care Services
Fee-For-Service Rate Development Division
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Comments may also be submitted via email to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA 21-0064 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments for SPA 21-0064 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.