

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
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PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE OUTPATIENT DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL AND OUTPATIENT SMALL/RURAL HOSPITAL SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT METHODOLOGIES

This notice is to provide information of public interest about a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The proposed SPA updates the payment methodology for the Outpatient Disproportionate Share Hospital (OP DSH) and Outpatient Small and Rural Hospital (OP SRH) supplemental reimbursement programs. The current California Medicaid State Plan (State Plan) references the outdated original rate enhancement methodology. This SPA amends the State Plan at Attachment 4.19-B, pages 81-86, and Supplement 17 to Attachment 4.19-B, page 1, to incorporate the lump sum payment methodology established in 2005.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for the OP DSH and OP SRH supplemental reimbursement programs will be budget neutral.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is July 1, 2022. All proposed SPAs are 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 #22-0005 will be published at the following internet address:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/DispPages/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 #22-0005 using the mailing or email addresses listed below.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services
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Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA #22-0005 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #22-0005 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.