

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST  
AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT  
RELEASE DATE: DECEMBER 29, 2021**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADJUST THE MEDI-CAL  
FEE-FOR-SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES**

This notice serves to provide information of public interest regarding proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0006 that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) plans to submit to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The proposed SPA is seeking federal authority to adjust certain Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS) reimbursement rates for radiology services, effective January 1, 2022. DHCS requests input from beneficiaries, providers, and other interested stakeholders concerning proposed SPA 22-0006, which is attached below.

DHCS plans to submit to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) SPA 22-0006, which proposes to adjust certain Medi-Cal FFS rates for radiology services, effective January 1, 2022, in accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code section 14105.08. Specifically, rates exceeding 80 percent of the current Medicare rate will be reduced to 80 percent of the corresponding Medicare rate. Radiology services may be described as the diagnosis, treatment, and intervention using medical imaging techniques.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for radiology services will decrease by \$2.2 million in total funds.

The proposed SPA is subject to approval by CMS.

**PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS**

The proposed changes included in draft SPA 22-0006 are attached to this notice for public comment. DHCS is requesting stakeholder input on the impact, if any, on access to services as a result of the proposed action.

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA 22-0006 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 22-0006 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 Rate Development Division  
1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 4600  
Sacramento, California 95899-7417

Comments may also be emailed to [PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov). Please indicate SPA 22-0006 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 January 28, 2022. Please note that comments will continue to be accepted after January 28, 2022, but DHCS may not be able to consider those comments prior to the initial submission of SPA 22-0006 to CMS.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA 22-0006 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
STATE: California

REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES

- 1) Except as otherwise noted in the State Plan, state-developed fee schedules are the same for both governmental and private providers of radiological services. The department's fee schedule rates for affected radiology procedure codes will be effective January 1, 2022, and will be effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2022. All Medi-Cal Fee for Service rates are published at:  
<http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/rates/rateshome.asp>
- 2) Effective January 1, 2022, the reimbursement rates for radiology services will be set at no more than 80 percent of the corresponding Medicare 2022 Physician Fee Schedule rates. Any rate reflected at or below 80 percent will not be decreased.