

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: MARCH 28, 2022**

PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT 22-0034 TO REDUCE PREMIUMS FOR THE 250 PERCENT WORKING DISABLED PROGRAM TO ZERO DOLLARS.

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 clarifies the provision which allows DHCS to reduce the premiums to zero dollars for the 250 Percent Working Disabled Program (250 WDP). DHCS requests input from members, providers, and other interested stakeholders concerning the proposed SPA 22-0034, which is enclosed.

In January 2022, as part of the Governor's proposed budget, a proposal was laid out to reduce monthly premiums for several Medi-Cal programs, including the 250 Percent Working Disabled Program (250 WDP). Premiums would be reduced to zero dollars for all program participants.

There is no federal fiscal impact with proposed SPA 22-0034, because it only seeks to reduce premiums to zero dollars. Premiums for the program are collected by the state and deposited in the general fund, and have no impact on federal funding for the program.

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 #22-0034 will be published at the following internet address:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending-2022.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 #22-0034 using the mailing or email addresses listed below.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services
Medi-Cal Eligibility Division
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Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA #22-0034 in the subject line or message. A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #22-0034 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.