

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

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

This notice provides information of public interest that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) proposes to submit State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0066 to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The proposed SPA is seeking federal authority to increase Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS) reimbursement rates for acupuncture services, effective January 1, 2023.

The Budget Act of 2022, Assembly Bill (AB) 178, Chapter 45, Statutes of 2022, authorizes DHCS to increase Medi-Cal FFS rates for acupuncture services. Accordingly, DHCS will increase rates for the following acupuncture services, to the rates listed, effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2023:

Procedure Code	Current Medi-Cal Rate	Proposed Medi-Cal Rate
97810	\$5.79	\$20.00
97811	\$5.79	\$20.00
97813	\$5.79	\$20.00
97814	\$5.79	\$20.00

DHCS estimates that the annual Medi-Cal FFS expenditures for acupuncture services will increase by \$50,000 in total funds.

The proposed SPA is subject to approval by CMS.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA 22-0066 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 22-0066 or a copy of submitted public comments related to SPA 22-0066 by requesting it in writing to the mailing or email addresses listed below. Please indicate SPA 22-0066 in the subject line or message.

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 22-0066 in the subject line or message