

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2022**

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROPOSES TO SUBMIT A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO CONTINUE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS TO FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, RURAL HEALTH CLINICS, INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE-MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, AND TRIBAL FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS FOR COVID-19 VACCINE-ONLY VISITS FOLLOWING THE END OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

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 will provide supplemental payments to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), Indian Health Service-Memorandum of Agreement (IHS-MOA), and Tribal FQHCs when COVID-19 vaccines are administered on their own, outside of a billable visit. Reimbursement will be outside of the applicable Prospective Payment System (PPS)/All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) or Tribal FQHC Alternate Payment Methodology (APM). Supplemental reimbursement amounts will be based on the fee schedule rates established under disaster SPA 20-0040.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for this SPA will increase by \$40.7 million in total funds.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is the date after the PHE ends. 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 #22-0067 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 #22-0067 using the mailing or email addresses listed below.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services
Office of Tribal Affairs
Attn: Vickshna Anand
P.O. Box 997413, MS 8502
Sacramento, California 95899-7417

Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA #22-0067 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #22-0067 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.