

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2022**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE MEDI-CAL DENTAL PROGRAM,
CURRENT DENTAL TERMINOLOGY CODE SET POLICIES**

This notice provides information of public interest regarding proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0001 by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), which will update the DHCS dental fee schedule and rates as published in the Medi-Cal Dental Program Provider Handbook, in Section 5, Manual of Criteria and Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA). The proposed SPA will implement and make effective the Current Dental Terminology (CDT) 2023 dental code set on April 1, 2023, upon approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The CDT-23 code set will replace the CDT-22 code set, which is outdated and does not reflect current federal code standards and dental standards as defined by the American Dental Association.

The following new CDT-23 procedure codes, which were not prior benefits of our program, with the associated SMA rates/fee will be payable:

- D6105 – removal of implant body not requiring bone removal nor flap elevation, \$22.00 SMA, plus \$8.80 (40% Proposition 56) total \$30.80
- D7251 – coronectomy – intentional partial tooth removal, \$135.00 SMA

All Medi-Cal Dental Provider Bulletins related to these policy updates will be identified on the [Medi-Cal Dental Provider Bulletins web page](#) and in Section 5 of the [Medi-Cal Dental Provider Handbook](#). Additionally, CDT procedure code D7251 will be added to the emergency and limited scope tables in Section 10 of the [Medi-Cal Dental Provider Handbook](#). CDT procedure code D6105 will receive the Proposition 56 supplemental payment, in accordance with State Plan Attachment 4.19-B, Supplement 25, Page 1.

DHCS estimates that the total annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures per the CDT code changes above will increase total funds expenditures by \$14,629.80.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

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 23-0001 will be published in the 2023 webpage of 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 23-0001 or a copy of submitted public comments related to SPA 23-0001 by requesting it in writing to the mailing or email addresses listed below. Please indicate SPA 23-0001 in the subject line or message.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

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Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA 23-0001 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 2, 2023, but DHCS may not be able to consider those comments prior to the initial submission of SPA 23-0001 to CMS.