

UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST

The California State Medicaid program, Medi-Cal, is authorized under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act and is jointly funded by the state and federal governments. Medi-Cal is administered by the Department of Health Care Services (Department). Health care providers licensed under applicable provisions of the Business and Professions (B&P) Code who also meet Medi-Cal statutory and regulatory requirements may be enrolled as “Medi-Cal providers” by the Department, pursuant to Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code Section 14043.15. Among the health care providers who may be enrolled as Medi-Cal providers are Nonphysician Medical Practitioners (NMPs). NMPs include Nurse Midwives (NMs), Nurse Practitioners (NPs), and Physician Assistants (PAs).

Medi-Cal providers, including NMs, NPs and PAs are mandated to practice within the scope and standards of practice of and in accordance with applicable professional licensing statutes and regulations, pursuant to the Medical Practice Act, Nursing Practice Act, and Physician Assistant Practice Act, set forth in B&P Code Sections 2000 et seq.; 2700 et seq; and 3500 et seq., respectively, and implementing regulations under Title 16, Division 2, California Code of Regulations (CCR), and in accordance with the authority and jurisdiction of the applicable licensing boards.

The amendments proposed through this regulatory action will maintain the scope and standards of practice for Medi-Cal NMPs in the appropriate location, under each provider’s applicable professional licensing statutes and regulations, as described above. This will eliminate impermissible conflict with and unnecessary duplication of provisions under the B&P Code; Title 16, CCR, Division 2; and Title 22, CCR, Division 3. This will also avoid the need to revise these regulations when the scope or standards of practice for these providers change through B&P Code and/or Title 16 changes.

The changes proposed to Title 22, CCR Sections 51240, 51305 and 51476 include:

- The addition of cross references to applicable professional licensing statutes and regulations.
- The removal of outdated regulatory provisions and those that are duplicative of standards already set forth in applicable NMP professional licensing statutes and regulations.
- The correction of typographical errors.