

## **Explanation of Changes Without Regulatory Effect**

The Department of Health Care Services (Department) proposes a change without regulatory effect to amend California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 53626. Specifically, the Department proposes to update the address of the Office of Administrative Hearings and Appeals (OAHA), which recently moved to a new location. The proposed amendment qualifies as a change without regulatory effect under California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 100, since the change does not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription or other regulatory element of any California Code of Regulations provision.

### **Background**

The Department administers Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid Program. Medi-Cal provides health care services for low-income individuals, including families with children, seniors, persons with disabilities, children in foster care, pregnant women and 19-64 year-old adults without children.

The regulations that govern the Medi-Cal Program are located in California Code of Regulations, title 22, division 3, subdivision 1.

### **Summary**

California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 53626 specifies the requirements for the "Filing and Service" of an emergency services claims dispute. Specifically, subsection (a) requires all documentation to be filed with OAHA. However, this subsection provides OAHA's former address, 1029 J Street, Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95814.

### **Proposed Amendment**

The Department proposes to correct this issue by amending California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 53626(a) to replace OAHA's former address with its current address, 3831 N. Freeway Blvd., Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95834.

Updating OAHA's address would not materially alter any requirement, right, responsibility, condition, prescription or other regulatory element of the regulations, as the process to file an emergency services claims dispute remains unchanged. This amendment simply provides the public with the accurate location to submit their documentation, in order to process their dispute.