

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: MARCH 10, 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) 22-0020 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, under Section 5, Manual of Criteria and Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA). The proposed SPA will implement the Current Dental Terminology (CDT) 2022 dental code set in one release on May 1, 2022. The CDT-22 code set will replace the CDT-21 code set, which is outdated and does not reflect current federal code standards and dental standards as defined by the American Dental Association. DHCS requests input from beneficiaries, providers, and other interested stakeholders concerning the proposed SPA 22-0020, which is enclosed.

For dates of service on or after May 1, 2022, the following new CDT-22 procedure codes with the associated SMA rates/fee will be payable:

- D3921 – decoronation or submergence of an erupted tooth, \$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 5-1 of the [Medi-Cal Dental Provider Handbook](#).

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for the dental procedures listed above will increase total funds expenditures by \$19,170. The single new benefit code is a procedure that is used only in rare circumstances, and as such there is minimal cost impact to the program.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is May 1, 2022. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

The proposed changes included in draft SPA 22-0020 are enclosed in this notice for public comment. 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 22-0020 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 22-0020 or a copy of submitted public comments related to SPA 22-0020 by requesting it in writing to the mailing or email addresses listed below. Please indicate SPA 22-0020 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 22-0020 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 April 11, 2022, but DHCS may not be able to consider those comments prior to the initial submission of SPA 22-0020 to CMS.