

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE MEDI-CAL
REIMBURSEMENT FOR PRIMARY CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY
QUALIFYING MEDICAL RESIDENTS IN A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH
CENTER AND RURAL HEALTH CLINIC SPONSORED GRADUATE MEDICAL
EDUCATION PROGRAM**

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This notice is to inform the public that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will submit State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0032 to authorize reimbursement under the Prospective Payment System (PPS) methodology for services performed by qualifying Graduate Medical Education (GME) primary care residents at participating Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC).

SPA 18-0032 will propose to add qualifying GME primary care residents whose services are eligible for Medi-Cal reimbursement at a FQHC or RHC's per-visit PPS reimbursement rate. In order to bill in this fashion, the medical resident must have at least six months experience in a GME program, working under the supervision of a teaching physician. If SPA 18-0032 is approved, a sponsoring FQHC or RHC may be required to submit a Change of Scope of Services Request (CSOSR) to include the cost of a GME resident prior to billing for such costs on a per-visit basis.

DHCS expects this proposed SPA to result in a nominal increase in annual expenditures should a CSOSR be requested for such costs.

DHCS intends for this policy to be effective April 1, 2018, but will propose an effective date no later than June 2, 2018. SPA 18-0032 is subject to CMS approval.

Public Review and Comment

Upon submission, a copy of proposed SPA 18-0032 will be published at: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending_2018.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 the proposed SPA from the mailing address or e-mail address below.

Written comments may be sent to: DHCS, Primary, Rural and Indian Health Division (PRIHD), MS 8502, P.O. Box 997413, Sacramento, CA 95899-7413, or may be e-mailed to: PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA 18-0032 in the subject line or message. A copy of public comments received on SPA 18-0032 may be requested in writing using the address or e-mail inbox identified above.