

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES

NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

PROPOSED ONE-YEAR SUPPLEMENTAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR FAMILY PLANNING, ACCESS, CARE AND TREATMENT (FAMILY PACT) PROGRAM PROVIDERS USING PROPOSITION 56 TOBACCO TAX FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THE 2017-18 STATE FISCAL YEAR

This notice serves to provide information of public interest that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will seek federal approval for State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17-029 to allow time-limited supplemental reimbursements under the Family PACT program for the Evaluation and Management (E&M) portion of office visits rendered for the purpose of comprehensive family planning services.

On November 8, 2016, California voters approved the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act (commonly known as Prop. 56) to increase the excise tax rate on cigarettes and tobacco products. Under Prop. 56, a specified portion of the tobacco tax revenue is allocated to DHCS for use as the nonfederal share of health care expenditures in accordance with the annual state budget process. Assembly Bill 120 (Statutes of 2017, Chapter 22, §3, Item 4260-101-3305) amends the Budget Act of 2017 to appropriate Prop. 56 funds for specified DHCS health care expenditures during the 2017-18 state fiscal year.

DHCS will submit the proposed SPA that allows time-limited supplemental reimbursements, at a rate equal to 150 percent of the current Family PACT rates, to providers under Family PACT. The supplemental reimbursements will be given to Family PACT providers for E&M office visits rendered for comprehensive family planning services for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

DHCS projects the overall budgetary impact of the proposed supplemental payments to result in an aggregate expenditure increase of \$173.4 million in total funds, including \$41.6 million in Prop. 56 funds.

The proposed effective date for this SPA is July 1, 2017, with a proposed end date of June 30, 2018. The proposed SPA is subject to approval by CMS.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of proposed SPA 17-029 will be published at:
http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending_2017.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.

Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Health Care Services, Office of Family Planning, 1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 8400, Sacramento, CA 95899-7413 or may be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA 17-029 in the subject line of the message.

A copy of submitted public comments related to SPA 17-029 may be requested in writing to the same address or email inbox identified above.

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