

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)



**Tribal and Designee Medi-Cal Advisory Process
Webinar on Proposed Changes to the
Medi-Cal Program
November 30, 2011**

Purpose

- The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is hosting this webinar regarding proposed changes to the Medi-Cal Program. This webinar will provide information and allow for feedback on State Plan Amendments (SPA) and Waiver Renewals/Amendments proposed for submission to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Background: Executive Orders recognize the unique relationship of Tribes with the federal government and emphasize the importance of States to work with Tribes on matters that may impact Indian health.
- This webinar is one way for DHCS to provide information about the Medi-Cal program and get feedback verbally and writing.

AGENDA

Topic	Presenter
Webinar Logistics	Lori Gonzalez, Go to Meetings
Welcome/Overview	Andrea Zubiata, Indian Health Program Coordinator
State Plan and State Plan Amendment (SPA) Overview	Andrea Zubiata, Indian Health Program Coordinator
Review of Proposed SPAs	-Jim Elliott, Benefits, Waiver Analysis, and Rates Division -Lupe Martinez, Benefits, Waiver Analysis, and Rates Division
Medicaid Waiver Overview	Andrea Zubiata, Indian Health Program Coordinator
Review of Proposed Waivers Renewal and Amendments	Betsi Howard, Long-Term Care Division
Feedback/Closing	All

A scenic view of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore under a clear blue sky. The foreground shows a rocky, vegetated slope leading down to a sandy beach. The ocean is a deep blue, with white foam from the waves washing onto the shore. The sky is a clear, bright blue with a few wispy clouds on the left side.

State Plan Amendment (SPA) Overview

Medicaid State Plan Overview

- State Plan: The official contract between the state and federal government by which a state ensure compliance with federal Medicaid requirements to be eligible for federal funding.
- The State Plan describes the nature and scope of Medicaid program and gives assurance that it will be administered in accordance with the specific requirements of Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter IV, and State law/regulations.
- California's State Plan is over 1400 pages and can be accessed online at:
 - <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/CaliforniStatePlan.aspx>

State Plan Amendment (SPA) Overview

- State Plan Amendment: Any formal change to the State Plan
- Approved State Plans and SPAs ensure the availability of federal funding for the state's program (Medi-Cal).
- The CMS reviews all State Plans and SPAs for compliance with:
 - Federal Medicaid statutes and regulations
 - State Medicaid manual
 - Most current State Medicaid Directors' Letters, which serve as policy guidance.

Clarification of Psychology Service Limits at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Centers (RHC) - SPA 11-031



Background

- SPA 11-031 will amend the State Plan to clarify limits on psychology services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries at FQHCs and RHCs. Per current regulations, Medi-Cal limits psychology services to a maximum of two services per calendar month per beneficiary in an FQHC and RHC. SPA 11-031 clarifies the foregoing existing regulatory limits of a maximum of two psychology services per month applicable to FQHCs and RHCs.
- DHCS plans to submit SPA 11-031 to CMS by December 30, 2011. SPA 11-031 is written to clarify current regulatory limits that Medi-Cal covers a maximum of two psychology services per calendar month in FQHCs and RHCs.

Impact on Indian Health Programs

- SPA 11-031 only clarifies existing regulatory limits for psychology services in an FQHC and RHC. If an Indian Health Program or Urban Indian Organization operating an FQHC or RHC provides more than two psychology services to a beneficiary in a calendar month, DHCS would deny payment for services beyond the limit.



Impact on Indian Medi-Cal Beneficiaries

- This SPA only clarifies existing regulatory limits. If an Indian Health Program or Urban Indian Organization operating an FQHC or RHC provides more than two psychology services to a beneficiary in a calendar month, DHCS would deny payment for services beyond the limit.



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To Extend the Payment Reduction for Adult Day Health Care (ADHC) - SPA 11-036



Background

- The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) settled in a lawsuit that challenged the elimination of the optional adult day health care (ADHC) benefit. As a result of the settlement, DHCS must extend the payment reduction for ADHCs to February 29, 2012.
- Assembly Bill (AB) 97 (Chapter 3, Statutes of 2011), requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to reduce payments to ADHCs by 10 percent for dates of service on or after June 1, 2011. Accordingly, DHCS is required to submit State Plan Amendments (SPAs) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to obtain federal approval.

Impact on Indian Health Programs

- DHCS does not anticipate that this SPA will have an effect on the Indian Health Programs because it requests an extension of a SPA previously approved by CMS. This SPA extends the payment reduction for ADHCs to February 29, 2012.

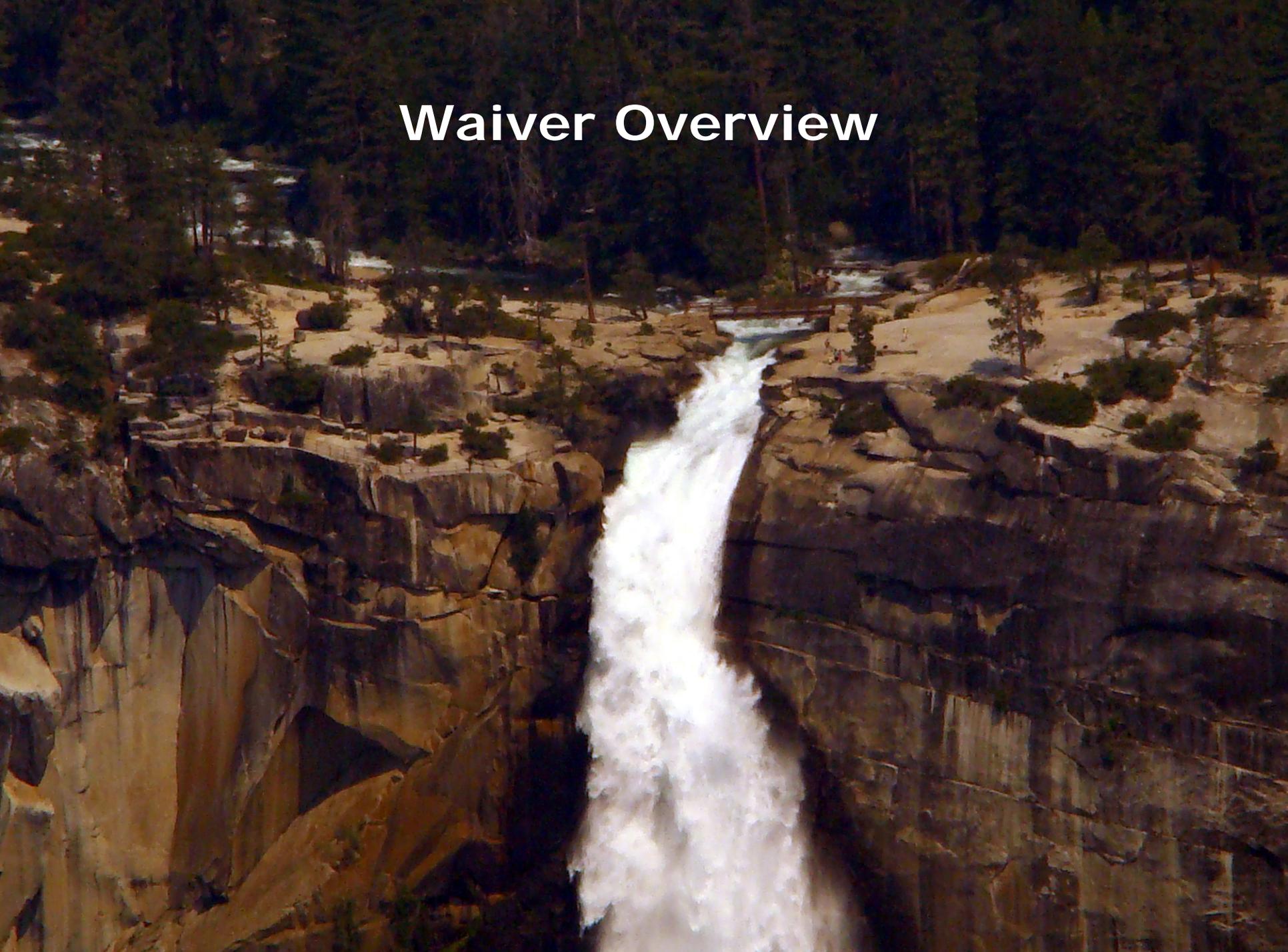
Impact on Indian Medi-Cal Beneficiaries

- This SPA may impact Indian Medi-Cal beneficiaries only to the extent that these beneficiaries are receiving or may seek to access to ADHC services under the Medical program.

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Waiver Overview



What Are Medicaid Waivers?

- “Waive” specified provisions of Medicaid Law (Title XIX of the Social Security Act)
- Allow flexibility and encourage innovation in administering the Medicaid program to meet the health care needs of each State’s populations
- Provide medical coverage to individuals and/or services that may not otherwise be eligible or allowed under regular Medicaid rules
- Approved for specified periods of time and often may be renewed upon expiration.

Application for 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver: CA.0855



Background

- Assembly Bill 2968 (Chapter 830, Statutes of 2006) added section 14132.24 to the Welfare & Institutions Code, which mandates the Department to provide a new Community Living Support Benefit (CLSB) which will:
 - Increase access to health-related and psychosocial services for eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries residing in the City and County of San Francisco.
 - Reduce their use of acute psychiatric and medical services or institutionalized long-term care services.

Background

- The CLSB Waiver includes services provided at licensed community care homes and publicly funded supportive housing sites that have home and community-based characteristics.
- It is DHCS' goal to offer services under this Waiver beginning on February 1, 2012.
- This is contingent on approval by the CMS.

Background



Eligibility for the CLSB Waiver is restricted to individuals who:

- Reside in San Francisco.
- Are eligible for the Medi-Cal program.
- Meet level of care for placement in a skilled nursing facility including intermediate care, as determined by DHCS.
- Would otherwise be homeless, living in shelters, or institutionalized.
- Would benefit from supportive housing, as determined by licensed mental health professionals.

Background

Nurses employed by the San Francisco Department of Public Health will determine eligibility. Waiver participants will have a choice of living arrangement and package of services including:

- CLSB in Licensed Settings
- CLSB in Housing Sites
- Case Management/Care Coordination
- Enhanced Care Coordination
- Personal Care
- Health Supports
- Behavior Supports
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations in housing sites
- Home Delivered Meals in housing sites

Impact

- **Impact on Indian Health Programs** – It is not anticipated that this waiver will have an impact on Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations.
- **Impact on Indian Health Beneficiaries** - The CLSB Waiver is a new Medi-Cal benefit for eligible individuals and may impact members of Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations in San Francisco by adding a new waiver program.



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FEEDBACK/CLOSING



Thank You !

