



Department of Health Care Services



Tribal and Designee Medi-Cal Advisory Process Webinar on Proposed Changes to the Medi-Cal Program May 29, 2015

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
Welcome/Overview	Andrea Zubiante, DHCS, Indian Health Program (IHP) Coordinator
SPA Scheduled for Submission	by June 30, 2015
Live Transmissions in the Medi-Cal Dental Program SPA 15-010	Kalanie Lipscomb, DHCS, Medi-Cal Dental Services Division
Substance Use Disorder Services under Drug Medi-Cal SPA 15-016	Thomas Soteros-McNamara, DHCS, Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Division
Home Health Program SPA 15-017	Bob Baxter, DHCS, Health Homes Program, Managed Care Quality and Monitoring Division
Feedback/Closing	All

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 1600 pages and can be accessed online at:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/CaliforniaStatePlan.aspx>

State Plan Amendment (SPA) Overview

- SPA: 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.

Live Transmissions Transmissions in the Medi-Cal Dental Program (SPA) 15-010

Background

- Assembly Bill (AB) 1174¹ was approved by the Governor on September 27, 2014.
- DHCS will allow for the use of teledentistry as an alternative modality to provide certain dental services.
 - Dental providers may use live transmission tools at beneficiary request.

¹ Chapter 662, SEC 10, Section 14132.725 of the Welfare and Institutions Code

Description

- DHCS will submit SPA 15-010 to CMS.
 - The implementation date is September 1, 2015, pending SPA approval.
- SPA 15-010 will allow live transmissions to occur between the supervising dentist at a distant site location and the beneficiary receiving treatment at a different location.
 - A “distant site” is defined to mean a site where a health care provider who provides health care services is located while providing these services via a telecommunication system.²
 - Live transmissions shall not exceed 90 minutes per provider, per beneficiary, per day.

² Business and Professions Code section 2290.5(e)

Impact

Impact on Indian Health Programs

- Indian Health Program(s) or Urban Indian Organization(s) will be able to provide certain dental services via teledentistry.
 - Programs may allow beneficiaries to discuss their treatment plan with dentists through live transmissions.
- FQHCs and IHS-MOA clinic sites cannot bill for live transmission fees.

Impact on Indian Medi-Cal Beneficiaries

- May expand access to some dental services through a different method, teledentistry.

Contact Information

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Substance Use Disorder Services under Drug Medi-Cal (SPA) 15-016

Background

- Medi-Cal has statutory authority under Welfare and Institutions Code 14132.03 to **expand** coverage for certain substance use disorder benefits to all beneficiaries.

Description

- State Plan Amendment 15-016 has two main components:
 - Additional medication options for medicated-assisted treatment
 - Changes to restrictions on individual counseling that currently prohibit this service to be provided remotely, including by telephone

Impact

Impact on Indian Health Programs

- Medi-Cal will reimburse Indian Health Providers certified by Drug Medi-Cal who offer these new benefits

Impact on Indian Medi-Cal Beneficiaries

- Increased Access to Medication-Assisted Therapy for Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- Increased Opportunities for SUD Individual Counseling

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Home Health Program (SPA) 15-017

SPA 15-017 Background

- **ACA Section 2703**
 - Created the new optional health homes Medicaid benefit for intensive care coordination for people with chronic conditions
 - 90% federal funding for first eight quarters; 50% thereafter.

- **AB 361 – enacted in 2013**
 - Requires inclusion of a specific target population of frequent utilizers and those experiencing homelessness
 - Requires that DHCS implement only if no additional State General Funds will be used.

SPA 15-017 Description

- Health homes include six core services, delivered through the Managed Care system:
 - Comprehensive care management
 - Care coordination
 - Health promotion
 - Comprehensive transitional care
 - Individual and family support
 - Referral to community and social support services
- Health Homes Program (HHP) includes the use of health information technology and exchanges, as feasible and appropriate.

Impact on Indian Health

- **Impact on Indian Health Programs**
 - Indian health providers may opt to become health home providers.

- **Impact on Indian Medi-Cal Beneficiaries**
 - Health homes provide services to better meet the needs of people with multiple chronic illnesses, ensuring that members receive the right care at the right time.

Timeline

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8/2014 – 1/2016	Ongoing Stakeholder Engagement
4/2015 – 7/2015	Consultation with federal authorities (SAMHSA and CMS) on HHP model
7/2015 – 12/2015	Begin provider technical assistance, build health networks, and prepare for program implementation
8/2015	Formal SPA submission to CMS
10/2015 – 12/2015	CMS approval of Section 2703 SPA
1/2016	Begin operating HHP SPA effective date for enhanced match purposes
12/2017	End of 8 quarters of enhanced match for first SPA

Additional Information

- Visit the DHCS HHP web page www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/HealthHomesProgram.aspx for:
 - Program Information
 - Links to: Stakeholder Engagement information, including HHP Concept papers and recordings of the November and April Webinars
- Please contact us via the DHCS HHP mailbox HHP@dhcs.ca.gov to:
 - Send comments/questions or to ask to be included in future notices of stakeholder engagement opportunities

Feedback

Thank You!