



Tribal and Designee Medi-Cal Advisory Process Webinar on Proposed Changes to the Medi-Cal Program November 30, 2012

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 Zubiata, Indian Health Program (IHP) Coordinator
State Plan and SPA Overview	Andrea Zubiata, IHP Coordinator
SPA's Scheduled for Submission by December 30, 2012	
Review of Proposed SPA 12-027 Affordable Care Act, Section 4107 Tobacco Cessation	Cynthia L. Smiley, Medi-Cal Benefits 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 1400 pages and can be accessed online at:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/CaliforniStatePlan.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.

**Affordable Care Act, Section 4107 Tobacco
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SPA 12-027**



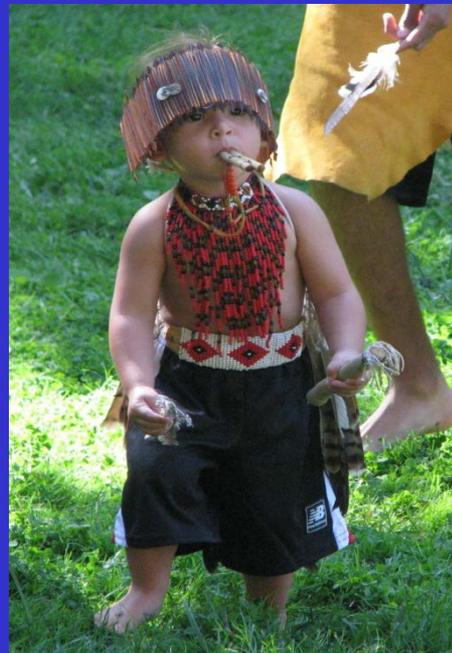
Background

- State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-027 will amend California State Plan to adhere to the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Section 4107, which requires Medi-Cal to cover comprehensive tobacco cessation services for pregnant women from the prenatal period through the postpartum period (60-days following termination of pregnancy).



Description

- DHCS plans to submit a SPA to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to enable Medi-Cal to adhere to the ACA's mandate to provide diagnostic, therapy, counseling, and medications for cessation of tobacco use by pregnant women, who use tobacco products or who are being treated for tobacco use.



Impact

Impact on Indian Health Programs

- Tobacco cessation services are a mandatory Medi-Cal benefit under ACA. Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Health Organizations are impacted because tobacco cessation services to pregnant women are covered under Medi-Cal.

Impact on Indian Health Beneficiaries

- This SPA will impact pregnant American Indian and Alaskan Native Medi-Cal beneficiaries because it will enable them to receive tobacco cessation services.

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