



**November 30, 2012 Medi-Cal Tribal and Designee Quarterly Webinar Questions  
Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)  
State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-027  
Tobacco Cessation Services for Pregnant Women**

1. Will the provision of a tobacco cessation service stand as a single encounter at the IHS rate?

**DHCS Response:** No.

2. Is there a penalty for practitioners at Tribal Health Programs if they fail to offer this service to an eligible client?

**DHCS Response:** Pregnancy-related comprehensive office visits must conform to current standards equivalent to those defined by the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). Further, health care professionals are expected to provide clinically appropriate services within their respective scope of practice that meet or exceed nationally recognized standards of care, including comprehensive tobacco cessation services for pregnant women. (See "Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence: 2008 Update: A Clinical Practice Guideline" published by the Public Health Service in May 2008 (PHS Guideline).

3. There was a DHCS Stakeholder meeting on the seven (7) visit limit SPA this week and it was unclear whether it will be resubmitted as a separate SPA. Do you have any information as to whether it will be resubmitted as a new SPA?

**DHCS Response:** The physician visit limit SPA (11-013) will not be resubmitted as a new SPA.

4. Can a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) provide Smoking Cessation and will you pay the Indian Health Service Memorandum of Agreement (IHS/MOA) rate for this service?

**DHCS Response:** DHCS is researching this question and will provide a response as soon as possible.