



Department of Health Care Services
MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 24, 2013

TO: Tribal Chairpersons, California Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations

FROM: Sandra "Sam" Willburn, Chief, Primary and Rural Health Division

SUBJECT: Notice of Proposed Change to the Medi-Cal Program

The purpose of this memo is to provide information regarding a proposed change to the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) Medi-Cal Program that will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). DHCS is forwarding this information for your review and comment.

DHCS is required to seek advice from designees of Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations on Medi-Cal matters having a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations per the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). DHCS must solicit the advice of designees prior to submission to CMS of any State Plan Amendment, waiver requests or modifications, or proposals for demonstration projects in the Medi-Cal program.

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 13-008 –Two-Visit Limit per Month: SPA 13-008 will amend the State Plan to clarify limits for specific Medi-Cal services to a maximum of two services in any one calendar month, or any combination of two services per month if provided in a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health Clinic. Please see the enclosed summary of SPA 13-008 for a detailed description and contact information for questions or comments.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations may submit written comments or questions concerning this SPA within 30 days from the receipt of this notice. Comments or feedback may be sent by mail or email to the address below:

Contact Information:

Kathryn Waje
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In addition to this notice, DHCS plans to cover this SPA in the next quarterly Medi-Cal Indian Health webinar. Please note that Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations may also request a consultation on this proposal at any time as needed.

Enclosure

**Benefits Division
Department of Health Care Services
Tribal Notice for
State Plan Amendment Number (SPA) 13-008
(Previously SPAs 11-031 and 12-003)
Two-Visit Limit Per Month**

Background:

This is a revision of the Tribal Notices for State Plan Amendment (SPA) 11-031 released on November 9, 2011, and SPA 12-003 released on April 13, 2012, and August 24, 2012. The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) did not submit SPA 11-031 or 12-003 to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to clarify covered limits on Medi-Cal services. DHCS will submit SPA 13-008, in lieu of these two SPAs to clarify Medi-Cal services subject to the maximum of two services in any one calendar month.

Description of the SPA, Waiver, or Demonstration Project:

SPA 13-008 will amend the State Plan to clarify limits on the following list of Medi-Cal services. The maximum of two services in any one calendar month, or any combination of two services per month, is applicable to these services if provided in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics (RHC).

- Acupuncture services
- Audiology services
- Chiropractic services
- Occupational therapy
- Podiatric services
- Psychology services
- Speech Therapy

Medi-Cal provides coverage of the above listed services to the following beneficiaries:

- Women receiving pregnancy-related services or services to treat a condition that might complicate her pregnancy; and
- Individuals under the age of 21 who are eligible for the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program.

Providers or facilities that use the Treatment Authorization Request (TAR) process may request more than two services in one calendar month, as medically necessary, in accordance with Medi-Cal policy.

Psychology services provided in an FQHC or RHC are available to any Medi-Cal beneficiary. Any listed service provided in a hospital outpatient department and organized outpatient clinic are available to any Medi-Cal beneficiary.

Impact to Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations:

- **Impact on Indian Health Programs**
SPA 13-008 will not directly impact Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Health Organizations, because it clarifies and does not change existing policy.
- **Impact on Indian Medi-Cal Beneficiaries**
SPA 13-008 does not directly impact Indian Medi-Cal beneficiaries, because it clarifies and does not change existing policy.

Response Date:

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