



**Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
State Plan Amendment (SPA) 14-025
Notification on Implementation of the Full-Scope Medi-Cal Coverage and
Affordability and Benefit Program for Low-Income Pregnant Women
Questions and Responses**

1. The CA Consortium for Urban Indian Health (CCUIH), the designee for Urban Indian Organizations on Medi-Cal matters having a direct effect on Indians and Indian health programs, is pleased to see the proposed changes to the Medi-Cal system relating to coverage for pregnant woman. While the "Notification on Implementation of the Full-Scope Medi-Cal Coverage and Affordability and Benefit Program for Low-Income Pregnant Woman" was included with the release of SPA 14-022 and DHCS 1115 Demonstration Waiver Amendment memos, we are unclear if it is subject to the current 30-day Indian Consultation period. Given that the vehicle (SPA / Waiver) for the wrap services has yet to be determined, will it trigger Indian Consultation when it is formally issued for approval to CMS?

DHCS Response: Yes, the “Notification on Implementation of the Full-Scope Medi-Cal Coverage and Affordability and Benefit Program for Low-Income Pregnant Women” is subject to the 30 day Indian Consultation period. DHCS has determined that a State Plan Amendment (SPA) 14-025 will be submitted to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services to seek federal approval of the program. Tribal consultation began when the notice was released and DHCS will present SPA 14-025 at the Tribal Webinar scheduled for Friday, August 29th at 2:00 p.m.

To register for the webinar, please visit:

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/942500926>

2. Will the webinar recording and presentation materials be available for those unable to attend the webinar?

DHCS Response: The August 29, 2014 Tribal and Designee Quarterly Webinar recording and presentations materials are located at the following links:

Webinar Recording (Not DHCS):

<https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/646520990>

Presentation Materials:

http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/rural/Documents/IHPQTRWeb_8-29-14.pdf

3. Is it possible to review the SPA 14-025 documents to be sent to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and where can I obtain additional information regarding the Affordability and Benefit Program for Low-Income Pregnant Women?

DHCS Response: Additional information on the Affordability and Benefit Program for Low-Income Pregnant Women, including any documents/notices that are under development and where DHCS has requested stakeholder input is available on the DHCS website at the link below. All SPAs are posted to the DHCS website within ten days of submission to the CMS.

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/Affordability-and-Benefit-Program.aspx>