



**Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
State Plan Amendment (SPA) 16-028
Clarifying Number of Visits Per Day
Questions and Responses**

Option 1:

1. How do you define "ambulatory" visit?

DHCS Response: Amublatory visits are defined in the DHCS State Plan in [Supplement 6, Attachment 4.19B](#), page 2, Item C., which states:

“C. Except for the services specified under Item D below, the following other ambulatory services, but not limited to, provided by [a] health professional can be billed under the IHS all-inclusive rate.

- Medical and surgical services provided by a doctor of dental medicine or dental surgery, which if provided by a physician would be considered physician services
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Drug and Alcohol visits (Subject to Medi-Cal provider participation requirements)
- Telemedicine
- Optometry (Eyeglasses and other eye appliances are restricted to beneficiaries identified under Item D below)”