

**Department of Health Care Services
Proposed Trailer Bill Legislation**

Delayed Suspension of Adult Optional Benefits

FACT SHEET

Issue: This proposal would delay the suspension of certain Medi-Cal adult optional benefits by 12 months, to take effect on January 1, 2023.

Background: Senate Bill (SB) 78, (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 38, Statutes of 2019) restored the adult optional benefits for podiatric services, audiology services, speech therapy, optician and optical services, and incontinence creams and washes, effective January 1, 2020. Existing statute also requires these adult optional benefits to be suspended effective January 1, 2022, if certain state budget requirements are not met during the May 2021 budget process.

Justification for the Change: Given the improved revenue outlook in the short term, the Budget proposes to delay suspension of these optional benefits by one year.

Estimate Issues and Titles:

Regular PC 35: Restoration of Adult Optician & Optical Lab Svcs.

Regular PC 40: Optional Benefits Restoration