



## **NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST**

RELEASE DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

### **PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO UPDATE THE ALTERNATIVE BENEFIT PLAN TO ADD LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES AS SUPERVISORS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS**

This notice is to provide information of public interest about a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The proposed SPA 25-0031 will update the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) to add local educational agencies (LEAs) that are also enrolled as Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) providers as supervisors of community health workers (CHWs). As proposed by SPA 25-0023, LEAs that are enrolled as CYBHI providers will be able to supervise CHWs who provide behavioral health services and bill them as part of the CYBHI fee schedule. Adding LEAs as supervising providers for CHWs for CYBHI services will expand access to mental health services for students at public schools and school districts.

Neither SPA 25-0023 nor SPA 25-0031 will authorize CHW services for the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program or LEAs, who are not enrolled as CYBHI providers.

Additionally, this notice provides information of public interest with respect to Section 440.386 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which requires Medicaid states to publish a public notice to solicit public input regarding the amendment to the Medi-Cal ABP. DHCS provides a comprehensive set of services under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment benefit for individuals under 21 years of age, as described by 42 CFR 440.345. DHCS also complied with the provisions of Section 5006 (e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and received approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on August 7, 2025, not to publish a tribal notice.

The effective date of SPA 25-0031 is July 1, 2025. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by CMS.

#### **Public Review and Comments**

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #25-0031 will be published on <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending-2025.aspx>.



If you would like to view the SPA in person once it becomes available, please visit your local county welfare department. You may also request a copy of proposed SPA #25-0031 using the mailing or email addresses listed below.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services  
Benefits Division  
Attn: Medi-Cal Benefits Policy Branch  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 4601  
Sacramento, California 95899-7417

Comments may also be emailed to [PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov). Please indicate SPA #25-0031 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #25-0031 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.