



# NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

RELEASE DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2024

## PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH AN UPPER LIMIT OF THE MEDICAL PORTION OF AN UNALLOCATED SETTLEMENT, JUDGMENT, AND/OR AWARD

This notice is to provide information of public interest about a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Proposed SPA #24-0054 will establish that, for unallocated settlements, judgments, and/or awards, the medical allocation shall be no more than 50 percent of the settlement, judgment, and/or award after deducting attorney fees and litigation costs. The purpose of this amendment is to ensure compliance with federal law and guidance and avoid unnecessary costs associated with litigation over the medical allocation of a settlement, judgment, and/or award. Additionally, the SPA proposes the revision of paragraph 4(b) and removal of 4(c) from Attachment 4.22-B of the State Plan to clarify requirements and eliminate duplication.

This SPA will not result in any Medi-Cal expenditures.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is January 1, 2025. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

### Public Review and Comments

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #24-0054 will be published on: <https://dhcscagovauthoring/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 #24-0054 using the mailing or email address listed below.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services  
Third Party Liability and Recovery Division  
Attn: Oksana Hill  
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Comments may also be emailed to [PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov). Please indicate SPA #24-0054 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #24-0054 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email address identified above.