



# NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

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## PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO UPDATE ACUTE PSYCHIATRIC INPATIENT HOSPITAL RATES

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 #26-0017 will update the rate setting methodology for Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Services provided by licensed Acute Psychiatric Hospitals to accommodate new staffing requirements for Acute Psychiatric Hospitals. DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Service may increase by 16% in total funds.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is July 1, 2026. 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 #26-0017 will be published on: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/PendingStatePlanAmendments.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 #26-0017 using the mailing or email address listed below.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services  
Local Governmental Financing Division  
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Comments may also be emailed to [PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov). Please indicate SPA #26-0017 in the subject line or message.



A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #26-0017 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email address identified above.