

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST  
RELEASE DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2020**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT (SPA) #20-0044 TO ESTABLISH A  
TRIBAL FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER (FQHC) PROVIDER TYPE  
IN THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM**

This notice is to provide information of general public interest regarding the establishment of a Tribal FQHC provider type in Medi-Cal. The Department of Health Care Services intends to submit (SPA #20-0044) to authorize an Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) for any outpatient health program or facility operated by a tribe or tribal organization under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638) that elects to enroll in Medi-Cal as a Tribal FQHC. Reimbursement for Tribal FQHCs will be at the Federal Indian Health Services All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) under an APM. The AIR is set annually in the federal register. The effective date of the proposed SPA is January 1, 2021.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for services provided by Tribal facilities that convert to the Tribal FQHC provider type will increase by \$2,824,320 in total funds (TF) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 and by \$12,279,123 TF for FFY 2022.

SPA #20-0044 is subject to approval by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS**

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of proposed SPA #20-0044 will be published at the following internet address:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/PendingStatePlanAmendments.aspx>.

If you would like to view proposed SPA #20-0044 in person once it becomes available, please visit your local county welfare department. You may also request a copy of proposed SPA #20-0044 using the mailing or email addresses listed below.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

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Comments may also be emailed to [PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov). Please indicate proposed SPA #20-0044 in the subject line or message.

In addition, a record of submitted public comments to proposed SPA #20-0044 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.