

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROPOSES ADDITIONAL
SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS TO ELIGIBLE HOSPITALS IN THE HOSPITAL
QUALITY ASSURANCE FEE PROGRAM UP TO THE FEDERAL UPPER PAYMENT
LIMIT**

August 10, 2018

This notice is to provide information of public interest that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) proposes to submit State Plan Amendments (SPAs) 18-0043 and 18-0044, which propose to provide supplemental payments to specified hospitals for hospital inpatient and outpatient services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. This notice also serves to provide information with respect to a proposed increase in payments that may be made to Medi-Cal managed care health plans. The nonfederal share of these supplemental payments is funded by California's Hospital Quality Assurance Fee (HQAF), in accordance with Section 3.5 of Article XVI of the California Constitution and the Medi-Cal Hospital Reimbursement Improvement Act of 2013 (California Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 14169.50, et. seq.).

The supplemental payments to hospitals would be up to the aggregate upper payment limit for the period of August 10, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The proposed SPAs would allow payments to be made periodically (quarterly or with respect to other periods) on a lump-sum basis throughout the program year, and would not be paid as individual increases to current reimbursement rates for specific services.

The payments to the specified California private hospitals would supplement, and not supplant, specified existing levels of payments, but would be subject to all applicable federal payment requirements and limits. Any increased payments to the Medi-Cal managed care health plans also would be for the period of August 10, 2018 through June 30, 2019, and would be subject to actuarial and other federal limits.

The proposed SPAs are subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

Upon submission to CMS, copies of proposed SPA 18-0043 and 18-0044 will be published at: [2018 Pending State Plan Amendments](#).

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 the SPA from the mailing address or email, below.

Any written comments may be sent to Department of Health Care Services, Safety Net Financing Division, 1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 4504, Sacramento, California 95899-7417, or may be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA 18-0043 or SPA 18-0044 in the subject line or message.

For a copy of submitted public comments related to SPA 18-0043 and SPA 18-0044, please send a request in writing to the address or email inbox identified above.