

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

**PROPOSED ONE-YEAR EXTENSION TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT FOR
CERTAIN MEDI-CAL DENTAL SERVICES
USING PROPOSITION 56 TOBACCO TAX FUNDS
ALLOCATED FOR THE 2018-19 STATE FISCAL YEAR**

This notice provides information of public interest that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will submit State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0024 to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to authorize an extension of the time-limited supplemental payment program for certain dental services for an additional year.

The Budget Act of 2018, once enacted, will appropriate a specified portion of the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act (commonly known as Prop. 56) revenue to DHCS for use as the nonfederal share of health care expenditures in accordance with the annual state budget process for the 2018-19 state fiscal year. As currently proposed for FY 2018-19, the State has appropriated an additional \$70,000,000 for a total of \$210,000,000 to be allocated for supplemental payments for dental services under the Medi-Cal program for providers who bill under the Dental Fiscal Intermediary or Dental Managed Care plans. SPA 18-0024 is contingent upon allocation of Prop. 56 funds in the enacted 2018-19 Budget for this purpose.

The existing supplemental payment categories for dental services includes restorative, endodontic, prosthodontic, oral and maxillofacial, adjunctive, and visits and diagnostic services. For FY 2018-19, the supplemental payment rates for the existing categories stated above will remain at a rate equal to 40 percent of the Dental Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA). For the top 26 utilized dental services, including general anesthesia, periodontal and orthodontia, the supplemental payments will either reflect a specific dollar increase per the identified code or will be a percentage increase above the existing Medi-Cal SMA rate.

The supplemental payments will be issued for the specified codes for dates of service during the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

The payments for these services will be made based on claim submission for the specific applicable procedures within the aforementioned categories. The proposed supplemental payment program for dental services will be posted to the California Department of Health Care Services website.

DHCS projects the overall budgetary impact of the proposed supplemental payments to result in an aggregate expenditure increase of \$553,000,000 in total funds, including \$210,000,000 in Prop. 56 funds.

The proposed effective date for SPA 18-0024 is July 1, 2018, with a proposed end date of June 30, 2019. The proposed SPA is subject to approval by CMS.

Public Review and Comments

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of proposed SPA 18-0024 will be published at:
http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending_2018.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 the proposed SPA from the mailing address or e-mail address below.

Any written comments may be sent by email to Publicinput@dhcs.ca.gov or to the address below. Please indicate SPA 18-0024 in the subject line of the message.

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A copy of submitted public comments related to SPA 18-0024 may be requested in writing to the mailing address or e-mail inbox identified above.

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