

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: JANUARY 15, 2021**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO HOME AND COMMUNITY
BASED SERVICES (HCBS) 1915i STATE PLAN FOR THE
DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED
(<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/hcbs/>)**

This notice is to provide information of public interest about a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The proposed SPA seeks to provide for a time-limited rate increase for services for the developmentally disabled.

Pursuant to the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act), Welfare & Institutions (W&I) Code section 4500 *et seq.*, people with developmental disabilities, as defined in W&I Code section 4512(a), receive, as an entitlement, services and supports based on their individual needs and choices. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is responsible for administering the Lanterman Act.

The purpose of this State Plan Amendment (SPA) includes the following:

- a time-limited rate increase pursuant to Assembly Bill 79 (2020) for Independent Living Program providers. The link to Assembly Bill 79 can be found here: [Bill Text - AB-79 Human services omnibus. \(ca.gov\)](#)

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures will increase by \$4,705,317.12 in total funds.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is January 16, 2021. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #21-0011 will be published at the following internet address:

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

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 #21-0011 using the mailing or email addresses listed below.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Developmental Services
Community Services Division
Attn: Jonathan Hill
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA #21-0011 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #21-0011 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.