

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST  
RELEASE DATE: MARCH 17, 2021**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
REIMBURSEMENT FOR QUALIFIED NON-DESIGNATED PUBLIC HOSPITALS PROGRAM TO JUNE 30, 2022**

This notice provides information of public interest regarding a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The proposed SPA 21-0013 will extend the supplemental reimbursement for the Qualified Non-Designated Public Hospitals (NDPHs) program to June 30, 2022.

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) currently provides supplemental payments to qualified NDPHs who meet specified requirements and provide services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The continuation of the Program for an added year will allow for enhanced Medi-Cal payments to NDPHs and improve the availability of essential services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

The total pool remains \$3,800,000 in State General Funds for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021-2022. This is neither an increase nor decrease in the annual aggregate expenditure compared to the prior SFY.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is July 1, 2021. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS**

DHCS is requesting stakeholder input on the impact, if any, of the proposed action.

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #21-0013 will be published at the following internet address:

[https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending\\_2021.aspx](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending_2021.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 #21-0013 or a copy of submitted public comments related to SPA #21-0013 by requesting it in writing to the mailing or email addresses listed below. Please indicate SPA #21-0013 in the subject line or message.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services  
Safety Net Financing Division  
Attn: Christie Hansen  
P.O. Box 997436, MS 4504  
Sacramento, California 95899-7417

Comments may also be emailed to [PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov). Please indicate SPA #21-0013 in the subject line or message.

To be assured consideration prior to submission of the SPA to CMS, comments must be received no later than April 16, 2021. Please note that comments will continue to be accepted after April 16, 2021, but DHCS may not be able to consider those comments prior to the initial submission of SPA #21-0013 to CMS.