

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST  
RELEASE DATE: JUNE 30, 2021**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADJUST THE MEDI-CAL FEE-FOR-SERVICE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR CLINICAL LABORATORY SERVICES**

This notice provides information of public interest regarding a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). DHCS plans to submit SPA 21-0052 to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to obtain federal approval to adjust certain Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS) reimbursement rates for clinical laboratory services, effective July 1, 2021.

The Public Health Omnibus bill of 2021, or similar legislation, is projected to amend Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) 14105.22 and to add WIC 14105.222, which requires the Department to establish reimbursement rates for clinical laboratory or laboratory services at the rates that were in effect, and approved in the Medi-Cal State Plan, as of December 31, 2019. Accordingly, contingent on final enacted legislation, DHCS will update the rates equivalent to the Medi-Cal fee schedule rates that were in effect on December 31, 2019, effective for the service period beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

The proposed SPA is subject to approval by CMS.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for affected Clinical Laboratory rates will increase by approximately \$16 million in total funds based on the most recent available data.

**Public Review and Comments**

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA 21-0052 will be published at the following internet address:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/PendingStatePlanAmendments.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 21-0052 using the mailing or email addressed listed below.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services  
Fee-For-Service Rate Development Division  
1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 4600  
Sacramento, California 95899-7413

Comments may also be emailed to [Publicinput@DHCS.ca.gov](mailto:Publicinput@DHCS.ca.gov). Please indicate SPA 21-0052 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA 21-0052 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.