

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2021**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT 21-0058 TO INCLUDE DRUG
MEDI-CAL ORGANIZED DELIVERY (DMC-ODS) EXPANDED SUBSTANCE
USE DISORDER SERVICES IN THE MEDICAID STATE PLAN**

This notice is to provide information of public interest about a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) by DHCS.

In alignment with DHCS' California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative, the authority for the DMC-ODS expanded substance use disorder treatment services is moving from California's Medi-Cal 2020 Section 1115(a) Demonstration Waiver to the 1915(b) waiver, and DMC-ODS services will be included in the Medicaid State Plan. Therefore, State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0058 adds DMC-ODS' expanded substance use disorder treatment services to the Medicaid State Plan. DHCS seeks an effective date of January 1, 2022 for this SPA.

SPA 21-0058, proposes to add to the Medicaid State Plan DMC-ODS expanded substance use disorder services in the following levels of care:

1. Outpatient Services (also known as Outpatient Drug Free or ODF)
2. Intensive Outpatient Treatment
3. Partial Hospitalization
4. Residential Treatment
5. Narcotic Treatment Program (also known as NTP or Opioid Treatment Program or OTP)
6. Withdrawal Management

In addition, Senate Bill (SB) 803, Chapter 150, Statutes of 2020, authorized DHCS to seek federal approvals to add peer support specialists as a Medi-Cal provider type and peer support services as a distinct service type in counties opting to participate and implement this service. Accordingly, SPA 21-0058 proposes to add peer support services as a DMC-ODS expanded substance disorder service and includes peer support specialists as a distinct provider type. Peer support services will be implemented and have an effective date of July 1, 2022. This effective date is specific to the implementation of peer support services since the implementation of the other expanded DMC-ODS services is January 1, 2022.

DHCS anticipates the federal budget impact for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021-2022 to be \$0 and \$8,000,000 for FFY 2022-2023.

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 #21-0058 will be published at the following internet address:

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 #21-0058 using the mailing or email addresses listed below.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services
Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Division
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Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA #21-0058 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #21-0058 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.