

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
December 28, 2018**

**THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROPOSES TO SUBMIT A
STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE SCHOOL-BASED VISION CARE
SERVICES TO STUDENTS WITHIN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

This notice is to provide information of public interest with respect to the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 19-0009 for the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Medi-Cal Billing Option Program. Proposed SPA 19-0009 will provide comprehensive vision services to Medi-Cal eligible students. SPA 19-0009 seeks to improve the health of low-income children by increasing their access to needed vision services by providing comprehensive eye exams, corrective lenses, and frames (if medically necessary) at school sites. The effective date for the proposed SPA is January 1, 2019.

SPA 19-0009 seeks to add medically necessary comprehensive eye exams, corrective lenses, and frames. These medically necessary services, will be considered as direct medical services covered by the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program. As part of the SPA process, the Department of Health Care Services will establish a billing methodology and program policy to allow LEA providers to seek Federal Financial Participation for the new vision services.

DHCS estimates that the overall budgetary impact could result in an aggregate increase in expenditure of \$6.2 million and subject to change because participation in the LEA Program is voluntary.

The proposed SPA is 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 #19-0009 will be published at: https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending_2019.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 #19-0009 using the mailing address or email listed below.

Any written comments may be sent to:

Department of Health Care Services
Safety Net Financing Division/LEA BOP Unit, MS 4603
Attn: Rick Record
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Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA19-0009 in the subject line or message. A copy of submitted public comments to SPA 19-0009 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email address identified above.

Release date: