

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: JUNE 28, 2019**

**PROPOSITION 56 SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS FOR SPECIFIC FAMILY
PLANNING SERVICES UNDER THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM FOR STATE
FISCAL YEARS 2019-2020 THROUGH 2021-2022**

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 19-0027 will seek to allow time-limited supplemental payments under the Medi-Cal program for specific family planning services, starting July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

On November 8, 2016, California voters approved the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act (commonly known as Proposition 56) to increase the excise tax rate on cigarettes and tobacco products. Assembly Bill 74 (Budget Act of 2019) appropriates Proposition 56 funds for specified DHCS health care expenditures in accordance with the annual state budget process for state fiscal years 2019-20 through 2021-22.

DHCS will seek federal authority to allow supplemental payments for specific family planning services rendered under the Medi-Cal program to increase access to family planning services. Under this proposal, providers qualified to offer family planning services would be eligible to receive supplemental payments for procedure codes rendered for specified family planning services for the period of July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021. The supplemental payments will be provided for specific family planning procedure codes under the following family planning service categories: Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARCs), pregnancy testing, sterilization procedures (both male and female), emergency contraceptives and other contraceptives (other than oral contraceptives) when provided as a medical benefit.

DHCS estimates the overall budgetary impact of the proposed supplemental payments to result in an aggregate expenditure increase of approximately \$1.25 billion in total funds, including \$125 million in Proposition 56 funds.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is July 1, 2019, with a proposed sunset date of December 31, 2021. The proposed SPA is subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #19-0027 will be published at the following internet address:

[Pending State Plan Amendments 2019](#)

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 #19-0027 using the mailing or email addresses listed below. Please indicate SPA 19-0027 in the subject line or message.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services
Office of Family Planning
1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 8400
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA #19-0027 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #19-0027 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.