

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: JUNE 25, 2019**

PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS FOR FAMILY PLANNING, ACCESS, CARE AND TREATMENT (FAMILY PACT) PROGRAM PROVIDERS USING PROPOSITION 56 TOBACCO TAX FUNDS ALLOCATED 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 19-0040 will seek to extend the time-limited supplemental payments under the Family PACT Program for the Evaluation and Management (E&M) office visits rendered for the purpose of comprehensive family planning services for an additional thirty months, 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. The Budget Act of 2019, once enacted, will continue to appropriate a specified portion of the revenue to DHCS for use as the nonfederal share of health care expenditures in accordance with the annual state budget process for state fiscal years 2019-20 through 2021-22.

Submission of SPA 19-0040 is contingent upon allocation of Prop. 56 funds in the enacted 19-20 Budget for this purpose. As currently proposed, this includes funds to be allocated for the continuance of supplemental payments, at a rate equal to 150 percent of the current Family PACT rates, to providers under Family PACT. The supplemental payments will be given to Family PACT providers for E&M office visits rendered for comprehensive family planning services for the period of July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021.

DHCS estimates that the overall budgetary impact of the proposed supplemental payments to result in an aggregate expenditure increase of approximately \$391.7 million in total funds, including \$100.2 million in Proposition 56 funds.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is July 1, 2019 with a proposed end date of December 31, 2021. 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 proposed SPA 19-0040 will be published at:

[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 19-0040 or a copy of submitted public comments related to SPA 19-0040 by requesting it in writing to the mailing or email addresses listed below. Please indicate SPA 19-0040 in

the subject line or message.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services
Office of Family Planning
P.O. Box 997413, MS 8400
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA 19-0040 in the subject line of the message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #19-0040 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.