

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST  
RELEASE DATE: JANUARY 10, 2020**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO REGIONAL MODEL  
DRUG MEDI-CAL SERVICES**

This notice provides information of public interest regarding a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). The proposed SPA to seek necessary approvals to implement the Regional Model in Drug Medi-Cal. The existing reimbursement methodology was initially approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on August 27, 2014 via SPA 09-022. DHCS requests input from beneficiaries, providers, and other interested stakeholders concerning the proposed SPA #20-0001, which is attached.

SPA 20-0001 proposes to specify the counties in the Regional Model and update the reimbursement methodology to allow implementation of the Regional Model. The changes account for the provision of services through a non-county operated managed care plan in Regional Model counties. The new reimbursement methodology reflects the distinct UPL requirements related to the Regional Model. The counties included in the Regional Model are: Humboldt County, Lassen County, Mendocino County, Modoc County, Shasta County, Siskiyou County, Solano County, and Trinity County.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for Drug Medi-Cal Services will be budget neutral.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is March 1, 2020. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

**PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS**

The proposed changes included in draft SPA #20-0001 are enclosed in this notice for public comment. DHCS is requesting stakeholder input on the impact, if any, on access to services as a result of the proposed action.

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #20-0001 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 proposed SPA #20-0001 or a copy of submitted public comments related to SPA #20-0001

by requesting it in writing to the mailing or email addresses listed below. Please indicate SPA #20-0001 in the subject line or message.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services  
Medi-Cal Behavioral Health  
Attn: Charles Anders  
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Sacramento, California 95899-7417

Comments may also be emailed to [PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov). Please indicate SPA #20-0001 in the subject line or message.

Comments must be received no later than January 31, 2020.