

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: DECEMBER 31, 2019**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO CLARIFY THE SUPPLEMENTAL
PAYMENT FOR NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION**

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 is seeking federal authority to clarify which Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) services are eligible for the time-limited supplemental payment program, effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021.

DHCS plans to submit to the Federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) SPA 20-0007 to clarify which NEMT services are eligible for the supplemental payment. Upon implementation of the NEMT supplemental payment program pursuant to the recently approved SPA 19-0044, it was determined that some of the billing codes listed in SPA 19-0044 are not services generally provided by or reimbursable to the NEMT providers who are eligible for the NEMT supplemental payment. This SPA clarifies which billing codes are eligible to receive the supplemental payment.

The supplemental payment amounts are fixed amounts that are paid on a per claim basis for each eligible NEMT service. The supplemental payment amounts are approximately equivalent to a 10 percent increase of the current rates for eligible Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS) NEMT services, except for Codes A0130 and A0380, which will receive the equivalent of a 25 percent increase. The supplemental payments are effective for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021, for eligible NEMT services.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for supplemental payment for eligible Non-Emergency Medical Transportation services will increase by approximately \$9.2 million in total funds, including \$4.6 million in Prop. 56 funds, based on the most recent available data.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is January 1, 2020, with a proposed end date of December 31, 2021. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by CMS.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #20-0007 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 #20-0007 using the mailing or email addresses listed below.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services
Fee-For-Service Rates Development Division
Attn: Provider Rates Section
P.O. Box 997413, MS 4600
Sacramento, California 95899-7417

Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA #20-0007 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #20-0007 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.