

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH A REIMBURSEMENT  
RATE METHODOLOGY FOR THE DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM**

This notice serves to provide information of public interest that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will submit State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0040 to establish a reimbursement rate methodology for the Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service (FFS) Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) services, pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 97 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 52, Statutes of 2017) and Assembly Bill 1810 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 34, Statutes of 2018).

As provided in the previous public notices for SPAs 18-0040 and 18-0041 published on November 15, 2018, DPP provides an evidence-based, lifestyle change program designed to assist Medi-Cal beneficiaries diagnosed with prediabetes to prevent or delay the onset of Type 2 diabetes. DPP services are provided through trained peer coaches who use a curriculum approved by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). SPAs 18-0040 and 18-0041 seek federal approval to clearly define the Medi-Cal DPP in the State Plan and Alternative Benefit Plan. In addition, SPA 18-0040 seeks federal approval to establish a reimbursement rate methodology for DPP services.

The reimbursement rates for DPP services will be set at no more than 80 percent of the corresponding Medicare rate for the same of similar service. The proposed effective date for SPA 18-0040 is January 1, 2019, and is subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

DHCS estimates that the proposed change will result in an annual aggregate expenditure increase of \$968,000 in total funds.

**Public Review and Comments**

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of proposed SPA 18-0040 will be published at:  
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Proposed2018.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 from the mailing address or e-mail address below.

Any written comments may be sent to: Department of Health Care Services, Fee-For-Service Rate Development Division, 1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 4600, Sacramento, California 95899-7417, or may be emailed to [Publicinput@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Publicinput@dhcs.ca.gov). Please indicate SPA 18-0040 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments related to SPA 18-0040 may be requested in writing to the mailing address or e-mail inbox identified above.

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