

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: AUGUST 16, 2019**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO AUTHORIZE THE
SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT FOR DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS USING
PROPOSITION 56 TOBACCO TAX FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR STATE FISCAL
YEARS 2019-2020 THROUGH 2021-2022**

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 19-0041 will seek to authorize a time-limited supplemental payment program to support developmental screenings for all children up to 30 months of age enrolled in full-scope Medi-Cal coverage , starting January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021. DHCS requests input from beneficiaries, providers, and other interested stakeholders concerning the proposed SPA 19-0041.

On November 8, 2016, California voters approved the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act (commonly known as Proposition 56 (Prop. 56)) to increase the excise tax rate on cigarettes and tobacco products. The Budget Act of 2019 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 the 2019-20 through 2021-22 state fiscal years.

The 2019 Budget includes funds to be allocated for supplemental payments to support developmental screenings by managed care plans, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics for children up to 30 months of age enrolled in full-scope Medi-Cal coverage under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment benefit. Developmental screenings are recommended at age-appropriate, periodic intervals for children at nine, 18, and 30 months, as well as additional screenings when medically necessary. These screenings will be billed and reimbursed in both the fee-for-service (FFS) and managed care delivery systems. The supplemental payment for developmental screenings is in addition to the amount paid for the office visit for FFS or capitation paid by Medi-Cal managed care plans. Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, and Indian Health Services providers that provide and bill for trauma screening will be reimbursed \$59.00, in addition to their prospective payment system reimbursement and all-inclusive rate. The rate is as follows:

CPT Code	Rate
96110	\$59.90

DHCS estimates the overall budgetary impact of the proposed supplemental payments to result in an aggregate expenditure increase of approximately \$60

million in total funds for screenings (50 percent Prop. 56 funds/50 percent federal funds).

The effective date of the proposed SPA is January 1, 2020, 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 the proposed SPA 19-0041 will be published at the following internet address:

[Pending State Plan Amendment 2019](#)

If you would like to view the SPA, you may request a copy of proposed SPA 19-0041 or a copy of submitted public comments related to SPA 19-0041 by writing to the addresses listed below. Please indicate SPA 19-0041 in the subject line or message.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services
Benefits Division
Attn: Jim Elliott
P.O. Box 997413, MS 4601
Sacramento, California 95899-7417

Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov . Please indicate SPA 19-0041 in the subject line or message.

To be assured consideration prior to submission of the SPA to CMS, comments must be received no later than September 16, 2019. Please note that comments will continue to be accepted after September 16, 2019, but DHCS may not be able to consider those comments prior to the initial submission of SPA 19-0041 to CMS.