



**Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0018
Questions and Responses**

1. Can you clarify the counties that are proposed for a delay in implementation? The notice lists 10 counties, but during the presentation, you mentioned there were 19.

DHCS Response: This SPA proposes the shift in implementation dates for the 10 counties listed on the notice, which includes Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, Shasta, Solano, and Yolo. An additional 9 counties will be proposed at a later date.

2. What is the impetus for the change in implementation dates? Did you receive input from the managed care plans that they would not be ready?

DHCS Response: DHCS has been in continuous communication with the managed care plans to assess readiness. DHCS and the plans agreed that delaying the implementation would give the plans more time to ensure success and the longevity of the health homes program (HHP).

3. What is the reason for expediting this proposal? Fourteen days does not give enough time for input.

DHCS Response: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provided guidance to DHCS to expedite the notice for this proposal. CMS agreed to allow DHCS to move forward with this schedule shift so close to the implementation date contingent upon their receipt of the SPA as soon as possible and as a result, they provided the authorization for the expedited Tribal Notice.

4. How is the state considering the managed care payment delays in relation to this SPA?

DHCS Response: The HHP team cannot speak to payment delays, but would be happy to pass specific examples along to DHCS staff that might be able to assist.

5. Is this the only opportunity for consultation on the HHP?

DHCS Response: DHCS has engaged Tribes and designees of Indian health programs on the HHP beginning in 2015. DHCS has also presented during a quarterly webinar and at stakeholder meetings regarding the HHP. This proposal is only in regards to the 10 county delay.