

March 14, 2023

To: Tribal Chairpersons, Designees of Indian Health Programs, and Urban Indian Organizations

Subject: Addendum to Notice of Proposed Change to the Medi-Cal Program

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update to the Tribal Notice for State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0014, released on February 23, 2022. The enclosed update provides information regarding a delay in the proposed effective date from January 1, 2023 to March 14, 2023.

If additional information is needed, please send an email to [Angeli.Lee@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Angeli.Lee@dhcs.ca.gov) or by mail to the address below:

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Please note that Indian Health Programs and Urban Indian Organizations may request a consultation on this proposal at any time as needed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Enclosure



**Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)  
Tribal and Designees of Indian Health Programs Notice  
Addendum #2**

**PURPOSE**

To provide notice of a delay in the effective date for State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0014. The new effective date is March 14, 2023.

**BACKGROUND**

The [Tribal and Designees notice released on November 22, 2022](#) for SPA 22-0014 proposed an effective date of January 1, 2023, to permanently continue synchronous audio-only and asynchronous modalities and allow for reimbursement of services delivered by Associate Clinical Social Worker (ASW) or Associate Marriage Family Therapist (AMFT) when billed under the license of a behavioral health practitioner.

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES**

DHCS is establishing a new effective date for SPA 22-0014 of March 14, 2023.

**IMPACT TO TRIBAL HEALTH PROGRAMS**

DHCS does not anticipate an impact to Tribal Health Programs as a result of the delay in the effective date for SPA 22-0014 because existing public health emergency (PHE) flexibilities will remain in place until this SPA is approved.

**IMPACT TO FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS**

DHCS does not anticipate an impact to FQHCs as a result of the delay in the effective date for SPA 22-0014 because existing PHE flexibilities will remain in place until this SPA is approved.

**IMPACT TO INDIAN MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES**

DHCS does not anticipate an impact to Indian Medi-Cal beneficiaries as a result of the delay in the effective date for SPA 22-0014 because existing PHE flexibilities will remain in place until this SPA is approved.

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