



NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

RELEASE DATE: MAY 12, 2025

PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO TRANSITION THE INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED – CONTINUOUS NURSING BENEFIT/SETTING INTO THE MEDICAID STATE PLAN

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 will transition the Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled – Continuous Nursing (ICF/DD-CN) benefit/setting from the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA) waiver to the Medicaid State Plan as a Long-Term Care (LTC) benefit/setting. DHCS requests input from beneficiaries, providers, and other interested stakeholders concerning proposed SPA #25-0026, which is attached.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for adding the ICF/DD-CN benefit/setting will increase by approximately \$443,000.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is November 1, 2025. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Public Review and Comments

The proposed changes included in draft SPA #25-0026 are enclosed in this notice for public comment. DHCS is requesting stakeholder input on the impact, if any, on access to services as a result of the proposed action.

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of proposed SPA #25-0026 will be published at the following internet address:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending-2025.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 #25-0026 or a copy of submitted public comments related to SPA #25-0026 by



requesting it in writing to the mailing or email address listed below. Please indicate SPA #25-0026 in the subject line or message.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services
Integrated Systems of Care Division
Attn: HCBS Policy Section
P.O. Box 997413, MS 4502
Sacramento, California 95899-7417

Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA #25-0026 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 June 12, 2025. Please note that comments will continue to be accepted after June 12, 2025, but DHCS may not be able to consider those comments prior to the initial submission of SPA #25-0026 to CMS.