



# NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST – ADDENDUM

RELEASE DATE: MAY 9, 2023

## STATE PLAN AMENDMENT (SPA) 22-0004

The Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0004 on March 24, 2023, which added or extended COVID-19 coverage from previously approved Disaster Relief SPAs through the end of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) period on September 30, 2024. SPA 22-0004 added or extended cost-sharing assurances for the treatment and prevention of COVID-19, COVID-19 tests, counseling-only visits for COVID-19 vaccines, and reimbursement for eligible pharmacies administering COVID-19 tests as a covered benefit. This public notice states that the reimbursement methodologies established by SPA 22-0004 will continue from the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) on May 11, 2023, through the end of the ARP period on September 30, 2024.

Through SPA 22-0004, DHCS extended the payment methodologies, including the enhanced reimbursement rates (where applicable), established until the end of the PHE by SPAs 20-0024, 20-0040, 21-0016, 21-0020, 22-0067, and 22-0067-A from the first day after the federal PHE until the end of the ARP period.

### Public Review and Comments

A copy of the approved SPA 22-0004 is available at the following internet address:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Approved-2022.aspx>

If you would like to view the SPA, please visit your local county welfare department. You may also request a copy of SPA 22-0004 by requesting it in writing to the mailing or email addresses listed below. Please indicate SPA 22-0004 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  
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Comments may also be emailed to [PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov). Please indicate SPA 22-0004 in the subject line or message. A copy of submitted public comments to SPA 22-0004 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email addresses identified above.

