



NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

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PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE MEDI-CAL DENTAL PROGRAM, ENROLLMENT UPDATE FOR DENTAL HYGIENIST PROVIDERS

This notice is to provide information of public interest about a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). This is a proposal in which the Medi-Cal Dental program will update its provider enrollment requirements for Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice (RDHAP). The Medi-Cal Dental Program will now require RDHAPs to document that they have an existing relationship with at least one dentist for referrals, consultations, and emergency services in order for them to enroll in Medi-Cal. Additionally, proposed SPA #23-0022 will update the associated supervision levels and referral requirements of a Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH), Registered Dental Hygienist in Extended Functions (RDHEF), and RDHAP as specified in [Business and Professions Code \(BPC\) Sections 1900-1931](#) and the Medi-Cal Dental Manual of Criteria within the Medi-Cal Dental Provider Handbook.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for the changes above will be budget neutral by \$0 in total funds.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is December 1, 2023. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Public Review and Comments

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #23-0022 will be published on: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending-2023.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 #23-0022 using the mailing or email address listed below.



Written comments may be sent to the following address:

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Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA #23-0022 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #23-0022 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email address identified above.