No Notice Request for GPP and PACE 1115 Waiver Amendment

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is formally requesting CMS approval to not complete the tribal/designee notification process for the following Waiver:

Waiver and Title	Background of Proposal	Justification
California Medi-Cal 2020 Demonstration Waiver Amendment 11-W-00193/9	The Medi-Cal 2020 Demonstration Waiver authorized the Global Payment Program (GPP) as a five-year pilot program with service periods from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2020. DHCS is proposing to amend the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) of the Medi-Cal 2020 demonstration waiver to operate an additional six-month GPP program year (PY) for the service period of July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. This amendment is necessary to allow the GPP to continue operations for the entirety of the Medi-Cal 2020 waiver period while finalizing GPP Special Terms and Conditions for the next waiver period. GPP establishes a statewide pool of funding for California's remaining uninsured by allocating over \$2 billion of combined federal DSH and uncompensated care funding to Public Health Care Systems (PHCS). These funds support PHCS efforts to provide health care for California's uninsured population and promotes the delivery of more cost-effective and higher-value care to the uninsured. DHCS is also proposing to amend the STCs of the Medi-Cal 2020 waiver to allow for the operation of the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in Orange County, independent of CalOptima, the County Operated Health System (COHS). This amendment is necessary to allow for the enrollment of Medi-Cal beneficiaries in a PACE health plan not operated or subcontracted by CalOptima. PACE is a fully integrated Medicare and Medi-Cal health plan model that coordinates and provides all needed preventive, primary, acute and long-term care services so that their participants can continue living in the community. DHCS will submit a Waiver amendment request to CMS no later than June 13, 2020, to become effective July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.	DHCS does not anticipate Indian health members will be impacted by the Medi-Cal 2020 waiver amendment for GPP and PACE as the amendment does not increase or decrease benefits. Additionally, DHCS does not anticipate an impact on clinics operated by a tribe or Indian health program. Consequently, the proposal does not impact rates reimbursed to Indian health program.