



NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

RELEASE DATE: DECEMBER 9, 2025

PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO THE MEDI-CAL DENTAL PROGRAM CURRENT DENTAL TERMINOLOGY CODE SET POLICIES

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 update the DHCS dental fee schedule and rates as published in the Medi-Cal Dental Provider Handbook, in Section 5, Manual of Criteria and Schedule of Maximum Allowances (SMA). DHCS requests input from beneficiaries, providers, and other interested stakeholders concerning proposed SPA #26-0001, which is attached.

The following six new CDT-26 procedure codes, which were not prior benefits of our program, with the associated SMA rates/fee will be payable:

CDT Codes	SMA	Supplemental Payment (Proposition 56)	Total Amount
D9244– In-office administration of minimal sedation - single drug – enteral	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$35.00
D9245 – Administration of moderate sedation - enteral	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$35.00
D9246 – Administration of moderate sedation - non-intravenous parenteral - first 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof	\$21.07	\$10.00	\$31.07



CDT Codes	SMA	Supplemental Payment (Proposition 56)	Total Amount
D9247 – Administration of moderate sedation - non-intravenous parenteral - each subsequent 15 minute increment, or any portion thereof	\$21.07	\$10.00	\$31.07
D5909 – In-office administration of minimal sedation - single drug - enteral	\$1700.00	\$680.00	\$2380.00
D5935 – In-office administration of minimal sedation - single drug - enteral	\$1400.00	\$560.00	\$1960.00

DHCS estimates the total annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures due to CDT code changes above will increase total funds expenditures by \$787,969.44.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is April 1, 2026. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Public Review and Comments

The proposed changes included in draft SPA #26-0001 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 #26-0001 will be published at the following internet address:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/PendingStatePlanAmendments.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 #26-0001 or a copy of submitted public comments related to SPA #26-0001 by requesting it in writing to the mailing or email address listed below. Please indicate SPA #26-0001 in the subject line or message.

Written comments may be sent to the following address:

Department of Health Care Services
Medi-Cal Dental Services Division
Attn: Dana Durham
P.O. Box 997413, MS 4900
Sacramento, California 95899-7417

Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA #26-0001 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 January 8, 2026. Please note that comments will continue to be accepted after January 8, 2026, but DHCS may not be able to consider those comments prior to the initial submission of SPA #26-0001 to CMS.

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STATE: CALIFORNIA

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The table reflecting the rates in effect on July 1, 2019, March 14, 2020, October 1, 2021, January 1, 2022, March 1, 2023, April 1, 2023, and April 1, 2026, for the procedure codes that are eligible for the dental supplement payments can be found at this website: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Documents/MDSD/Prop%2056/Prop-56-Dental-FY19Codes.pdf>

The supplemental payment for services in these categories will be reimbursed to providers who have the ability to bill for these services through the Dental Fiscal Intermediary. The SMA and supplemental payments will be issued together on a claim line basis. The supplemental payments will be issued for the specified codes for dates of service effective on July 1, 2019, March 14, 2020, October 1, 2021, January 1, 2022, March 1, 2023, April 1, 2023, and April 1, 2026.

For reference, the SMA is published in the Provider Services Handbook, Section 5. The SMA website link can be found here:

https://www.dental.dhcs.ca.gov/Providers/Medi_Cal_Dental/Provider_Publications/MocSmaVersions

For reference, the SMA is published in the Provider Services Handbook, Section 5, pages 5-106 through 5-126. This supplemental program makes no change to the underlying fee schedule rates.

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