PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE PROVIDER TYPE NAME FROM CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTITIONERS TO RELIGIOUS NON-MEDICAL HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS (RNHCIs) & TO ESTABLISH A REIMBURSEMENT METHODOLOGY FOR RNHCIs

This notice provides information of public interest with respect to Religious Non-Medical Health Care Institutions (RNHCIs). The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) proposes to submit State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17-025 to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to change the provider type name from Christian Science to RNHCIs and to add language regarding the reimbursement rate methodology for RNHCIs. The changes are required to align the State Plan with current federal laws and regulations.

Since DHCS is proposing to reimburse RNHCIs at the same Freestanding Nursing Facilities – Level B Peer group weighted average rate that is currently used for Christian Science providers, this SPA will have no fiscal impact.

The effective date of this change is October 1, 2017, and is subject to CMS approval.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of proposed SPA 17-025 will be published at: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending_2017.aspx

If you would like to view SPA 17-025 in person once it becomes available, please visit your local county welfare department. You may also request a copy of the proposed SPA from the mailing address or e-mail address below.

Any written comments may be sent to: Department of Health Care Services, Fee-For-Service Rates Development Division, 1501 Capitol Avenue, MS 4600, Sacramento, California 95899-7417, or may be emailed to Publicinput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA 17-025 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments related to SPA 17-025 may be requested in writing to the mailing address or e-mail inbox identified above.

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