



**Department of Health Care Service
Tribal Notice Conference Call Questions and Answers
June 18, 2018
State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0032**

1. The Public Notice states that, if SPA 18-0032 is approved, a sponsoring Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or Rural Health Clinic (RHC) may be required to submit a change of scope of service request (CSOSR) to include the costs of a graduate medical education (GME) resident prior to billing for such costs on a per visit basis. Could you elaborate when a CSOSR would be required?

DHCS Response: The FQHC or RHC must be an approved Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) program to obtain Medi-Cal reimbursement for qualifying resident services. If a FQHC or RHC is participating in a THCGME program and has included the cost associated with the THCGME in its PPS rate, then a CSOSR is not required.

Costs associated with a THCGME program, not included in a FQHC or RHC PPS rate, may require a CSOSR.

2. Where can interested parties find more information about THCGME programs?

DHCS Response: For more information on the THCGME program and to view a current list of participants (as of April 2017), please visit the Bureau of Health Workforce website at: www.bhw.hrsa.gov

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3. Can qualifying resident physician services be reimbursed to FQHCs and RHCs who only participate in THCGME programs?

DHCS Response: Yes, only FQHCs and RHCs that offer THCGME programs can be reimbursed by Medi-Cal for qualifying resident physician services.