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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 25-0023

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

October 21, 2025

Tyler Sadwith
State Medicaid Director
Department of Health Care Services
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413
Attn: Director's Office

Re: California State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0023

Dear Director Sadwith:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 25-0023. This amendment proposes to add local educational agencies and public institutions of higher education to the list of eligible providers that can supervise Community Health Workers (CHWs). In addition, this SPA proposes technical corrections to clarify the existing policy that any CHW certificate of completion that meets the curricula outlined in the State Plan is acceptable regardless of the issuer.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements at 42 CFR 440.130(c). This letter is to inform you that California Medicaid SPA 25-0023 was approved on October 21, 2025, with an effective date of July 1, 2025.

Enclosed are copies of CMS Form 179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the California State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Nikki Lemmon at Nicole.Lemmon@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covers the signature of Nicole McKnight.

Nicole McKnight
On Behalf of Courtney Miller, MCOG Director

Enclosures

cc: Tyler Sadwith
Lindy Harrington
Angeli Lee, DHCS
Shanna Haysbert, DHCS

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 5 — 0 0 2 3

2. STATE

CA3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL
SECURITY ACT

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TO: CENTER DIRECTOR

CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

July 1, 2025

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

42 CFR 440.130(c)

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2025\$ 0b. FFY 2026\$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A, page 18e

Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B, page 18e

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Limitations on Attachment 3.1-A, page 18e

Limitations on Attachment 3.1-B, page 18e

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Adding local educational agencies and public insitutions of higher education to the list of eligible supervisors for Community Health Workers.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT



COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED



NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL



OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

Please note: The Governor's Office does not wish to review
the State Plan Amendment.

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME

Tyler Sadwith

13. TITLE

State Medicaid Director and Chief Deputy Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

September 30, 2025

15. RETURN TO

Department of Health Care Services

Attn: Director's Office

P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000

Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED

September 30, 2025

17. DATE APPROVED

October 21, 2025

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

July 1, 2025

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Nicole McKnight

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

On Behalf of Courtney Miller, MCOG Director

22. REMARKS

TYPE OF SERVICE	PROGRAM COVERAGE**	PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS*
13c. Community Health Worker Services	Community Health Worker (CHW) services are preventive health services, as defined in 42 CFR 440.130(c), to prevent disease, disability, and other health conditions or their progression; to prolong life; and promote physical and mental health and efficiency. CHWs are trusted members of their community who help address chronic conditions, preventive health care needs, and health-related social needs. CHW services may: • Be provided in an individual or group setting. • Address issues that include but are not limited to: control and prevention of chronic conditions or infectious diseases; mental health conditions and substance use disorders; perinatal health conditions; sexual and reproductive health; environmental and climate-sensitive health issues; child health and development; oral health; aging; injury; domestic violence; and violence prevention. • Include: ○ Health education to promote the beneficiary's health or address barriers to health care, including providing information or instruction on health topics. The content of health education must be consistent with established or recognized health care standards. Health education may include coaching and goal setting to improve a beneficiary's health or ability to self-manage health conditions.	Pursuant to 42 CFR Section 440.130(c), CHW services are provided as preventive services and must be recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within their scope of practice under state law. CHWs must be supervised by a Medi-Cal-enrolled community-based organization, local health jurisdiction, licensed provider, pharmacy, hospital, clinic, as defined in 42 CFR 440.90, a local educational agency, or a public institution of higher education. CHWs must have lived experience that aligns with and provides a connection between the CHW and the community being served. CHWs must demonstrate minimum qualifications through one of the following pathways: • Certificate Pathway: 1. CHW Certificate: A certificate of completion with a curricula that attests to demonstrated skills and/or practical training in the following areas: communication, interpersonal and relationship building, service coordination and navigation, capacity building, advocacy, education and facilitation, individual and

* Prior authorization is not required for emergency services.

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