



**Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Tribal and Designees of Indian Health Programs Quarterly Webinar on Proposed Changes to the Medi-Cal Program
November 29, 2023
Questions and Answers**

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 23-0037 – Add Licensed Professional Clinic Counselor (LPCC) as a Billable Practitioner for Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), and Tribal FQHCs

1. **Question:** Can LPCCs that are licensed in another state provide services at Tribal Health Programs (THPs)?

DHCS Response: LPCCs that are licensed in another state may provide services at THPs, including at Indian Health Service-Memorandum of Agreement (IHS-MOA) and Tribal FQHC clinics, per [CA Business and Professions Code 719](#). The LPCC must enroll in Medi-Cal as an Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing (ORP) provider through DHCS' [Provider Application and Validation for Enrollment \(PAVE\)](#) portal. For Managed Care, the provider must be credentialed by the Managed Care Plan.

SPA 23-0043 – Pharmacy Invoice Price Payment

2. **Question:** Can the Department clarify how SPA 23-0043 affects Tribal Health Programs?

DHCS Response: For THPs with a Medi-Cal enrolled retail pharmacy, payment for covered outpatient drugs dispensed by THP pharmacies will be reimbursed at the Actual Acquisition Cost (based on the invoice price paid by the provider to a supplier, wholesaler, or manufacturer), plus a professional dispensing fee, when approved CMS benchmarks are unavailable. This will ensure Medi-Cal member's access to covered outpatient drugs and payment to providers. For more information, please see the Tribal Notice for [SPA 23-0043](#).