

**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

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October 25, 2024

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

Re: California State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0037

Dear Director Sadwith:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 24-0037. This amendment adds pharmacies as supervisors of Community Health Workers (CHWs).

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations at 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 440.130(c). This letter is to inform you that California Medicaid SPA 24-0037 was approved on October 25, 2024 with an effective date of October 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Young at 415-744-3598 or via email at Cheryl.Young@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of James G. Scott.

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Scott -S  
Date: 2024.10.25 15:14:53  
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James G. Scott, Director  
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER  
2 4 — 0 0 3 7

2. STATE  
CA

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  
 XIX  XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
**October 1, 2024**

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
**SSA 1905(a)(13), 42 CFR 440.130(c)**

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a. FFY 2025 \$ 0  
b. 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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  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  
**Add pharmacies as supervisors of 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:  
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

14. DATE SUBMITTED  
September 27, 2024

15. RETURN TO  
Department of Health Care Services  
Attn: Director's Office  
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

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16. DATE RECEIVED  
September 27, 2024

17. DATE APPROVED  
October 25, 2024

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
October 1, 2024

19. SIGN

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
James G. Scott

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

STATE PLAN CHART

| TYPE OF SERVICE                       | PROGRAM COVERAGE**   | PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS*   |
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| 13c. Community Health Worker Services | <p>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.</p> <p>CHW services may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be provided in an individual or group setting.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <p>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.</p> <p>CHWs must be supervised by a Medi-Cal-enrolled community-based organization, local health jurisdiction, licensed provider, pharmacy, hospital, or clinic, as defined in 42 CFR 440.90.</p> <p>CHWs must have lived experience that aligns with and provides a connection between the CHW and the community being served.</p> <p>CHWs must demonstrate minimum qualifications through one of the following pathways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Certificate Pathway:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>CHW Certificate:</b> A certificate of completion, including but not limited to any certificate issued by the State of California or a State designee, of 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</li> </ol> </li> </ul> |

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