



NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

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PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADOPT PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES CREDENTIALLED PRACTITIONERS

This notice is to provide information of public interest about a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). Proposed SPA #23-0027 seeks to adopt Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) credentialed practitioners, in the Medi-Cal program, as a distinct provider type to provide, within their scope of practice under state law, behavioral health (mental health and substance use disorders) services to children and youth at a school site, as part of the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative, statewide, multi-payer, school-linked fee schedule.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for adopting the PPS credentialed practitioner as a distinct provider type will be budget neutral.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is January 1, 2024. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Public Review and Comments

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #23-0027 will be published on: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending-2023.aspx>.

If you would like to view the SPA in person once it becomes available, please visit your local county welfare department. You may also request a copy of proposed SPA #23-0027 using the mailing or email address listed below.



Written comments may be sent to the following address:

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Comments may also be emailed to PublicInput@dhcs.ca.gov. Please indicate SPA #23-0027 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #23-0027 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email address identified above.