



NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROPOSES TO SUBMIT A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADD LICENSED PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL COUNSELORS (LPCC) AS BILLABLE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS PROVIDING MEDI-CAL SERVICES FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE CENTERS (FQHCS), RURAL HEALTH CLINICS (RHCS), AND TRIBAL FQHCS

This notice is to provide information of public interest that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) proposes to submit State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The proposed SPA 23-0037 seeks CMS approval to authorize LPCCs as billable health care professionals eligible to provide reimbursable Medi-Cal behavioral health services to patients at FQHCs, RHCs, or Tribal FQHCs. This is an effort to expand access to these services for patients living in medically underserved, rural, and remote areas in California.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for adding LPCCs to the list of billable mental & behavioral health practitioners at FQHCs, RHCs, & Tribal FQHCs will increase by \$5,259,605 in total funds.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is January 1, 2024. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by CMS.

Public Review and Comments

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #23-0037 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 #23-0037 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 #23-0037 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #23-0037 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email address identified above.