



NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

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PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO EXPAND THE PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY FOR ENTERAL FORMULAE

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 #23-0044 would expand the prescribing authority for enteral formulae from “physician” to include “physician, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or physician assistant” within their scope of practice.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures for expanding the prescribing authority of enteral formulae will be budget-neutral. Enteral formulae are existing benefits, and this SPA would not propose a change in the scope of the benefit.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is October 1, 2023. 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 #23-0044 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 #23-0044 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 #23-0044 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #23-0044 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email address identified above.