



NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

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PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES (PRTFs) AS A SETTING WHERE INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES TO BENEFICIARIES UNDER 22 YEARS OF AGE CAN BE PROVIDED

This notice is to provide information of public interest about a proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0003 by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). SPA 24-0003 proposes to include Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) as a setting where inpatient psychiatric services to beneficiaries under 22 years of age can be provided. In addition, this SPA will include a reimbursement methodology for inpatient psychiatric services provided in PRTFs.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures 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 proposed SPA 24-0003 will be published at the following internet address:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending-2024.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 24-0003 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 identify SPA 24-0003 in the subject line or message including the comments.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA 24-0003 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email address identified above.