



NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

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PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADD COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS (CHWs) AS A PREVENTIVE SERVICE UNDER THE MEDI-CAL DENTAL BENEFIT

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 #24-0016 is seeking to implement CHW services as a covered dental benefit to the Medi-Cal Program to allow CHWs to render services pursuant to Current Dental Terminology (CDT) code D9994 (Dental Case Management, Patient Education to Improve Oral Health Literacy). To provide case management and educational services that are reimbursable through the Medi-Cal dental benefit, CHWs will meet requirements for CHWs per our existing State Plan.

DHCS estimates that the annual aggregate Medi-Cal expenditures related to the changes set forth above will be cost neutral.

The effective date of the proposed SPA is July 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 #24-0016 will be published on: <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 #24-0016 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 #24-0016 in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA #24-0016 may be requested in writing to the mailing or email address identified above.