



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
Department of Health Care Services



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Medi-Cal Eligibility Division Informational Letter No.: 19-14

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY MEDI-CAL PROGRAM SPECIALISTS/LIAISONS

SUBJECT: PROPOSED STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS AFFECTING PROVIDER RATES

The purpose of this Medi-Cal Eligibility Informational Letter (MEDIL) is to remind counties of the requirement that certain proposed changes to the California Medicaid State Plan affecting provider rates are made available to the public upon request at local county welfare departments.

### Background

Federal regulation at 42 Code of Federal Regulations section 447.205 requires states to provide public notice of any State Plan Amendment (SPA) which proposes to change its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services. States may publish that notice through one of several methods, including the web site of the state Medicaid agency. Further, that public notice must identify a local agency in each county (such as the social services agency or health department) where copies of the proposed changes are available for public review.

To comply with federal requirements, the Department of Health Care Services hosts a web site with all applicable SPA public notices, proposed SPA changes and related documents, at the following addresses:

[https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Proposed\\_SPA.aspx](https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Proposed_SPA.aspx)

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/PendingStatePlanAmendments.aspx>

Further, in its public notices regarding proposed SPAs that affect provider rates, DHCS indicates that the proposed SPA changes are available in hard copy format at local county welfare departments upon request. Previously, DHCS periodically sent MEDILs to County Welfare Directors when individual SPA public notices were posted.

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**Policy**

Going forward, DHCS will discontinue publishing MEDILs for each proposed SPA affecting provider rates. Instead, upon an in-person request from the public at a local county welfare department, DHCS expects counties to make available a hard copy of the proposed SPA changes, SPA notice or related documents (as applicable to the individual request) posted on the DHCS website listed above

If you have any questions, or if we can provide further information, please contact [publicinput@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:publicinput@dhcs.ca.gov).

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