

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: December 31, 2019**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES
(HCBS) 1915i STATE PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED
(<https://www.dds.ca.gov/waiver/index.cfm>)**

This notice provides information of public interest that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) intends to submit State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0008 for federal approval. This is an amendment to the California Medicaid 1915(i) State Plan for the Developmentally Disabled to provide time-limited rate increases for specified service providers.

Under the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act), Welfare & Institutions (W&I) Code section 4500 *et seq.*, people with developmental disabilities, as defined in W&I Code section 4512(a), are eligible to receive services and supports that meet their individual needs and choices. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) administers the Lanterman Act.

This proposed SPA will increase reimbursement rates for specified service providers from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021, as authorized under W&I Code section 4691.12. The specified service providers receiving this time-limited increase include non-facility-based Behavior Intervention Services, Licensed/Certified Residential Services, Supported Living Services provided in a consumer's own home (non-licensed/certified), Community-Based Day Services, Mobility Related Day Services, Homemaker, Supported Employment Group, In-Home Respite Care, Supported Employment Individual, Community-Based Training Services, Non-Medical Transportation. These rate increases shall expire after December 31, 2021 unless the conditions set forth in W&I Code section 4691.12(b)(2) occur.

All proposed SPA revisions are subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

DHCS plans to submit proposed SPA 20-0008 to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by February 14, 2020, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2020.

DHCS estimates that the aggregate fiscal impact of this amendment will be \$29,045,000 for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and 2020-21.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

A copy of proposed SPA 20-0008 will be posted at:
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/CaliforniStatePlan.aspx>. You may also request a copy of proposed SPA 20-0008 by writing to the mailing or email addresses listed below, or by visiting your local county welfare department.

If you would like to view the SPA once it becomes available, please visit
<https://www.dds.ca.gov/waiver/index.cfm>.

Any written comments concerning this notice or the proposed SPA may be sent to:

Department of Developmental Services
Community Services Division
Attn: Elena Serrano
1600 Ninth Street, M.S. 3-8,
Sacramento, California 95814

Comments may also be e-mailed to Elena.Serrano@dds.ca.gov. Please indicate 'SPA 20-0008' in the subject line or message.

A copy of submitted public comments to SPA 20-0008 may be requested in writing at the mailing or email addresses above.

Release Date: December 31, 2019