

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: April 17, 2020**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES
(HCBS) 1915(c) WAIVER FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED**
[\(https://www.dds.ca.gov/INITIATIVES/HCBS/\)](https://www.dds.ca.gov/INITIATIVES/HCBS/)

This notice provides information of public interest that the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) intends to submit Home and Community Based Services Waiver (HCBS) # CA.0336.R04.05 for federal approval. This is an amendment to the California Medicaid 1915(c) Developmental Disabilities Waiver to add Intensive Transition Services as a new service and to add Speech-Language Pathology Assistant as a new provider type under Speech, Language and Hearing Services.

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 amendment proposes to add:

- Intensive Transition Services - A crisis service that provides individuals with the most complex challenges, needing support in the transition from an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) to a less restrictive living option.
- Speech-Language Pathology Assistant as a new provider type under the supervision of a Speech and Language Pathologist.

All proposed HCBS Waiver amendments are subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

DHCS plans to submit the proposed waiver amendment to CMS by July 1, 2020 for a proposed effective date of October 1, 2020.

DHCS estimates that the aggregate fiscal impact of this amendment will be \$9,389,853 for waiver years 3, 4, and 5.

A copy of the proposed waiver amendment will be posted on April 17, 2020 at: <https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/hcbs/>. You may also request a copy of the proposed amendment 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 waiver amendment once it becomes available, please visit <https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/hcbs/>

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Comments will be accepted for 30 days from the release date. Any written comments concerning this notice or the proposed waiver amendment may be sent to:

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

A copy of submitted public comments may be requested in writing at the mailing or email addresses above.

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