

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST
RELEASE DATE: FEBRUARY 16, 2021**

**PROPOSED STATE PLAN RENEWAL OF HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED
SERVICES 1915i STATE PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED**
(<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/hcbs/>)

This notice is to provide information of public interest about the submission of an amendment by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for the Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) 1915(i) State Plan.

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0002 proposes to renew the state plan for the period of October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2026, and clarify reporting requirements for HCBS 1915(i) providers.

Pursuant to 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), receive, as an entitlement, services and supports based on their individual needs and choices. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) is responsible for administering the Lanterman Act.

SPA 21-0002 incorporates language pertaining to rate increases and additions of new methodologies, provider types, and services from SPA 20-0008, SPA 20-0012, and SPA 20-0032, which have recently been submitted to CMS for review and are pending approval. SPA 21-0002 does not propose any additional rates, methodologies, or services beyond what has already been submitted to CMS. The State anticipates that SPAs 20-0008, 20-0012, and 20-0032 will be approved by CMS prior to the approval of SPA 21-0002.

A copy of SPAs 20-0008, 20-0012, and 20-0032 can be found at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/hcbs/>.

DHCS estimates that the expenditures for this renewal will be \$411,762,000 in federal funds for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2021-22 and \$432,350,000 in federal funds for FFY 2022-23.

The proposed effective date of the renewal is October 1, 2021. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by CMS.

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #21-0002 will be published at the following web addresses:

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending_2021.aspx

<https://www.dds.ca.gov/initiatives/hcbs/>

If you would like to view a copy of the SPA when it becomes available, please visit your local county welfare department. You may also request a copy via the contact information listed below.

Written comments will be accepted through March 17, 2021 and may be submitted via the contact information listed below.

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Please indicate SPA #21-0002 in the subject line or message.