

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES**  
**NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST**  
**RELEASE DATE: August 12, 2022**

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

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 would make permanent the following PHE-related flexibilities previously approved by CMS: technology services, self-directed support services, and incentive payments for paid internship programs. This amendment also includes eligibility language for children three or four years of age as well as language permitting certain existing services that can be provided in remote locations. Additionally, the following services will now have the option to be participant-directed: supported employment (individual), personal assistance, and independent living services.

DHCS estimates that the expenditures for this amendment will be \$1,925,856 in federal funds for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2022-23 and \$2,371,474 in federal funds for FFY 2023-24.

The proposed effective date of the amendment is December 1, 2022. All proposed SPAs are subject to approval by CMS.

**PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS**

Upon submission to CMS, a copy of the proposed SPA #22-0048 will be published at the following web addresses:

[https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/laws/Pages/Pending\\_2021.aspx](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 for 30 days from the release date and may be submitted to the contact information listed below.

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