

**Safety Net Financing Division (SNFD)
Amendment to the Bridge to Reform Waiver**

Background

Last November, the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved California's "Bridge to Reform" (BTR) waiver that provides \$2 billion annually in federal funding for the next five years to help the state prepare for health care reform in January 2014. The BTR will expand the county based Health Care Coverage Initiative (HCCI), transition seniors and persons with disabilities into managed care plans, and increase support for public hospitals through the Safety Net Care Uncompensated Care Pool (SNCP). Under the waiver, approximately \$180 million in federal funds is available for HCCI programs, which are voluntary county programs that provide benefits for eligible individuals with incomes between 133 percent and 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

Description of State Plan Amendment (SPA), Waiver, or Demonstration Project

This proposal requires the state to seek approval from CMS for the redirection of the HCCI funds that will not be claimed to the uncompensated portion of the Safety Net Care Pool. The state shall annually seek authority from CMS under the Special Terms and Conditions of California's Bridge to Reform Section (a) Waiver to redirect to the uncompensated care category within the SNCP the portion of the restricted funds used to fund expenditures under the (HCCI) that will not be fully utilized by the end of the demonstration year.

Impact on Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations

Impact on Indian Health Programs

This amendment does not change services currently provided to beneficiaries and will not have an impact to Indian Health Programs.

Impact on Indian Medi-Cal Beneficiaries

This amendment does not change services currently provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries and will not have an impact on Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

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