

PCG Discussion of the Impact of the Proposed Rules to Enhance Access and Quality for Medicaid Programs Webinar

Proposed Rule: Medicaid Program; Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services

Public Comment Guide

This document can be used as a guide to assist states with organizing public comment submissions on the *Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services* Proposed Rule. The tables below list the topic areas and corresponding page numbers where the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) invites public comment. Please note, each page may contain multiple areas for public comment.

Submission Process: Comments should be submitted on the [Federal Register](#) by clicking the green "Submit a Formal Comment" button at the top right of the page. **Comments are due by July 3, at 11:59 p.m. ET.** Please feel welcome to reach out to our PCG team for questions or support with this process by emailing healthpolicynews@pcgus.com.



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