



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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January 3, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

SUBJECT: Medicaid State Plan Amendment 23-0010 - Behavioral Health Services Update

In accordance with section 1902(a)(73)(A) of the Social Security Act regarding the solicitation of advice prior to the submission of any Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) or waiver likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations, the Health Care Authority (HCA) hereby seeks your advice on the following matter.

Purpose

HCA intends to submit SPA 23-0010 to update information in the Medicaid State Plan, Attachment 3, Section 13d Rehabilitation Services, as follows:

- Reformat the section to be more representative of the current behavioral health system (as opposed to the current structure which separates Substance Use Disorder Services and Mental Health Services);
- Align with new formatting requirements from CMS;
- Expand the provider types who can provide certain services, including being part of a crisis team and providing substance use disorder treatment services;
- Remove outdated mental health peer support language;
- Increase transition of care services available to people with a substance use disorder; and
- If approved by the legislature, allow Medicaid funds to be used on problem gambling treatment services, which are currently paid for with state funds.

This SPA update will create the foundation for future system/service improvements, including removing barriers to deliver more integrated care.

HCA has reserved the following dates and times for Tribal Roundtables and Tribal Consultation:

| Meeting | Date and Time | Zoom URL |
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| Roundtable #1 | February 22, 2023 1:00-2:30 pm | https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89050766652 |
| Roundtable #2 | March 7, 2023 1:00 – 2:30 pm | https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85965270125 |
| Consultation | March 22, 2023 1:00 – 3:00 pm | https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83279420059?pwd=VFBhey9IW Dhma3Z0RVJiRE9UbjZnUT09 |

Anticipated Impact on Indians/Indian Health Programs/Urban Indian Organizations

HCA does not anticipate this SPA update to have an impact that is specific to American Indian/Alaska Native Medicaid applicants or enrollees, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Health Organizations in Washington. However, HCA would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share, including whether this SPA will have disproportionate impact on American Indian/Alaska Native Medicaid applicants or enrollees, Indian Health programs, or Urban Indian Health Organizations.

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A draft copy of SPA 23-0010 will be shared prior to Roundtable #1 via email and posted on the following website: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/who-we-are/tribal-relations/consultations-and-meetings>. It will also be available upon request after January 6, 2023.

Comments and questions

HCA would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share regarding the SPA. To return any comments, please contact Jessica Diaz, Managed Care Programs Section Manager, via email at jessica.diaz@hca.wa.gov, with a courtesy copy to Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator, at ann.myers@hca.wa.gov.

Please contact Aren Sparck, Tribal Affairs Administrator, via email at aren.sparck@hca.wa.gov if you have tribal affairs-related questions.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,



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By email

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