



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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March 29, 2023

Dear Tribal Leader:

**SUBJECT: State Plan Amendment Update to Address Behavioral Health Services
CONSULTATION RESCHEDULED**

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 (the Agency) hereby seeks your advice on the following matter.

Purpose

Due to a mishap with not sending a calendar invite for the initial consultation scheduled for March 22, 2023, the Agency decided to reschedule this meeting due to low attendance from tribal leadership. HCA greatly apologizes for this mistake and have rescheduled this consultation to ensure appropriate planning.

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

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- 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- Remove outdated mental health peer support language;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
Completed Roundtable #1	February 22, 2023 1:00-2:30 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89050766652

Completed Roundtable #2	March 7, 2023 1:00 – 2:30 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85965270125
Rescheduled Consultation	April 21, 2023 1:00 – 3:00 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83279420059?pwd=VFBhcy9lWlhma3Z0RVJiRE9UbjZnUT09

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

The Agency 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, the Agency 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.

Copy available

A draft copy of the Section 13d Rehabilitation Services SPA can be found at the website <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/who-we-are/tribal-relations/consultations-and-meetings>.

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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