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Douglas Porter, Director Health Care Authority Post Office Box 45502 Olympia, Washington 98504-5010

RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 11-028

Dear Mr. Porter:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 11-028. This SPA restores non-emergency dental services and dentures for Medicaid recipients age 21 and over who are pregnant, including post-partum. Effective October 1, 2011, this SPA eliminates non-emergency dental services and dentures for Medicaid recipients age 21 and over who are developmentally disabled as defined by the State.

This SPA is approved effective July 1, 2011.

If you have any questions concerning this SPA, please contact me, or have your staff contact Janice Adams at (206) 615-2541 or <u>Janice Adams@cms.hhs.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Carol J.C. Peverly

Associate Regional Administrator

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  - b. Developmentally Disabled (DD) as defined by the Medicaid Agency.
- B. Effective October 1, 2011 and after, the Medicaid Agency covers the dental services and dentures listed in section C below for pregnant women only, including the post partum.
- C. The Medicaid Agency covers the services listed below for the eligible clients described in sections A and B above. These services are limited to selected medically necessary services for the identification and treatment of dental problems or the prevention of dental diseases. Some of these services may require prior authorization. Limits may be exceeded based on medical necessity.
  - a. Preventive care, including fluoride and sealants.
  - b. Treatment, including crowns, restorations, endodonics, and perodontics.
  - Behavior management (limited to DD clients).
  - e. Dentures

## Allowed per client:

- Complete and overdenture dentures one maxillary and one mandibular denture in a five year period; requires prior authorization.
- Partial dentures once every five years if cast metal; once every three years if resin; requires prior authorization.
- Complete or partial rebase or relines once every three years when performed at least 6 months after the seating date.
- D. For all clients, the Medicaid Agency covers oral maxillary facial surgeries performed by a dentist to treat conditions of the teeth, gums, mouth, or jaw as required in a medical treatment plan (e.g., to treat infection that may compromise a transplanted organ, heart valve replacement, or open heart surgery; or as part of a treatment plan for cancer when the client has received radiation to the head or neck and suffered damage to the teeth and jaw).

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