

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS**

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**JAN 17 2014**

Dear Ms. Teeter and Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seattle Regional Office has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 13-26. This amendment restores comprehensive dental services, including dentures, restorative and preventative services, for all adult clients under the State Plan.

This SPA is approved effective January 1, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or have your staff contact Kendra Sippel-Theodore at (206) 615-2065 or via email at [kendra.sippel-theodore@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:kendra.sippel-theodore@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,



Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health  
Operations

cc: Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator.

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: <b>13-26</b>	2. STATE Washington
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE January 1, 2014	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

NEW STATE PLAN       AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN       AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 1905 (a) (5) (A) & (10), 1861(r) (2), 42 CFR 440.50 & 100 (P&I)	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2014 \$12,545,000 b. FFY 2015 \$36,676,000
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  Att. 3.1-B pages 19, 27, 28, 28a (new), 28b (new) Att. 3.1-B pages 19, 28, 28a, 28b (new), 28c (new) Att. 4.19-B page 14	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):  Att. 3.1-B pages 19, 27, 28 Att. 3.1-B pages 19, 28, 28a Att. 4.19-B page 14

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

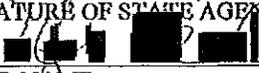
Adult Dental Services

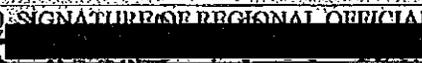
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT       OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Exempt

COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 	16. RETURN TO: Ann Myers Office of Rules and Publications Legal and Administrative Services Health Care Authority 626 8 <sup>th</sup> Ave SE MS: 42716 Olympia, WA 98504-2716
13. TYPED NAME: MARYANNE LINDEBLAD	
14. TITLE: MEDICAID DIRECTOR	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 11-4-13	

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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 1.01.14	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 
21. TYPED NAME: Carol J.C. Peverly	22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator Division of Medicaid & Children's Health
23. REMARKS:  12-23-13 State authorizes P&I change to box 6	

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5. b. Medical and surgical services furnished by a dentist

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## I. For clients age 21 and over

## A. Preventive care

1. Behavior management (limited to clients with autism and clients of the Developmental Disabilities Administration)
2. Examinations
  - a. Periodic oral evaluations once every 6 months
  - b. Comprehensive evaluations once every 5 years
3. Fluoride, once in a 12-month period, per client, per provider/clinic
4. Prophylaxis
  - a. Once every 12 months
  - b. Not covered in conjunction with periodontal maintenance or root planing/scaling
  - c. Must be at least 12 months after periodontal maintenance or root planing/scaling
5. X-rays (radiographs)
  - a. Intraoral complete series once every 3 years
  - b. Maximum of 4-bitewing x-rays every 12 months
  - c. Panoramic x-rays in conjunction with 4-bitewings once every 3 years, only if the agency has not paid for an intraoral complete series in the same 3-year period

## B. Treatment

1. Biopsy
  - a. Soft oral tissue
  - b. Brush
2. Endodontic treatment for permanent anterior teeth
3. Extractions
  - a. Prior authorization required for extractions of 4 or more teeth in a 6 month period resulting in edentulism
  - b. Prior authorization required for unusual and complicated surgical extractions
4. Periodontic services
  - a. Scaling and root planing performed at least 12 months after periodontal maintenance
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5. Resin-based composite restorations 1 time in a 2-year period unless the restoration has an additional adjoining carious surface

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## C. Dentures

1. Complete and overdentures
  - a. 1 maxillary and 1 mandibular in a 5-year period
  - b. Prior authorization required
2. Complete or partial rebase or relines once every 3 years when performed at least 6 months after the seating date
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## II. For clients age 20 and under

## A. Preventive care

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  - c. For clients age 19 through 20, 1 time in a 12-month period
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    - iii. Prior authorization required for anterior teeth for clients age 13 through 20
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    - i. Once every 5 years for permanent anterior teeth for clients age 15 through 20
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POLICY AND METHODS USED IN ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES FOR EACH OF THE OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICE LISTED IN SECTION 1905 (A) OF THE ACT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN (cont.)

## VI. Dental Services and Dentures

- A. The Medicaid agency pays directly to the specific provider the lesser of the usual and customary charge or a fee based on an agency fee schedule, for dental services provided within their specific scope of practice by dentists, dental hygienists, and denturists throughout the state. There are no geographical or other variations in the fee schedule.
- B. The usual and customary charge is defined as that fee usually charged for a given service by an individual dentist, dental hygienist, or denturist to private patients (e.g., that provider's usual fee) and which fee is within the range of usual fees charged by dentists, dental hygienists, or denturists of similar training and experience.
- C. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of dental services and dental hygiene. The fee schedule is published on the agency's website at <http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/rbrvs/Pages/index.aspx>. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of January 1, 2014, and is effective for services provided on or after that date.

## VI.(a) Dentures

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