

## **HCA Tribal Consultation – June 3, 2014**

### **1915(b) Waiver and CD rates background material**

#### **1. 1915(b) Waiver Renewal**

The state of Washington has a 1915b waiver with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services that allows us to operate a managed care mental health system—the RSN system. This waiver has to be renewed every 2 years and expires on September 30, 2014. We are required to submit the draft waiver update to CMS in June for a preliminary approval before the “official” submission.

At this time no changes to the programs, benefits or operations are being made to the Waiver. This is only a carryover of our current programs with an update to any information about our organizational or operating that may have changed since the previous Waiver approval.

We are adding to the section in the Waiver on cost effectiveness information about the new case rate that will be paid for those RSN’s who implement a specialized program for children that is now required due to a federal law suit agreement.

#### **2. CD SPA rates for nontribal Providers**

We just heard from CMS that we need to update chemical dependency SPA rates. The rate change will not impact Tribal providers or change the encounter rate. The rate change will allow some CD providers of detox and residential treatment to stay in business though—which would impact Medicaid Tribal members who have been referred to those programs.

Please see the joint DSHS/HCA Tribal Leader letter dated 05/15/2014 explaining the change.

#### **3. 1915 (b) (4) Waiver for Selective Contracting**

This CD waiver maintains our current system of selective contracting via the counties. This will allow us to maintain our current system and comport with current understanding of CMS rules. This will not impact Tribal providers. However, as with the CD rate SPA, it will allow us to maintain capacity. Please see the letter dated 05/21/2014 explaining this change.