Healthier Washington Initiative Receives 4-Year $65 Million Grant
In December, Gov. Jay Inslee’s Healthier Washington initiative received a four-year $65 million grant from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). The grant includes funding for various State Health Reform initiatives, including Accountable Communities of Health.
Read more about the Healthier Washington Initiative

Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) Pilot and Design Grants Awarded
In January, HCA awarded ACH Pilot Grants and ACH Design Grants totaling $700,000 to lead organizations for the 10 Regional Service Areas (RSAs) in the State. These grants will support continued development of governance structures, decision-making processes, engagement strategies, and administrative support functions.
Read more about the ACH Pilot and Design Grants

Social Service Provider System Payments Now Through ProviderOne
DSHS and HCA have transitioned social service payments from the former Social Service Payment System to ProviderOne. For assistance, call 800-562-3022 or email bass@dshs.wa.gov.
Read more about Social Service Payments through ProviderOne

Medicaid Administrative Claiming
The new and improved Medicaid Administrative Claiming program (formerly known as the Medicaid Administrative Match program) is now available. The HCA website is in the process of being updated. For the most current information, email Tyron Nixon.
Read more about Tribes and Medicaid Administrative Claiming
Consultations, Roundtables, Meetings, & Workgroups

All meetings are held at the Health Care Authority, 626 8th Ave. SE, in Olympia, unless otherwise noted.

Medicaid Monthly Meeting—Wednesday, March 25, 9:00–10:00 am
Monthly meeting for Tribal health program staff to learn about current Apple Health (Medicaid) and Healthier Washington (State Health Reform) issues and share concerns with HCA.
RSVP to attend in person or via webinar

Tribal Billing Workgroup—Wednesday, April 8, 9:00–10:00 am
Monthly meeting for Tribal coding and billing staff to learn about current ProviderOne and billing issues and share concerns with HCA.
RSVP to attend in person or via webinar

Consultation: State Health Care Reform – Friday, April 17, 10:00 am–3:30 pm
This consultation will address issues of interest or concern for Tribes or Urban Indian Organizations related to the Healthier Washington initiative and the Section 1115 waiver that HCA may submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMMS).
RSVP to attend in person or via webinar

MCOs and Tribes—Friday, May 8, 1:00–3:00 pm
Quarterly meeting of Tribal health program staff and Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) staff to discuss issues and concerns related to, among other things, provider contracts between Tribes and MCOs, MCO compliance with federal requirements, and MCO operations.
RSVP to attend in person or via webinar
Current Projects & Issues
The HCA Office of Tribal Affairs has added information on current projects and issues to our website. We will post additional information about these projects as it becomes available, including updates, work plans, and calls for participation.

Centennial Accord & Tribal Consultation Policies
Tribal Consultation Policy
- Reviewing for potential amendments to present to Tribes

Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPAs), Waivers, and WACs
SPA: PCCM for Apple Health for Adults
- Preparing SPA to authorize PCCM services for Apple Health for Adults enrollees
SPA + WAC: AI/AN Assets Exempt from Medicaid Estate Recovery
- Researching SPA and WAC process for additional exemptions
WAC 182-502-0006, -0010, -0012, -0016
- Proposing amendments to comply with Federal Tort Claims Act and 25 U.S.C. 1621t

Apple Health Eligibility
Apple Health Manual
- Preparing new AI/AN page in Apple Health Manual
Apple Health for Foster Kids
- Researching Medicaid operational issues with Tribal foster care documentation
Apple Health Spenddown
- Researching policy and operational requirements related to IHS services

Apple Health Managed Care
Managed Care Contract with MCOs
- Reviewing for compliance with federal and state requirements

Tribal Billing Guide
Next publication date: April 1, 2015
- Updating entire guide - no policy changes

ProviderOne Claims Payment
System Issue: Denials of substance use treatment claims for non-AI/AN presumptive SSI clients
- Researching ProviderOne programming

Healthier Washington Initiatives
Tribal-Accountable Communities of Health Coordination Planning Process
- Consulting with Tribes/Urban Indian Clinics

Early Adopter Planning
- Reviewing draft Apple Health MCO contract for compliance with federal and state requirements
Resources

We are updating the HCA Tribal Affairs website to make it more relevant for you. On the Resources page, providers and administrators can now find all of Mike Longnecker’s famous ProviderOne billing “cheat sheets” —renamed “Quick Reference Sheets”. You can also find a Take Action box, with links to all of the websites that Apple Health enrollees and Tribal providers commonly use to find and submit information. We are working to create more resources for you, including a page on the Apple Health (Medicaid) rules applicable to American Indians/Alaska Natives. Stay tuned...

Around and About

We have begun to post information about other organizations’ health-related events on our website. Please send us news about what your Tribe or organization is doing.

March 24, 2015  Tribal & Urban Premium Sponsorship Roundtable in Olympia, WA (webinar registration)
April 15 & 16, 2015  Native Caring Conference in Coos Bay, OR
April 24 – 26, 2015  Indian Youth Leadership Camp 2015 by the NATIVE Project in Medical Lake, WA
May 12 & 13, 2015  NSMHA Tribal Mental Health Conference in Bow, WA

Contact us and tell us what you think...

The goal for our website changes, along with this monthly bulletin, is to give you more information when you need it. Please let us know what you think—what’s useful, what’s not, and what you’d like to see that’s not here.

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