

STATE OF WASHINGTON WASHINGTON STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

March 21, 2017

NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17-0013 Third Party Liability

Effective Date: April, 2017

Description: The Health Care Authority (the Agency) intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17-0013 in order to amend the current language under Attachment 4.22-A (#3): 'Requirements for Third Party Liability – Identifying Liable Resources' to align with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 433.138: 'Identifying Liable Third Parties - diagnosis and trauma code edits' (5)(e). This section of the CFR specifies 'the agency must take action to identify paid claims for Medicaid beneficiaries that contain diagnosis codes indicative of trauma, or injury, poisoning, or other consequences of external causes, for the purpose of determining the legal liability of third parties so that the agency may process claims under the third party liability payment procedures specified in 433.139(b) through (f)'. While the Agency will continue to omit specific diagnosis codes from reclamation efforts due to the limited recovery they offer, the listing of the excluded diagnosis codes, currently displayed on Appendix A to attachment 4.22-A, will be removed.

Additionally, the Agency will modify the frequency of Treatment Questionnaires (TQ's) that are automatically generated in the MMIS system and sent to Medicaid beneficiaries to gain clarification on the accident or incident that led to the paid claim, from two additional requests to one if the beneficiary does not respond to the original TQ letter timely. Eliminating the final TQ notification will allow the Health Care Authority Coordination of Benefits (COB) office to further align with the Affordable Care Act requiring individuals have comparable health insurance, by removing the stipulation that the Medicaid beneficiary may lose their Medicaid eligibility if they fail to comply with the final TQ request. SPA 17-0013 is expected to have no effect on the annual aggregate expenditures for all benefits and services since the change does not affect payments made to fee-for-service providers.

A copy of draft SPA 17-0013 is available for review. The Health Care Authority would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy, you may contact the agency in your county listed in the table or the person named below. To submit comments, please contact the person named below (please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment).

Interested parties may submit comments and concerns about the rates or the effects the changes may have on beneficiary access to care or continued service access. Please submit comments and concerns to the person named below by April 25, 2017. Please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment.

NOTE: Effective March 20, 2017, official public notice of proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPAs) is published on the agency's <u>website</u> at the <u>Public Notices</u> link. As a convenience, the agency will continue to publish copies of SPA notices in the Washington State Register (WSR) through June 30, 2017. This notice is published in the WSR under the filing number WSR # 17-07-111.

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