

STATE OF WASHINGTON WASHINGTON STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17-0033 July 1, 2017, Conversion Factors and Dental Services Fee Schedule Updates

Effective Date: July 1, 2017

Description: The Health Care Authority (the Agency) intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17-0033 in order to update the effective date of the conversion factors used to set payment rates for the following Medicaid programs: EPSDT; Family Planning Services; Home Health Services; Mental Health Services; Optometric Services; Physician-Related Services; Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy; School-Based Services; Telemedicine Services; and Tobacco Cessation Services.

The rate setting methodology for these programs uses the RBRVS method, which uses conversion factors that are informed by various sources, including the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Medicaid, and others to remain budget neutral. This SPA is a regular annual update to keep rates and billing codes in alignment with the coding and coverage changes from CMS, Medicaid, and other sources.

The Dental Program Fee Schedule is being updated by the addition of a column to indicate prior authorization requirements, which is designed to assist providers in identifying codes with prior authorization. There is no change to dental rates or the requirements described in the *Dental-Related Services Billing Guide*.

See http://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers/claims-and-billing/professional-rates-and-billing-guides

The Agency anticipates that updating the effective date of the conversion factors and adding a column to the Dental Program Fee Schedule will have no effect on annual aggregate expenditures; provider rates will not be affected.

SPA 17-0033 is in the development process; therefore a copy is not yet available for review. The Health Care Authority would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy when it becomes available or 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).

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.

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