



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
**WASHINGTON STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

July 3, 2017

**NOTICE**

**Title or Subject: Voluntary Inpatient Psychiatric Authorization Requirements in FFS System - Medicaid State Plan Amendment 17-0035**

**Effective Date:** July 4, 2017

**Description:**

The Health Care Authority (the Agency) and the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) within the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) intend to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 17-0035 in order to allow for voluntary psychiatric inpatient treatment without prior authorization and subject to retrospective review. The Medicaid State Plan currently requires prior authorization for all voluntary inpatient psychiatric care.

This change is necessary due to the July 1, 2017 implementation of a mental health Fee for Services (FFS) delivery system specifically for American Indians/Alaska Native individuals who do not opt into managed care for behavioral health services.

At this time, it is not clear what effect SPA 17-0035 may have on the annual aggregate expenditures for Medicaid-funded community mental health services. The population has historically been served in the managed program and expenses and utilization patterns are not expected to change as a result of the removal of the prior authorization requirement. Admissions will be subject to the same medical necessity standards as those that require prior authorization.

SPA 17-0035 is in the development process; therefore a copy is not yet available for review. The Agency and BHA would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy when it becomes available, 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.

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 individual below by August 7, 2017.

Please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment.

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