



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

**Title or Subject:** Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0021 Medicaid Disaster Relief 2

**Effective Date:** March 1, 2020

**Description:**

The Health Care Authority (HCA) intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0021 to implement additional policies and procedures that may be different from the policies and procedures otherwise applied under the Medicaid State Plan, during the period of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

This SPA is the preprint developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to waive or modify certain requirements of titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Act as a result of the consequences COVID-19 pandemic, to ensure that sufficient health care items and services are available to meet the needs of individuals enrolled in the respective programs and to ensure that health care providers that furnish such items and services in good faith, but are unable to comply with one or more of such requirements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, may be reimbursed for such items and services and exempted from sanctions for such noncompliance, absent any determination of fraud or abuse.

Because of the emergency nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, HCA is unable to determine the effect of SPA 20-0021 on the annual aggregate expenditures/reimbursement/payment for professional services.

SPA 20-0021 is under development. HCA would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy of the SPA when it is 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).

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