NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0033 Nursing Facility Rates

Effective Date: August 1, 2020

Description: The Health Care Authority in conjunction with the Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA) in the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0032 in order to remove language regarding an add-on related to enhanced match due to COVID. It is necessary to remove this language because information in the Medicaid State Plan pertains only to services/items whose reimbursement includes Medicaid funds. This add-on is paid for with only state funds; therefore it is necessary to remove this information from the State Plan.

This SPA is expected to have no effect on aggregate expenditures or payments; it is expected to be budget neutral.

A copy of proposed SPA 20-0033 is available upon request. The Health Care Authority and DSHS would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy of the SPA, 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).

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 Elizabeth Pashley at Elizabeth.Pashley@dshs.wa.gov with a courtesy copy to Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator, at ann.myers@hca.wa.gov. Please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment.

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