



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
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NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 21-0019 Payment Methodology for Physician, Family Planning, and Mental Health Services

Effective Date: October 1, 2021

Description: The Health Care Authority (HCA) intends to submit SPA 21-0019 to update the methodologies for Physician, Mental Health, and Family Planning services. These updates are to align with the recent 2021-23 biennial legislative budget, which included increases to these programs.

HCA is in the process of developing the rates; therefore, complete information is not yet available. At this time, rates will increase as follows:

- Mental health services will receive a 15% increase to maintain and increase access for behavioral health services.
- Physician-related services will receive a 21% increase for enhanced pediatric services and a 15% increase for adult primary care.
- The Department of Health's Sexual Reproductive Health Program Providers will receive an increase.

HCA is in the process of developing the SPA. HCA would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy of the SPA when it becomes available or submit comments, you may 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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