



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
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NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0013 Sole Community Hospital Enhancement Rates – Outpatient

Effective Date: July 1, 2022

The Health Care Authority (HCA) intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0013 because the Washington State Legislature recently passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5693 directing HCA to implement changes to payments to hospitals meeting the following criteria:

- a) Must be certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as Sole Community Hospitals as of January 1, 2013;
- b) Must have had less than 150 acute care licensed beds in fiscal year 2011;
- c) Must have a Level III Adult Trauma Service designation from the Department of Health as of January 1, 2014; and
- d) Must be owned and operated by the state or a political subdivision.

SPA 22-0013 is expected to have no effect on the annual aggregate expenditures/reimbursements as compared to prior year.

ESSB 5693 increases the rates for Sole Community Hospital Outpatient Rate Enhancements as shown in the table below. In addition to implementing ESSB 5693, SPA 22-0013 simplifies the information currently in the State Plan by replacing narrative with an easier-to-understand table as shown below.

Enhancement Multipliers				
Hospital category	Effective Dates			
	7/1/2015 – 6/30/2020	7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021	7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022	7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023
Sole Community Hospital	1.25	1.5	NA	1.25
Sole Community Hospital accepting single bed certification per RCW 71.05.745 as of 7/1/2021	NA	NA	1.5	1.5

HCA is in the process of completing the draft SPA. A copy of the draft SPA will be provided on request as soon as it becomes available. 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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