



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
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April 29, 2025

NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0005 Physician Services Updates

Effective Date: October 1, 2025

Description: The Health Care Authority (HCA) intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment 25-0005 to remove outdated information in the Physician Services section of the Medicaid State Plan. For critical care services, the three hour limit on services is being removed and “multiple organ systems” is being replaced with “different specialties” to clarify the distinctly separate services that may warrant coverage of more than one physician delivering services. In addition, a reference to the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) is being added to the newborn and neonatal care unit (NICU) section. These changes are to ensure the State Plan accurately reflects current policy and practice - they do not reflect changes to current policy and practice.

SPA 25-0005 is expected to increase annual aggregate expenditures/reimbursement/payments by approximately \$100,000.

A draft of SPA 25-0005 is available for review. HCA would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy or submit comments, please contact the person named below with a CC to Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator, at ann.myers@hca.wa.gov by May 30, 2025. Please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment.

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