

## STATE OF WASHINGTON HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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## **NOTICE**

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0021 Recovery Audit Contractor

Effective Date: September 1, 2025

## **Description:**

The Health Care Authority (HCA) intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 25-0021 to reflect the agency's change in operations from a Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) exception to the acquisition of a Medicaid RAC. The purpose of the HCA's Medicaid RAC program is to reduce improper payments to HCA's Medicaid providers through the efficient detection and collection of overpayments, the identification of underpayments, the reporting of suspected fraudulent activities, and the identification of actions that will prevent future improper payments. The RAC program will provide a structured auditing program to review claims submitted by providers of items and services, and other coverage codes for which payment has been made from fee-for-service (FFS) Apple Health funds and to identify underpayments and overpayments on behalf of the State.

SPA 25-0021 is expected to decrease the annual aggregate reimbursement for improper payments made to Medicaid providers. Reduction in reimbursement amounts will be determined based on the RAC's identification and recoupment of overpaid costs.

SPA 25-0021 is in the development process; therefore, a copy is not yet available for review. HCA would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy when it becomes 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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