



**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
WASHINGTON STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

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**NOTICE**

**Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 16-0031 Community First Choice**

**Effective Date:** On or after January 1, 2017

**Description:** The Health Care Authority in conjunction with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 16-0031 to make amendments to the Community First Choice Program (SPA 15-0037) that was initially approved by CMS effective July 1, 2015.

SPA 16-0031 will amend the Community First Choice program to:

- Clarify language for personal care providers regarding state and federal background checks.
  - A state background check must be completed prior to contracting
  - A federal background check must be completed within 120 days of the provider being hired.
- Remove the link to the rate schedule listed on Attachment 4.19-B page 49.
- Add provider types eligible to provide the following services:
  - Voluntary training on how to select, manage and dismiss attendants
  - Community Transition
  - Assistive Technology
- Expand the scope of the “voluntary training on how to select, manage and dismiss attendants”. Currently this service is provided through self-study materials. Upon approval from CMS, participants who employ and manage multiple care providers may choose to receive training directly from listed provider types.
- Expand the scope of the Backup System service to receive federal matching funds for bed hold retainer payments to residential providers during a participant’s short term hospital or nursing home stay.
- Remove references to the Social Service Payment System.
- Increase the fiscal year monetary limit available to participants to \$550.00 for the purchase of Assistive Technology and Skills Acquisition Training.
- Clarify that the scope of assistive technology services includes assistive equipment that increases the individual’s independence or substitutes for human assistance.

SPA 16-0031 is expected to impact annual aggregate expenditures as follows:

- Annual State expenditures for voluntary training on how to select, manage and dismiss attendants are expected to increase by \$947,320.
- Annual State expenditures for the fiscal year monetary limit are expected to increase by \$677,160.
- Annual State expenditures for bed hold retainer payments are expected to decrease by \$775,934.
- PA 16-0031 will have no effect on current provider payment rates or methodologies.

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**TIME: 6:55 AM**

**WSR 16-17-142**

To obtain copies of the proposed SPA changes, please contact the agency in your county listed below:

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<p><b>Asotin County</b> Home &amp; Community Services Clarkston HCS Office 525 Fifth Street Clarkston 99403 Website: <a href="http://www.altcWASHINGTON.com">http://www.altcWASHINGTON.com</a> Phone: 509-751-4672 Alt. Phone: 1-800-310-4881 Fax: 509-758-4593</p>	<p><b>Columbia County</b> Aging and Disability Resource Center Columbia office 410 East Main Dayton 99328 Website: <a href="http://www.altcWASHINGTON.com/">http://www.altcWASHINGTON.com/</a> Phone: 509-382-4787</p>	<p><b>Garfield County</b> Garfield County District Court Address: 789 W Main St, Pomeroy, WA 99347 Phone: (509) 843-1002</p>
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A copy of SPA 16-0031 is also available for review at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/stakeholders/community-first-choice-option>. The Health Care Authority and DSHS would appreciate comments on this proposed amendment. 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).

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