STATE OF WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON STATE HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

August 11, 2016

NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 16-0018 Third Party Liability

Effective Date: **January 1, 2017**

Description: The Health Care Authority (the agency) intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 16-0018 in order to clarify that clients will no longer be exempt from enrollment into managed care based solely on the presence of creditable third party liability (TPL) health insurance. The Health Care Authority (HCA) continues to move toward value-based purchasing and a managed care business model. Beginning January 1, 2017, the Agency will delegate third party liability (TPL) recovery and cost avoidance activities for these clients to the Managed Care Organizations (MCO). MCOs will be responsible for TPL identification, coordinating benefits, and performing recovery activities from a liable primary health insurance carrier to ensure the MCO plan (delegated by the State Medicaid Agency) is the payer of last resort.

SPA 16-0018 is expected to have no effect on the annual aggregate expenditures for providers. Overall costs to MCOs are anticipated to neither increase nor decrease; any expenditure caused by an increase in the number of clients for whom MCOs coordinate benefits should be offset by an increase in recovery amounts.

A copy of SPA 16-0018 is available for review. The Health Care Authority would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. 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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