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State/Territory Name: Washington

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 16-0025

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OS Notification

State/Title/Plan Number: Washington SPA 16-0025

Type of Action: Approval

Effective Date of SPA: July 7, 2016

Required Date for State Notification: November 9, 2016 (90th-day first clock)

Fiscal Impact: FY 2016 - \$0 FFP FY 2017 - \$0 FFP

Number of Services Provided by Enhanced Coverage, Benefits or Retained Enrollment: None

Number of Potential Newly Eligible People: None

or

Eligibility Simplification: No

Provider Payment Increase or Decrease: No

Delivery System Innovation: No

Number of People Losing Medicaid Eligibility: None

Reduces Benefits: No

Detail: This SPA revises the definition of uninsured patient and is reflective of the CMS final rule (effective December 31, 2014). Previously, WA's Medicaid State plan defined an uninsured patient as someone who received hospital services and did not have health insurance or other creditable third-party coverage. The new definition focuses on the services rather than the individual. In addition to those individuals that do not have health insurance or other creditable third-party coverage, those with insurance that exhaust their benefits or reach their lifetime benefits, as well as Medicaid beneficiaries who have exhausted applicable state coverage limits, are eligible to be counted as uninsured for DSH purposes.

Other Considerations: The FFP impact is reported as zero for this SPA. This change will impact DSH pools that already being fully expended. This change will change a shuffling of DSH payments within the impacted pools, but no additional FFP will be spent.

This SPA was vetted by the NIRT at their weekly meeting on October 18, 2016.

Section 5006(e) Tribal Consultation: The state fulfilled the requirements under section 5006(e) and their approved tribal solicitation SPA. An informational letter was distributed to interested tribal leaders and providers on June 13, 2016

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Health Care Authority
Post Office Box 42716
Olympia, Washington 98504-2716

RE: WA State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number #16-0025 – Approval

Dear Ms. Lindeblad:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 16-0025. This SPA revises the definition of an uninsured patient for DSH purposes and is reflective of CMS' final rule dated December 31, 2014.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a), and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 16-0025 is approved effective as of July 7, 2016. For your files, we are enclosing the HCFA-179 transmittal form and the amended plan page.

If you have any questions concerning this state plan amendment, please contact Tom Couch, CMS' RO NIRT Representative at 208-861-9838 or Thomas.Couch@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Kristin Fan.

Kristin Fan
Director

Enclosure

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
16-0025

2. STATE
Washington

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
July 7, 2016

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):
 NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:
Section 1923 of the Social Security Act; 42 CFR 447.298

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2016 \$0
b. FFY 2017 \$0

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

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9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

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10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Amend Definition of Uninsured Patient

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):
 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Exempt
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:


16. RETURN TO:
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Office of Rules and Publications
Division of Legal Services
Health Care Authority
626 8th Ave SE MS: 42716
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13. TYPED NAME:
MARYANNE LINDEBLAD

14. TITLE:
MEDICAID DIRECTOR

15. DATE SUBMITTED:
8-11-16

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED:
8-11-16

18. DATE APPROVED:
NOV 01 2016

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
JUL 07 2016

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:


21. TYPED NAME:
Kristin Faw

22. TITLE:
Director, FMC

23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WASHINGTON

**METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING
PAYMENT RATES FOR INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES (cont.)**

B. DEFINITIONS (cont.)

Quality Incentive Payment

Effective for dates of admission on or between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013, and dates of admission beginning July 1, 2014, an additional one percent increase in inpatient hospital rates will be added to inpatient hospital payments for all qualifying non-critical access hospital providers in accordance with Chapter 74.60 RCW.

RCC

RCC means a hospital ratio of costs-to-charges (RCC) calculated annually using the most recently filed CMS 2552 Medicare Cost Report data provided by the hospital. The RCC is calculated by dividing adjusted operating expense by adjusted patient charges. If a hospital's costs exceed charges, a hospital's RCC is limited to 100 percent.

Trauma Centers

Trauma Centers are designated by the State of Washington Department of Health (DOH) into five levels, based on level of services available. This includes Level I, the highest level of trauma care, through Level V, the most basic trauma care. Level of designation is determined by specified numbers of health care professionals trained in specific trauma care specialties, inventories of specific trauma care equipment, on-call and response time minimum standards, quality assurance and improvement programs, and commitment level of the facility to providing trauma related prevention, education, training, and research services to their respective communities.

Uninsured Patient

Means an individual who receives hospital services and does not have health insurance or other creditable third party coverage.

Note: Through December 30, 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) applied the definition on an "individual-specific" basis (i.e., does an individual have coverage).

Effective December 31, 2014, CMS began applying the definition on a "service-specific" basis, (i.e., the services furnished to the individual during the year). This allows the cost of inpatient and outpatient hospital services provided to Medicaid patients who have exhausted applicable state coverage limits to be included in the DSH calculation. Additionally, the cost of uncompensated care provided to hospital patients who have exhausted private insurance benefits or lifetime insurance limits may now be counted as uninsured costs in calculation the hospital- specific DSH limit.

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