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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
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Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

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June 22, 2017

Dorothy Frost Teeter, Director  
MaryAnne Lindeblad, Medicaid Director  
Health Care Authority  
PO Box 45502  
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 17-0017

Dear Ms. Teeter and Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of the enclosed State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number 17-0017. This SPA adds a reference to dentists as providers who are eligible to provide encounter services in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC).

This SPA is approved effective April 1, 2017. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS-179 summary form, as well as the approved pages for incorporation into the Washington State Plan.

If there are any questions concerning this approval, please contact me or your staff may contact Betsy Conklin at [Elizabeth.Conklin@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Conklin@cms.hhs.gov) or (206) 615-2357.

Sincerely,

David L. Meacham  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc:  
Madina Cavendish, HCA  
Ann Myers, HCA

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:  
**17-0017**

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  
April 1, 2017

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 1905(a) of the Social Security Act; 42 USC Chapter 6A,  
Subchapter II, Part D, Subpart i, Section 254b

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:  
a. FFY 2017 \$0  
b. FFY 2018 \$0

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 3.1-A page 11b  
Attachment 3.1-B page 12b

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  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

Attachment 3.1-A page 11b  
Attachment 3.1-B page 12b

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Add Dentists to FQHC Provider List

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*):

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Exempt

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:



13. TYPED NAME:  
MARYANNE LINDEBLAD

14. TITLE:  
MEDICAID DIRECTOR

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

5-25-17

16. RETURN TO:

Ann Myers  
Office of Rules and Publications  
Division of Legal Services  
Health Care Authority  
626 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SE MS: 42716  
Olympia, WA 98504-2716

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17. DATE RECEIVED:  
5-25-17

18. DATE APPROVED:  
6/22/17

**PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED**

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:  
4/1/17

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

21. TYPED NAME:  
David L. Meacham

22. TITLE:  
Associate Regional Administrator

23. REMARKS:

## STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WASHINGTONAMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL  
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