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Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

November 20, 2018

Susan Birch, Director
MaryAnne Lindeblad, Medicaid Director
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RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 18-0031

Dear Ms. Birch and Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number WA 18-0031. This amendment implements a pilot program from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, to monitor requests for multiple reasonable opportunity periods during the Medicaid application process.

This SPA is approved with an effective date of July 1, 2018. 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 additional questions please contact me, or your staff may contact Maria Garza at maria.garza@cms.hhs.gov or (206) 615-2542.

Sincerely,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of David L. Meacham.

David L. Meacham
Associate Regional Administrator

cc:
Ann Myers, SPA Coordinator

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Approval Notice

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Date: 11/16/2018

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Subject

Reasonable Opportunity Period

Dear Sue Birch

This is an informal communication that will be followed with an official communication to the State's Medicaid Director.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to inform you that we are recommending approval for your request for WA18-0031, state's reasonable opportunity period.

Reviewable Unit	Effective Date
Citizenship and Non-Citizen Eligibility	7/1/2018

This amendment implements a pilot program from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, designed to monitor requests for multiple reasonable opportunity periods.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Kaminsky
Acting Division Director

Approval Documentation

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State Information

State/Territory Name: Washington

Medicaid Agency Name: Health Care Authority

Submission Component

State Plan Amendment

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Executive Summary

Summary Description Including Goals and Objectives The Health Care Authority (the agency) submits its Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-0031 to supersede the S 89 MAGI-related pages approved as a part of SPA 13-0034. The pages in the S 89 Non-Financial Eligibility Citizenship and Non-Citizen Eligibility template describe the rules concerning Medicaid requirements related to U.S. citizenship and the eligibility of certain non-citizens. This SPA submission proposes to: 1) Update the begin date for providing benefits to otherwise eligible individuals to the first day of the month of application, in alignment with the agency's election under §435.915(b). 2) Implement a pilot program effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, to place reasonable limits on the number of reasonable opportunity periods that can be approved when an applicant attests to being a citizen, national, or in a satisfactory immigration status, and there is a discrepancy with a data source, or electronic verifications are unavailable.

Because this is a pilot program, information to determine a federal budget impact is not yet available; the state will determine any impact at the conclusion of the pilot program and after providers have submitted their final claims (providers have up to 12 months to bill for services).

Federal Budget Impact and Statute/Regulation Citation

Federal Budget Impact

	Federal Fiscal Year	Amount
First	2018	\$0
Second	2019	\$0

Federal Statute / Regulation Citation

Statute: 1902(a)(46)(B); 1902(v)(2), (3) and (4)
 Regulations: 42 CFR 435.4; 435.406; 435.407; 435.956
 SHO # 10-006, SHO # 09-016, SHO # 12-002

Supporting documentation of budget impact is uploaded (optional).

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Governor's Office Review

- No comment
- Comments received
- No response within 45 days
- Other

Describe Exempt

Submission - Public Comment

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Indicate whether public comment was solicited with respect to this submission.

- Public notice was not federally required and comment was not solicited
- Public notice was not federally required, but comment was solicited
- Public notice was federally required and comment was solicited

Indicate how public comment was solicited:

- Newspaper Announcement
- Publication in state's administrative record, in accordance with the administrative procedures requirements
- Email to Electronic Mailing List or Similar Mechanism
- Website Notice

Select the type of website

- Website of the State Medicaid Agency or Responsible Agency


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Website URL: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/news-data-and-reports-hca/public-notices>

- Website for State Regulations
- Other

- Public Hearing or Meeting
- Other method

Upload copies of public notices and other documents used

Name	Date Created	
18-0031-Reasonable-Opportunity-Periods-Public-Notice-WSR-18-15-075	9/17/2018 4:56 PM EDT	

Upload with this application a written summary of public comments received (optional)

Name	Date Created	
No items available		

Indicate the key issues raised during the public comment period (optional)

- Access
- Quality
- Cost
- Payment methodology
- Eligibility
- Benefits
- Service delivery
- Other issue

Submission - Tribal Input

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One or more Indian health programs or Urban Indian Organizations furnish health care services in this state

- Yes
- No

This state plan amendment is likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian health programs or Urban Indian Organizations

- Yes
- No

The state has solicited advice from Indian Health Programs and/or Urban Indian Organizations, as required by section 1902(a)(73) of the Social Security Act, prior to submission of this SPA

Complete the following information regarding any solicitation of advice and/or tribal consultation conducted with respect to this submission:

Solicitation of advice and/or Tribal consultation was conducted in the following manner:

All Indian Health Programs

Date of solicitation/consultation:	Method of solicitation/consultation:
7/17/2018	Email and hard copy notices.

All Urban Indian Organizations

Date of solicitation/consultation:	Method of solicitation/consultation:
7/17/2018	Email and hard copy notices.

States are not required to consult with Indian tribal governments, but if such consultation was conducted voluntarily, provide information about such consultation below:

All Indian Tribes

Date of consultation:	Method of consultation:
7/17/2018	Email and hard copy notices.

The state must upload copies of documents that support the solicitation of advice in accordance with statutory requirements, including any notices sent to Indian Health Programs and/or Urban Indian Organizations, as well as attendee lists if face-to-face meetings were held. Also upload documents with comments received from Indian Health Programs or Urban Indian Organizations and the state's responses to any issues raised. Alternatively indicate the key issues and summarize any comments received below and describe how the state incorporated them into the design of its program.

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Indicate the key issues raised (optional)

- Access
- Quality
- Cost
- Payment methodology
- Eligibility
- Benefits

Service delivery

Other issue

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Non-Financial Eligibility

Citizenship and Non-Citizen Eligibility

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- The state provides Medicaid to citizens and nationals of the United States and certain non-citizens who meet all other Medicaid eligibility requirements under the state plan, consistent with requirements of 42 CFR 435.406, including during a reasonable opportunity period pending verification of their citizenship, national status or satisfactory immigration status.

A. Citizens, Nationals and Eligible Non-Citizens

The state provides Medicaid eligibility to otherwise eligible individuals:

- Who are citizens or nationals of the United States; or
- Who are qualified non-citizens as defined in section 431 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) (8 U.S.C. §1641) or who are non-citizens treated as refugees under other federal statutes for purposes of Medicaid eligibility, subject to the requirements at 8 U.S.C. §1612(b)(2), and are not restricted by section 403 of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. §1613); or who are non-citizens whose eligibility is required by 8 U.S.C. 1612(b)(2)(E) and (F); and
- Who have declared themselves to be citizens or nationals of the United States, or non-citizens having satisfactory immigration status, during a reasonable opportunity period pending verification of their citizenship, nationality or satisfactory immigration status consistent with requirements of 1903(x), 1137(d), 1902(ee) of the SSA and 42 CFR 435.406, 911, and 956.

The reasonable opportunity period begins on and extends 90 days from the date the notice of reasonable opportunity is received by the individual.

- a. The agency provides for an extension of the reasonable opportunity period for non-citizens if the non-citizen is making a good faith effort to resolve any inconsistencies or obtain any necessary documentation, or the agency needs more time to complete the verification process.

- Yes
 No

- b. When a reasonable opportunity period is provided, the agency furnishes benefits to otherwise eligible individuals on the following date:

The date benefits are furnished is:

- i. The date of the application containing the declaration of citizenship or immigration status.
 ii. The first day of the month of application.

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B. Optional Coverage of Qualified Non-Citizens

The state provides Medicaid coverage to all otherwise-eligible Qualified Non-Citizens whose eligibility is not restricted by section 403 of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. §1613).

- Yes
 No

Citizenship and Non-Citizen Eligibility

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C. Coverage of Lawfully Residing Individuals

The state elects the option to provide Medicaid coverage to otherwise eligible individuals, lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in section 1903(v)(4) of the Act.

Yes

No

1. Pregnant women

2. Individuals under a specified age:

a. Individuals under age 21

b. Individuals under age 20

c. Individuals under age 19

3. An individual is considered to be lawfully residing in the United States if he or she is lawfully present and otherwise meets the eligibility requirements in the state plan.

4. An individual is considered to be lawfully present in the United States if he or she is:

a. A qualified non-citizen as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1641(b) and (c);

b. A non-citizen in a valid nonimmigrant status, as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15) or otherwise under the immigration laws (as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(17));

c. A non-citizen who has been paroled into the United States in accordance with 8 U.S.C.1182(d)(5) for less than 1 year, except for an individual paroled for prosecution, for deferred inspection or pending removal proceedings;

d. A non-citizen who belongs to one of the following classes:

i. Granted temporary resident status in accordance with 8 U.S.C.1160 or 1255a, respectively;

ii. Granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in accordance with 8 U.S.C. §1254a, and individuals with pending applications for TPS who have been granted employment authorization;

iii. Granted employment authorization under 8 CFR 274a.12(c);

iv. Family Unity beneficiaries in accordance with section 301 of Pub. L. 101-649, as amended;

v. Under Deferred Enforced Departure (DED) in accordance with a decision made by the President;

vi. Granted Deferred Action status;

vii. Granted an administrative stay of removal under 8 CFR 241;

viii. Beneficiary of approved visa petition who has a pending application for adjustment of status;

e. Is an individual with a pending application for asylum under 8 U.S.C. 1158, or for withholding of removal under 8 U.S.C.1231, or under the Convention Against Torture who:

i. Has been granted employment authorization; or

ii. Is under the age of 14 and has had an application pending for at least 180 days;

f. Has been granted withholding of removal under the Convention Against Torture;

g. Is a child who has a pending application for Special Immigrant Juvenile status as described in 8 U.S.C.1101(a)(27)(J);

h. Is lawfully present in American Samoa under the immigration laws of American Samoa; or

i. Is a victim of severe trafficking in persons, in accordance with the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-386, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7105(b)).

j. Exception: An individual with deferred action under the Department of Homeland Security's deferred action for the childhood arrivals process, as described in the Secretary of Homeland Security's June 15, 2012 memorandum, shall not be considered to be lawfully present with respect to any of the above categories in paragraphs (a) through (i) of this definition.

k. Other

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D. Emergency Coverage

The state assures that it provides limited Medicaid services for treatment of an emergency medical condition, not related to an organ transplant procedure, as defined in 1903(v)(3) of the Social Security Act and implemented at 42 CFR 440.255, to the following individuals who meet all Medicaid eligibility requirements, except documentation of citizenship or satisfactory immigration status and/or present an SSN:

1. Qualified non-citizens subject to the 5 year waiting period described in 8 U.S.C. 1613(a)
2. Non-qualified non-citizens, unless covered as a lawfully residing child or pregnant woman by the state under the option in accordance with 1903(v)(4) and implemented at 435.406(b).

E. Additional Information (optional)

The agency is implementing a pilot program from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 designed to monitor requests for multiple reasonable opportunity periods (ROPs). The agency will provide an ROP to individuals who have declared to be a US citizen or to have satisfactory immigration status pending verification of such status, when the individual is otherwise eligible for Medicaid. The agency will approve a maximum of two ROPs for an individual during the 12-month pilot period.

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