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RE: WA.0008.R09.02 Waiver Amendment

Dear Ms. Teeter and Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of Washington's request to amend the 1915(b) Integrated Community Mental Health Waiver under CMS control number WA.0008.R09.02 submitted to CMS on December 30, 2015. The purpose of the waiver is: (1) to integrate Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services into the waiver; (2) to rename the contractors from RSNs to Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs); (3) to change the service areas from county-based to region-based Regional Service Areas (RSAs); and (4) to transition one RSA (and, over time, others) to provide all services (physical, mental and SUD) via two or more Apple Health MCOs ("Fully Integrated Managed Care"). The proposed effective date for this amendment is April 1, 2016.

The waiver amendment is approved effective April 1, 2016, as modified to exclude the American Indian/Alaska Native population from the SUD services with the exception of Clark and Skamania Counties that will integrate the American Indian/Alaska Native population on April 1, 2016.

Please note that this approval decision is based in part on dialogue with the Health Care Authority (HCA), the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), and Tribal leaders and Tribal representatives concerning the impact of this program on Tribal communities. CMS looks forward to partnering with the HCA and DSHS as you continue to improve the program for all members served.

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Thank you for the cooperation of your staff and DSHS staff in the review of this amendment. If there are any questions concerning this amendment approval please contact me, or have your staff contact Rick Dawson at rick.dawson@cms.hhs.gov or 206-615-2387.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Approved Waiver

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