

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Financial Management Group/ Division of Reimbursement Review

March 25, 2020

Susan Birch, Director
MaryAnne Lindeblad, Medicaid Director
Health Care Authority
PO Box 45502
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 20-0013

Dear Ms. Birch and Ms. Lindeblad:

We have reviewed the proposed Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-B of your state plan, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 17, 2020. This plan amendment addresses supplemental payments for transportation services in case of a governor-declared state emergency (such as the current COVID-19 outbreak), when the Medicaid agency determines it is appropriate.

Based upon the information provided by the State, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 1, 2020. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact DRR analyst James Moreth at James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov or (206) 615-2043.

Sincerely,

Todd McMillion

Todd McMillion
Acting Director

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
20-0013

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
January 1, 2020

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:
Sections 1902 of the Social Security Act

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2020 \$0
b. FFY 2021 \$0

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
Attachment 4.19-B page 20

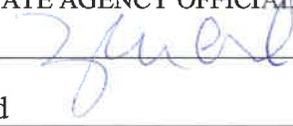
9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (*If Applicable*):
Attachment 4.19-B page 20

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:
Transportation Payments in State Emergencies

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:



13. TYPED NAME:
Mary Anne Lindeblad

14. TITLE:
Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED:
3/17/2020

16. RETURN TO:
Ann Myers
Rules and Publications
Division of Legal Services
Health Care Authority
626 8th Ave SE MS: 42716
Olympia, WA 98504-2716

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17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED:
03/25/2020

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
1/1/2020

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:
Todd McMillion

21. TYPED NAME:
Todd McMillion

22. TITLE:
Acting Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE: WASHINGTON

POLICY AND METHODS USED IN ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES FOR EACH OF THE OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICE LISTED IN SECTION 1905 (A) OF THE ACT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN (cont.)

IX. Other Noninstitutional Services (cont.)

- B. The Medicaid agency makes payment for transportation to and from medically necessary services covered by a client's medical assistance program as specifically listed below.
1. Ambulance services for emergency situations are paid as an optional medical service through direct vendor payments based on fee-for-service.
 2. All non-emergency transportation services, to assure clients have access to and from covered services, are provided using either administrative matched dollars or medical match dollars in accordance with Section 42 CFR 431.53 and Attachment 3.1-C.
 3. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of transportation services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2019, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. See 4.19-B I, General, #G, for the agency's website where the fee schedules are published.
 4. In the case of a governor-declared state of emergency and when the agency determines it is appropriate, the agency may elect to make supplemental payments for transportation services provided in connection with the emergency.