



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Behavioral Health Administration
Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery
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Dear Behavioral Health Provider,

On July 1, 2017 the Health Care Authority (HCA), in partnership with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), will begin purchasing mental health services for Apple Health (Medicaid funded) American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) individuals through a fee-for-service (FFS) system. Currently, in most areas of the State, the AI/AN mental health benefit is funded through a managed care system. On July 1, 2017, AI/AN individuals will be transferred to the FFS delivery system, with the choice of opting in to managed care.

For the Southwest Washington Regional Service Area this change applies only to Medicaid AI/AN individuals who are currently in managed care for Behavioral Health Services Only. These individuals will be transferred to the FFS system for both mental health and substance use disorder treatment service, with the choice of opting into the Fully Integrated Managed Care program. Individuals who are currently enrolled in Fully Integrated Managed Care will have no changes.

To ensure an adequate network of FFS mental health providers, HCA and DSHS will begin recruiting provider agencies to serve this population. Providers billing through the FFS system will use ProviderOne to submit claims. Reimbursement will be based on established FFS rates. In the coming weeks, we will send DSHS licensed and certified behavioral health agencies more information on the following topics:

- Registration to be a FFS provider
- Enrollment to ProviderOne as a billing agency
- Instructions on rendering provider NPIs
- Established FFS rates
- Mental health billing guide
- Approved provider types
- Access to higher-level services. Examples include the Program for Assertive Community treatment (PACT), Wraparound with Intensive Services (WiSe), and the Children's Long-Term Inpatient program (CLIP)

We look forward to partnering with you to provide behavioral health treatment to AI/AN individuals in your community. You should expect to receive request for a letter of intent from the HCA/DSHS in early May, 2017.

Questions and comments are welcomed: bhaffsproviders@dshs.wa.gov.

