Public hearing webinar: Dental Health Aide Therapist services amendment request

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Welcome

- We’re recording this webinar.
- We’ve muted all attendees.
- There will be time at the end for Q&A.
  - Submit comments through the "Chat" function.
  - To verbally share your comments, raise your hand using the "Raise Hand" function (under "Reactions").
- The recording and slide deck will be available on our webpage after the webinar:
Today’s panel

 Jessie Dean, Health Care Authority (HCA) Tribal Affairs administrator

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 Moderator: Rachelle Alongi, HCA Policy communications manager
Agenda

- Tribal Land Acknowledgement
- About the Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP)
- About the Dental Health Aide Therapist (DHAT) amendment
- About the public comment process
- Q&A
I am speaking to you from the Black Lake area of Olympia, an area shared by the Nisqually, Squaxin Island, and Upper Chehalis Tribes. This area was the primary waterway portage road from the Chehalis river basin to the Puget Sound. I thank all of these tribes for caring for these lands since time immemorial and for allowing my family and me to live in such beautiful country. I also commit to caring for the lands and water, plants and animals.
ABOUT MTP

How it all started
About MTP

- HCA purchases health care for 2 million Washington residents through our Apple Health (Medicaid) program.

- Through December 2021, Washington State will receive up to $1.5 billion as part of a Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver, called MTP.
  - The state requested a one-year extension.
  - The state will request an MTP renewal.

- Under MTP, the state is implementing several initiatives that benefit Apple Health clients.
ABOUT THE DHAT AMENDMENT

Why it’s needed
RCW authorization for DHAT services

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.350.020(1)(b) authorizes DHAT services under the following conditions:

- In a practice setting within the boundaries of a tribal reservation and operated by an Indian health program.
- In accordance with the standards adopted by the certifying body, including scope of practice, training, supervision, and continuing education.
- Pursuant to any applicable written standing orders by a supervising dentist.
- On persons who are members of a federally recognized tribe or eligible for services under Indian health service criteria.
Why the DHAT amendment is needed

- DHATs are an innovative, mid-level dental provider type who help extend the services available under the supervision of a dentist.
- DHATs have been providing services in Alaska and in other countries for decades. This change will support tribal efforts to expand access to dental services on tribal reservations.
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) advised Washington State to seek a waiver of the “free choice of provider” requirement.
ABOUT THE PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS
We want your input!
An overview of the public comment process

- Your input is an important part of our application.
- Feedback will inform the final application we submit to CMS.
- Public comment ends **October 15, 2021**, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.
How to provide public comment

Share your input during this webinar

Email us at medicaidtransformation@hca.wa.gov

Mail us at Washington State Health Care Authority, Policy Division
Regarding: DHAT amendment public comment
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Resources

Visit hca.wa.gov/about-hca/healthier-washington/one-year-extension-and-amendment

- Read the draft DHAT amendment request
- Read the DHAT executive summary
Do you have any questions or comments for us today?
Questions?

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