



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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June 2, 2025

Dear Tribal Leader:

SUBJECT: Medicaid State Plan Amendment 25-0017 Remove Ancillary Services Payments

In accordance with section 1902(a)(73)(A) of the Social Security Act regarding the solicitation of advice prior to the submission of any Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) or waiver likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations, the Health Care Authority (HCA) hereby seeks your advice on the following matter.

Purpose

HCA intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0017 to comply with Substitute House Bill 2051, which removes the requirement for certain health care services to be included in the daily reimbursement rate (i.e., administrative day rate) paid to hospitals for patients who are in the hospital and do not meet inpatient criteria.

Anticipated Impact on Indians/Indian Health Programs/Urban Indian Health Organizations

HCA does not anticipate this SPA to have an impact that is specific to American Indian/Alaska Native Medicaid applicants or enrollees, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Health Organizations. However, HCA would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share, including whether this SPA will have disproportionate impact on American Indian/Alaska Native Medicaid applicants or enrollees, Indian Health programs, or Urban Indian Health Organizations.

Copy Attached

A copy of the draft SPA is attached for your review.

Comments and Questions

HCA would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share regarding this SPA. Submit comments to Abby Cole, Section Manager, via email at abby.cole@hca.wa.gov by July 7, 2025.

Please contact Aren Sparck, Tribal Affairs Administrator, via email at aren.sparck@hca.wa.gov if you have tribal affairs-related questions or concerns.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,

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Aren Sparck, Tribal Affairs Administrator, OTA, HCA
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