

# STATE OF WASHINGTON HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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March 25, 2025

Dear Tribal Leader:

### **SUBJECT:** Medicaid State Plan Amendment 25-0014 April 1, 2025, Fee Schedule Updates

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) 25-0014 to update the fee schedule effective dates for several Medicaid programs and services. This is a regular, budget neutral update to keep rates and billing codes in alignment with the coding and coverage changes from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the state, and other sources. These changes are routine and do not reflect significant changes to policy or payment.

#### 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 Available on Request**

HCA is in the process of completing the draft SPA. A copy of the draft SPA will be provided on request as soon as it becomes available.

#### **Comments and Questions**

HCA would appreciate any input or concerns that Tribal representatives wish to share regarding this SPA. Comments should be submitted to Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator via email at <a href="mailto:ann.myers@hca.wa.gov">ann.myers@hca.wa.gov</a> by April 28, 2025.

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

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Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,

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