



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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January 28, 2025

Dear Tribal Leader:

SUBJECT: Medicaid State Plan Amendment 25-0003 Reentry Services for Incarcerated Juveniles

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

The federal Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2023 (CAA, 2023) amended section 1902(a)(84) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a) to require states to provide specific screening and diagnostic services and targeted case management (TCM), including referrals, in the 30 days prior to release from incarceration. Additionally, states are required to provide TCM, including referrals, for at least 30 days post release for eligible juveniles incarcerated in a public institution following the final outcome of charges.

Eligible juveniles include individuals who are under 21 years of age and former foster care children ages 18 to age 26 who are determined to be eligible for Medicaid immediately before incarceration in a public institution or while incarcerated in a public institution. A public institution includes such correctional institutions as prisons, jails, detention facilities, and other penal settings such as boot camps or wilderness camps.

HCA intends to submit SPA 25-0003 to comply with the new requirements. SPA 25-0003 will address TCM services in the 30 days prior to release and for at least 30 days following release. TCM includes a comprehensive assessment and periodic reassessment of individual needs to determine the need for any medical, educational, social, or other services. This SPA is anticipated to be effective January 1, 2025.

Anticipated Impact on Indians/Indian Health Programs/Urban Indian 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 Upon 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. To request a copy of the draft SPA or return any comments, please send an email to HCAReentryDemonstrationProject@hca.wa.gov, with a courtesy copy to Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator, at ann.myers@hca.wa.gov by March 4, 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charissa Fotinos MD, MSc".

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