



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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April 17, 2025

Dear Tribal Leader:

SUBJECT: Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan Amendment 25-6000 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 screening, diagnostic services, and targeted case management services (TCM) including referrals, in the 30 days prior to release from incarceration, and TCM, including referrals, for at least 30 days post release for eligible CHIP juveniles who are inmates of a public institution, following the final outcome of charges.

Eligible juveniles include youth under age 19 who are incarcerated and are determined to be eligible for CHIP immediately before becoming an inmate of a public institution or are determined eligible for CHIP while an inmate of 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 CHIP SPA 25-6000 to comply with the new requirements. 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 SPAs or return any comments, please contact Ariel Pyrtek, Senior Policy Analyst, at ariel.pyrtek@hca.wa.gov with a courtesy copy to Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator, at ann.myers@hca.wa.gov by May 21, 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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cc: Ariel Pyrtek, Senior Policy Analyst, ITICEA, HCA
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Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator, DLS, HCA