



## STATE OF WASHINGTON

November 10, 2015

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Dear Chairman ###,

**SUBJECT: Second Notice of, and Location Change for, Tribal Consultation on  
November 17, 2015**

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) and the Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration (BHSIA) within the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) have jointly scheduled two roundtables and a consultation on:

- An amendment to the State's 1915(b) waiver, in order to implement the Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs).
- A Medicaid State Plan Amendment, in order to implement the Apple Health Fully Integrated Managed Care (FIMC) program in the Regional Service Area of Clark and Skamania Counties.
- A 1915(b) waiver application, to implement the Behavioral Health Services Only (BHSO) program benefit for Medicaid enrollees in the Regional Service Area of Clark and Skamania Counties.

This letter provides second notification of the upcoming joint consultation with HCA and DSHS and notification of the change in location for the consultation on November 17, 2015.

In 2014, the Legislature passed SSB 6312, which set the course for behavioral health care integration in Washington State. This legislation authorized the establishment of BHOs to purchase and administer both mental health and substance use disorder services to persons eligible for Medicaid through an integrated behavioral health managed care system. In addition, SSB 6312 authorized the FIMC program, whereby Apple Health Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) would purchase and administer physical health, mental health, and substance use disorder services to persons eligible for Medicaid, for those regional service areas whose counties elect this option. Clark and Skamania Counties have elected for the FIMC program. In order to implement the FIMC program in Clark and Skamania Counties, the State determined

that it also needed to implement the BHSO program. The State anticipates that the starting date for the delivery of behavioral health services through BHOs and for the delivery of the FIMC and BHSO program in Clark and Skamania counties will be April 1, 2016.

We are requesting your valuable input and consultation on these waivers and the state plan amendment. The consultation is scheduled for November 17, 2015, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Tribal Centric Behavioral Health Meeting. ***Please note the change in location for the consultation. The consultation will be located at the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, Blake East Building, 4500 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Lacey, WA 98503, in the Rose Conference Room. Directions and a parking pass for this location are enclosed.*** Because HCA is the Medicaid authority in Washington State, the Consultation protocol can include participation through teleconference and webinar, as well as in-person. To register for the call-in or webinar option for the consultation on November 17, please follow this link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/70646191563132418>.

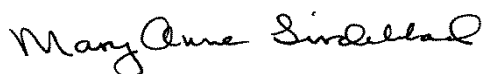
This link will also be emailed to your IPAC Delegate, the HCA Tribal Consultation distribution list, and the DSHS Tribal Centric Behavioral Health distribution list. In accordance to the DSHS consultation policy, HCA and DSHS recently facilitated two roundtable meetings which occurred on October 30, 2015 and November 10, 2015.

If you would like to request a consultation separate from the joint consultation or have Tribal-specific questions, please contact Jessie Dean, Administrator, Tribal Affairs and Analysis, by telephone at 360-725-1649 or via email at [jessie.dean@hca.wa.gov](mailto:jessie.dean@hca.wa.gov).

Electronic copies of the draft 1915(b) waiver amendment, the draft State Plan Amendment, and the 1915(b) waiver application for the BHSO program were emailed prior to the first roundtable. In addition, DSHS has posted the Draft 1915(b) Waiver Amendment at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/BHSIA/dbh/Draft%201915%28b%29%20Amended%20Waiver%2023.09.00%20TS.pdf>.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,



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