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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Seattle Regional Office
701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600, MS/RX-200
Seattle, WA 98104



Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

February 24, 2016

Dorothy Frost Teeter, Director
MaryAnne Lindeblad, Medicaid Director
Health Care Authority
Post Office Box 45502
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 16-0003.

Dear Ms. Teeter and Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seattle Regional Office has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number WA 16-0003. This SPA updated the effective date of the dental services fee schedule.

This SPA is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2016.

If you have any additional questions or require any further assistance, please contact me, or have your staff contact James Moreth James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov or (360) 943-0469.

Sincerely,



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David L. Meacham
Associate Regional Administrator

cc:
Ann Myers, SPA Coordinator

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
16-0003

2. STATE
Washington

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
Jan. 1, 2016

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (*Check One*):

NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (*Separate Transmittal for each amendment*)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:
Section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2016 \$0
b. FFY 2017 \$0

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

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9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (*If Applicable*)

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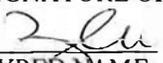
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Dental Services Fee Schedule Effective Date Update

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*):

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Exempt
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:


13. TYPED NAME:
MARYANNE LINDEBLAD

14. TITLE:
MEDICAID DIRECTOR

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

2/2/16

16. RETURN TO:

Ann Myers
Office of Rules and Publications
Legal and Administrative Services
Health Care Authority
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Olympia, WA 98504-2716

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17. DATE RECEIVED: 02/02/16

18. DATE APPROVED: 02/24/16

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 01/01/16

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21. TYPED NAME: David L. Meacham

22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator

23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WASHINGTON

POLICY AND METHODS USED IN ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES FOR EACH OF THE OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICE LISTED IN SECTION 1905 (A) OF THE ACT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN (cont.)

VI. Dental Services and Dentures

- A. The Medicaid agency pays directly to the specific provider the lesser of the usual and customary charge or a fee based on an agency fee schedule for dentures and dental services that are provided within their specific scope of practice by dentists, dental hygienists, and denturists throughout the state. There are no geographical or other variations in the fee schedule.
- B. The usual and customary charge is defined as that fee usually charged for a given service by an individual dentist, dental hygienist, or denturist to private patients (e.g., that provider's usual fee) and which fee is within the range of usual fees charged by dentists, dental hygienists, or denturists of similar training and experience.
- C. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of dentures, dental services and dental hygiene.

See 4.19-B I, General, #G for the agency's website where the fee schedules are published.

The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of January 1, 2016 and is effective for services provided on or after that date.