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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services  
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Chicago, Illinois 60601



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**Financial Management Group/ Division of Reimbursement Review**

August 1, 2023

Dr. Charissa Fotinos, Director  
Health Care Authority  
PO Box 45502  
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

**RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 23-0021**

Dear Dr. Fotinos:

We have reviewed the proposed Washington state plan amendment (SPA) to attachment 4.19-B of your state plan, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on June 20, 2023. This SPA updates 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.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of April 1, 2023. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact DRR analyst James Moreth at [James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov) or (206) 615-2043.

Sincerely,

*Todd McMillion*

Todd McMillion  
Director

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL  
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 3 — 0 0 2 1

2. STATE

WA

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

XIX  XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

April 1, 2023

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

1902(a) of the Act

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2023 \$ 0  
b. FFY 2024 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B page 25

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

Attachment 4.19-B page 25

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

April 2023 Rate Update

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Exempt

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

*Charissa Fotinos MD, MSc*

12. TYPED NAME

Charissa Fotinos MD, MSc

13. TITLE

Medicaid and Behavioral Health Medical Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

June 20, 2023

15. RETURN TO

State Plan Coordinator  
POB 42716  
Olympia, WA 98504-2716

**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED

6/20/23

17. DATE APPROVED

August 1, 2023

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

4/1/23

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

*Todd McMillion*

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Todd McMillion

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Director, DRR

22. 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.)

## X. All Other Practitioners

1. "All other practitioners" refers to other practitioners as described in section 6.d of Attachments 3.1-A and 3.1-B.
2. The agency pays the lesser of the usual and customary charge, or a fee based on an agency fee schedule.
3. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of services and the fee schedule and any annual/periodic adjustments to the fee schedule(s).
4. The facility fees used to calculate the payment rates for intensive behavior services (Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services) in facility settings will be calculated using methods that are consistent with Medicaid State Plan attachment 4.19-B sections II and VIII. A Outpatient hospital services. Outpatient hospitals and clinics rendering intensive behavior services as a day program do not receive a facility fee in addition to the per diem rate identified on the state's ABA Services fee schedule.

The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of April 1, 2023, and is effective for dates of services provided on or after that date. See 4.19-B, I. General #G for the agency's website where the fee schedules are published.

5. Collaborative care services are delivered under the Collaborative Care Model (CoCM). Payment rates for CoCM are based on the 2016 Medicare rates for Integrated Behavioral Health Services and are effective for dates of service on and after July 4, 2018.

Under CoCM, a medical care provider bills for the services provided by the collaborative care team. Only state-licensed physicians and state-licensed advanced registered nurse practitioners are eligible to be a medical care billing provider.

6. Community Assistance Referral and Education Services (CARES) programs include Treat and Refer services which are provided when clients' medical needs do not require ambulance transport to an emergency department. The rate was set as of July 1, 2019, and is effective for dates of services provided on or after that date. See 4.19-B, I. General #G for the agency's website where the rates are published.