

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

October 27, 2023

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

Re: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 23-0044

Dear Susan Birch and Dr. Fotinos:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) WA-23-0044. This amendment will update the section of the Medicaid State Plan that ensures compliance and enforcement for Intermediate Care Facilities for People with Developmental Disabilities (ICF/IID).

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This letter is to inform you that Washington's Medicaid SPA WA-23-0044 was approved on October 27, 2023, with an effective date of July 1, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Edwin Walaszek at 212-616-2512 or via email at Edwin.Walaszek1@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

cc: Ann Myers, Section Manager & State Plan Coordinator, Health Care Authority

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2. STATE

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

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY _____ \$ _____
b. FFY _____ \$ _____

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

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

Chen Fong MD, MSc

12. TYPED NAME

13. TITLE

14. DATE SUBMITTED

15. RETURN TO

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED
September 7, 2023

17. DATE APPROVED
October 27, 2023

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
July 1, 2023

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
James G. Scott

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

State/Territory: WASHINGTON

Citation

1919(h)(1)
and (2)
of the Act,
P.L. 100-203

4.35 Remedies for Skilled Nursing and Intermediate Care
Facilities that do not Meet Requirements of Participation

(a) The Medicaid agency meets the requirements of Section
1919(h)(2)(A) through (D) of the Act concerning remedies
for skilled nursing and intermediate care facilities that do not
meet one or more requirements of participation.
ATTACHMENT 4.35-A describes the criteria for applying
the remedies specified in section 1919(h)(2)(A)(i) through
(iv) of the Act.

// Not applicable to intermediate care facilities;
these services are not furnished under this plan.

/X/ (b) The agency uses the following remedy(ies):

(1) Denial of payment for new admissions.

(2) Civil money penalty.

(3) Appointment of temporary management.

(4) In emergency cases, closure of the facility
and/or transfer of residents.

/X/ (c) The agency establishes alternative State remedies to the
specified Federal remedies(except for termination of
participation).ATTACHMENT 4.35-H describes these
alternative remedies and specifies the basis for their
use.

// (d) The agency uses one of the following incentive
programs to reward skilled nursing or intermediate care
facilities that furnish the highest quality care to Medicaid
residents:

// (1) Public recognition

// (2) Incentive payments.