



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**  
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**NOTICE**

**Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0013 Add Adult Chiropractic Services and Acupuncturists and Certified Behavioral Health Support Specialists as Medicaid Providers**

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2025

**Description: Purpose**

The Health Care Authority intends to submit SPA 24-0013 to add the following to Attachment 3 section 6.d *Other Licensed Practitioners* in the Medicaid State Plan:

- Add adult chiropractic services as a Medicaid service. Currently, only children under age 21 are eligible for chiropractic services under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit.
- Add acupuncturists as Medicaid providers, enabling them to provide and bill for certain acupuncture services.
- Add Certified Behavioral Health Support Specialists (BHSS) as Medicaid providers in compliance with Senate Bill 5189. BHSS deliver brief, evidence-based interventions that include behavioral health, and must be under the supervision of a state credentialed provider whose scope of practice includes assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of identifiable mental and behavioral health conditions.

SPA 24-0013 is expected to increase the annual aggregate expenditures/reimbursement/payment for adult chiropractic services by \$2.1 million, acupuncturists by \$1.02 million, and BHSS by \$619,000.

A draft of SPA 24-0013 is available for review. HCA would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy of the draft or submit comments, please contact the persons named below by September 23, 2024 (please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment).

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