



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
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August 22, 2024

NOTICE

Title or Subject: Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0046 Add Certified Behavioral Health Support Specialists as Medicaid Providers

Effective Date: January 1, 2025

Description: The Health Care Authority (HCA) intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0046 to comply with Senate Bill 5189 by adding Certified Behavioral Health Support Specialists (BHSS) as Medicaid providers. 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 24-0046 is expected to increase annual aggregate reimbursement/expenditures/payments by \$619,000.

HCA is in the process of developing the SPA. HCA would appreciate any input or concerns regarding this SPA. To request a copy of the SPA when it becomes available or submit comments, you may contact the person 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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