

		<b>Washington Apple Health Integrated Managed Care Contract</b>		HCA Contract Number: «Contract» Contractor Contract Number: Resulting from Solicitation Number (If applicable):	
<b>THIS CONTRACT</b> is made by and between the Washington State Health Care Authority (“HCA”) and the party whose name appears below (“Contractor”).					
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<b>PURPOSE OF CONTRACT:</b> Integrated Managed Care (AH-IMC) services to Apple Health Enrollees.					
<b>ATTACHMENTS/EXHIBITS.</b> When the box below is marked with an X, the following Exhibits/Attachments are attached and are incorporated into this Contract by reference: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit(s) (specify): Exhibit A, IMC Rates; Exhibit A, BHSO Rates; Exhibit A, AHMC Rates; Exhibit B, Value-Based Purchasing; Exhibit C, Instructions for Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) Reporting; Exhibit D, Data Sharing Terms; Exhibit E, Health Homes; Exhibit F RAC Codes; Exhibit G, Medicaid Managed Care Addendum for Indian Health Care Providers (IHCPs); Exhibit H Scope of Benefits; Exhibit I, Non-contracted Drugs; Exhibit J, ASO Non-contracted Drugs; Exhibit K, Scope of In Lieu of Services; Exhibit L, Behavioral Health vs Physical Health Capitation Rate Components; and Exhibit M , Regional Service Areas. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attachment(s) (specify): Attachment 1, Performance Measures; Attachment 2, ABCD Program, Attachment 3, RFP 15-008 – Apple Health – Integrated Managed Care – Southwest Region (incorporated by reference, available upon request); Attachment 4, Contractor’s Response to RFP 15-008 – Apple Health – Integrated Managed Care – Southwest Region (incorporated by reference, available upon request); Attachment 5 – RFP 1812 – Apple Health – Integrated Managed Care – North Central Region (incorporated by reference, available upon request); Attachment 6 – Contractor’s Response to RFP 1812 – Apple Health – Integrated Managed Care –North Central Region (incorporated by reference, available upon request); Attachment 17 RFP 2567, 2019/Integrated Managed Care RFP (incorporated by reference, available upon request); Attachment 8, Contractor’s Response to RFP 2567 – 2019/2020 Integrated Managed Care RFP (incorporated by reference, available upon request) Attachment 9, RFP 2020HCA5 – 2021 Integrated Managed Care – Expanded Access RFP (incorporated by reference, available upon request); and Attachment 10, Contractor’s Response to RFP 2020HCA5 – 2021 Integrated Managed Care – Expanded Access RFP (incorporated by reference, available upon request).					
Approval from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is required for this Contract. If CMS fails to approve, this Contract is null and void. The terms and conditions of this Contract are an integration and representation of the final, entire and exclusive understanding between the parties, superseding and merging all previous agreements, writings, and communications, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Contract. The parties signing below warrant that they have read and understand this Contract, and have authority to execute this Contract. This Contract will only be binding upon signature by both parties. The parties may execute this Contract in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed an original and all of which constitute only one agreement. E-mail (electronic mail) transmission of a signed copy of this Contract shall be the same as delivery of an original.					
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- Exhibit G, Medicaid Managed Care Addendum for Indian Health Care Providers (IHCPs)
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**Attachments**

- Attachment 1, Performance Measures
- Attachment 2, ABCD Program
- Attachment 3, RFP 15-008 – Apple Health – Integrated Managed Care – Southwest Region (incorporated by reference, available upon request).
- Attachment 4, Contractor’s Response to RFP 15-008 – Apple Health – Integrated Managed Care Southwest Region (incorporated by reference, available upon request).
- Attachment 5, RFP 1812 – Apple Health – Integrated Managed Care – North Central Region (incorporated by reference, available upon request).
- Attachment 6, Contractor’s Response to RFP 1812 – Apple Health – Integrated Managed Care –North

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Attachment 7, RFP 2567 – 2019/2020 Integrated Managed Care RFP (incorporated by reference, available upon request).  
Attachment 8, Contractor’s Response to RFP 2567 – 2019/2020 Integrated Managed Care RFP (incorporated by reference, available upon request).  
Attachment 9, RFP 2020HCA5 – 2021 Integrated Managed Care – Expanded Access RFP (incorporated by reference, available upon request).  
Attachment 10, Contractor’s Response to RFP 2020HCA5 – 2021 Integrated Managed Care – Expanded Access RFP (incorporated by reference, available upon request).



## 1. DEFINITIONS

The words and phrases in this Section shall have the following meanings for purposes of this Contract. In addition, in any Subcontracts and in any other documents that relate to this Contract, the Contractor shall use the following definitions and any other definitions that appear in this Contract.

### 1.1 Abuse

“Abuse,” when used in the context of Program Integrity, means Provider practices that are inconsistent with sound fiscal, business, or medical practices, and result in an unnecessary cost to the Medicaid program, or in reimbursement for services that are not Medically Necessary or that fail to meet professionally recognized standards for health care. It also includes beneficiary practices that result in unnecessary cost to the Medicaid program. (42 C.F.R. § 455.2).

### 1.2 Access

“Access,” when used in the context of External Quality Review, means the timely use of services to achieve optimal outcomes, as evidenced by the Contractor’s successful demonstration and reporting on outcome information for the availability and timeliness elements defined in the Network Adequacy Standards and Availability of Services described in this Contract. (42 C.F.R. §§ 438.14(b), 438.68, 438.206, and 438.320).

### 1.3 Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD)

“Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD)” means a program to increase access to dental services for all Apple Health-eligible clients 0 through age 5 and for Apple Health-eligible clients through age 12 with a disability. For the purpose of this program, children with disabilities are defined as children through age 12 who are enrolled in the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) waiver program and possess a DDA indicator on their Medicaid file. See Attachment 2, ABCD Program.

### 1.4 Accountable Community of Health (ACH)

“Accountable Community of Health (ACH)” means a regionally governed, public-private collaborative that is tailored by the region to achieve healthy communities. ACHs coordinate systems that influence health, including public health, Health Care Providers, and systems that influence social determinants of health.

### 1.5 Actuarially Sound Capitation Rates

“Actuarially Sound Capitation Rates” means capitation rates that have been developed in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices; are appropriate for the populations to be covered and the services to be furnished under the Contract; and have been certified as meeting the requirements of 42 C.F.R. § 438.6(c) by actuaries who meet the qualification standards established by the American Academy of Actuaries and follow the practice standards established by the Actuarial Standards Board (42 C.F.R. § 438.6(c)).

### 1.6 Acupuncturist

“Acupuncturist” or “Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Practitioner” means a person licensed under chapter 18.06 RCW.

### 1.7 Acute Withdrawal Management

“Acute Withdrawal Management” means services provided to an individual to assist in the process of withdrawal from psychoactive substance in a safe and effective manner. Acute

Withdrawal Management provides medical care and physician supervision for withdrawal from substances.

### **1.8 Administrative Day**

“Administrative Day” means one or more days of a hospital stay in which an acute inpatient or observation level of care is not medically necessary, and a lower level of care is appropriate (WAC 182-550-1050).

### **1.9 Administrative Hearing**

“Administrative Hearing” means an adjudicative proceeding before an administrative law judge or a presiding officer that is governed by chapter 34.05 RCW and the agency’s hearings rules found in chapter 182-526 WAC, or other law.

### **1.10 Advance Directive**

“Advance Directive” means a written instruction, such as a living will or durable power of attorney for health care, recognized under the laws of the state of Washington, relating to the provision of health care when an individual is incapacitated (WAC 182-501-0125, 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.3, 438.10, 422.128, and 489.100).

### **1.11 Adverse Benefit Determination**

“Adverse Benefit Determination” means any of the following (42 C.F.R. § 438.400(b)):

- 1.11.1 The denial or limited authorization of a requested service, including determinations based on the type or level of service; requirements for medical necessity, appropriateness, setting, or effectiveness of a covered benefit;
- 1.11.2 The reduction, suspension, or termination of a previously authorized service;
- 1.11.3 The denial, in whole or in part, of payment for a service. A denial, in whole or in part, of a payment for a service, except when the denial of payment is solely because the claim does not meet the definition of a “clean claim” (42 C.F.R. § 447.45(b));
- 1.11.4 The denial of request for “good cause” designation that would preclude usual third-party liability procedures;
- 1.11.5 The failure to provide services or act in a timely manner as required herein, including failure to issue an authorization or denial within required timeframes;
- 1.11.6 The failure of the Contractor to act within the timeframes for resolution and notification of Appeals and Grievances;
- 1.11.7 The denial of an Enrollee’s request to dispute a financial liability, including cost sharing, Copayments, premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and other Enrollee financial liabilities; and
- 1.11.8 For a Rural Area resident with only one Managed Care Organization (MCO) available, the denial of an Enrollee’s request under 42 C.F.R. § 438.52(b)(2)(ii) to obtain services outside the Contractor’s Network; or, for a plan’s denial of coverage by an out-of-network Provider when the in-network Providers do not have the needed training, experience, and specialization, or do not provide the service the Enrollee seeks, when receiving all care in-network would subject the Enrollee to unnecessary risk, or when other circumstances warrant out-of-network treatment.

## **1.12 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**

“Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)” means ten categories of experience that can contribute to the amount of toxic stress experienced through the first 18 years of life. The ten categories are:

- 1.12.1 Physical abuse;
- 1.12.2 Sexual abuse;
- 1.12.3 Emotional abuse;
- 1.12.4 Physical neglect;
- 1.12.5 Emotional neglect;
- 1.12.6 Family member with Substance Use Disorder (SUD);
- 1.12.7 Mentally ill, depressed, or suicidal person in the home;
- 1.12.8 Witnessing domestic violence against a parent or guardian;
- 1.12.9 Incarceration of any family member; and
- 1.12.10 Loss of a parent or death, abandonment, or divorce.

## **1.13 Aging and Long-Term Support Administration**

“Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA)” means the administration within the state Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) responsible for administering long-term care and supports to individuals who are functionally and financially eligible to receive such services, including those provided by ALTSA-contracted Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs).

## **1.14 Affiliate Pharmacy**

“Affiliate Pharmacy” means a pharmacy in which the Contractor, PBM, or Subcontractors have an ownership interest.

## **1.15 All Payer Claims (APC) Database**

“All Payer Claims Database” means a centralized repository maintained by the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) and encompasses claims data submitted by MCOs.

## **1.16 Allegation of Fraud**

“Allegation of Fraud” means an unproved assertion: an assertion, especially relating to wrongdoing or misconduct on the part of the individual, entity or Provider.

An Allegation of Fraud is an allegation, from any source, including but not limited to the following:

- 1.16.1 Fraud hotline complaints;
- 1.16.2 Claims data mining;
- 1.16.3 Referral of potential Fraud received from the Contractor; and
- 1.16.4 Patterns identified through Provider audits, civil false claims cases, and law enforcement investigations.

## **1.17 Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP)**

“Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP)” means the Medicaid benefits for the Medicaid expansion group of adults ages 19 through 64 with modified adjusted gross income that does not

exceed 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) established by the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010. For the purposes of this Contract, we refer to this population as Apple Health Adult Coverage – Medicaid Expansion.

#### **1.18 American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN)**

“American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN)” means any individual defined at 25 U.S.C. § 1603(13), § 1603(28), or § 1679(a), or who has been determined eligible as an Indian, under 42 C.F.R. § 136.12. This means the individual is a member of a Tribe or resides in an urban center and meets one or more of the following criteria:

- 1.18.1 Is a member of a Tribe, band, or other organized group of Indians, including those Tribes, bands, or groups terminated since 1940 and those recognized now or in the future by the state in which they reside, or who is descendant, in the first or second degree, of any such member;
- 1.18.2 Is an Eskimo or Aleut or other Alaska Native;
- 1.18.3 Is considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose; or
- 1.18.4 Is determined to be an Indian under regulations issued by the Secretary.

The term AI/AN also includes an individual who is considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose or is considered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to be an Indian for purposes of eligibility for Indian Health Care Services, including as a California Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native.

#### **1.19 American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)**

“American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)” means a professional society dedicated to increasing access and improving the quality of addiction treatment.

#### **1.20 American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria**

“American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)” are a comprehensive set of guidelines for determining placement, continued stay and transfer or discharge of Enrollees with SUD and co-occurring disorders.

#### **1.21 Ancillary Services**

“Ancillary Services” means additional services ordered by the Provider to support the core treatment provided to the patient. These services may include, but are not limited to, laboratory services, radiology services, drugs, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy (WAC 182-500-0010).

#### **1.22 Appeal**

“Appeal” means review by the Contractor of an Adverse Benefit Determination.

#### **1.23 Appeal Process**

“Appeal Process” means the Contractor’s procedures for reviewing an Adverse Benefit Determination.

#### **1.24 Apple Health Report Card**

“Apple Health Plan Report Card” means a rating system produced annually by HCA’s contracted EQRO to provide comparative information about Apple Health MCO quality performance. Data sources for the report are HEDIS® and CAHPS® measure sets.

#### **1.25 Automatic Refill**

“Automatic Refill” means any prescription refill the pharmacy initiates without the Enrollee requesting the prescription to be filled at that time.

## **1.26 Auxiliary Aids and Services**

“Auxiliary Aids and Services” means services or devices that enable persons with impaired sensory, manual, or speaking skills to have an equal opportunity to participate in the benefits, programs or activities conducted by the Contractor. Auxiliary Aids and Services includes:

- 1.26.1 Qualified interpreters onsite or through video remote interpreting (VRI), note takers, real-time computer-aided transcription services, written materials, telephone handset amplifiers, assistive listening devices, assistive listening systems, telephones compatible with hearing aids, closed caption decoders, open and closed captioning, telecommunications devices for deaf persons, videotext displays, or other effective methods of making aurally delivered materials available to individuals with hearing impairments;
- 1.26.2 Qualified readers, taped texts, audio recordings, brailled materials, large print materials, or other effective methods of making visually delivered materials available to individuals with visual impairments;
- 1.26.3 Acquisition or modification of equipment or devices; and
- 1.26.4 Other similar services and actions.

## **1.27 Behavioral Health**

“Behavioral Health” means mental health and/or Substance Use Disorders (SUD) and/or conditions and related benefits.

## **1.28 Behavioral Health Agency**

“Behavioral Health Agency” means an entity licensed by the Department of Health (DOH), and identified on DOH’s Behavioral Health Agencies Directory, to provide Behavioral Health services, including mental health disorders and SUD.

## **1.29 Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO)**

“Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO)” means an entity selected by HCA to administer Behavioral Health services and programs, including Crisis Services and in-home stabilization for individuals in a defined Regional Service Area (RSA). The BH-ASO administers Crisis Services for all individuals in its defined service area, regardless of ability to pay, including Medicaid eligible members.

## **1.30 Behavioral Health Assessment System (BHAS)**

“Behavioral Health Assessment System (BHAS)” means an online Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) data entry and reporting system that provides CANS data in real time to clinicians, supervisors, agency administrators, and AH-IMC administrators, as well as HCA staff for quality improvement purposes. The reports in this system are explicitly designed to provide on-demand, multi-level feedback and are updated in real-time.

## **1.31 Behavioral Health Care Coordination and Community Integration**

“Behavioral Health Care Coordination and Community Integration” means a range of activities furnished to engage Enrollees in treatment and assist them in transitioning from a variety of inpatient, residential, or non-permanent settings back into the broader community. To be eligible, the Enrollee must need transition support services in order to ensure timely and appropriate Behavioral Health treatment and Care Coordination. This service is further described in the Medicaid State Plan at Attachment 3, Section 13.d.

## **1.32 Behavioral Health Data Systems (BHDS)**

“Behavioral Health Data System (BHDS)” means the data that retains non-encounter data submissions called Behavioral Health Supplemental Transactions (BHST).

**1.33 Behavioral Health Services Only (BHSO)**

“Behavioral Health Services Only (BHSO)” means those Enrollees who receive only behavioral health benefits through this Contract and the companion non-Medicaid Contract.

**1.34 Behavioral Health Supplemental Transaction (BHST)**

“Behavioral Health Supplemental Transaction (BHST)” means non-encounter data submissions to the BHDS as outlined in the Behavioral Health Supplemental Transaction Data Guide. These transactions include supplemental data, including additional demographic and social determinant data, as well as service episode and outcome data necessary for federal Substance Abuse and Mental Services Administration (SAMHSA) block grant reporting and other state reporting needs.

**1.35 Breach**

“Breach” means the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI) in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Rule which compromises the security or privacy of PHI, with the exclusions and exceptions listed in 45 C.F.R. § 164.402.

**1.36 Business Associate Agreement**

“Business Associate Agreement” means an agreement under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended (HIPAA), between a HIPAA covered entity and a HIPAA business associate. The agreement protects Protected Health Information (PHI) in accordance with HIPAA guidelines

**1.37 Business Day/Hours**

“Business Day” means Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, except for holidays observed by the state of Washington.

**1.38 Capacity Threshold**

“Capacity Threshold” means the capacity to serve at least 60 percent of Apple Health - Integrated Managed Care eligible individuals in a service area in each of the following critical Provider types: hospital, Mental Health Professional, outpatient Behavioral Health Agency Provider, primary care, pharmacy, obstetrical, and pediatrician.

**1.39 Care Coordination**

“Care Coordination” means an Enrollee’s healthcare needs are coordinated with the assistance of a Care Coordinator. The Care Coordinator provides information to the Enrollee and the Enrollee’s caregivers, and works with the Enrollee to ensure that the Enrollee receives the most appropriate treatment, while ensuring that health care is not duplicated.

**1.40 Care Coordination Organization (CCO)**

“Care Coordination Organization (CCO)” means an organization that is responsible for delivering Health Home services to the participating Enrollee.

#### **1.41 Care Coordinator (CC)**

“Care Coordinator (CC)” means a health care professional or group of professionals, licensed in the state of Washington, who are responsible for providing Care Coordination services to Enrollees. Care Coordinators may be:

- 1.41.1 A Registered Nurse, Social Worker, Mental Health Professional or Substance Use Disorder Professional (SUDP) employed by the Contractor or Primary Care Provider or Behavioral Health Agency (BHA); and/or
- 1.41.2 Individuals or groups of licensed professionals, or paraprofessional individuals working under their licenses, located or coordinated by the PCP/clinic/Behavioral Health Agency.

Nothing in this definition precludes the Contractor or care coordinator from using allied health care staff, such as Community Health Workers or Certified Peer Counselors and others to facilitate the work of the Care Coordinator or to provide services to Enrollees who need assistance in accessing services but not Care Coordination services.

#### **1.42 Caregiver Activation Measure (CAM)**

“Caregiver Activation Measure (CAM)” means an assessment that gauges the knowledge, skills and confidence essential to providing care for a person with Chronic Conditions.

#### **1.43 Care Management**

“Care Management” means a set of services designed to improve the health of Enrollees. Care Management includes a health assessment, development of a care plan and monitoring of Enrollee status, Care Coordination, ongoing reassessment and consultation and crisis intervention and case conferencing as needed to facilitate improved outcomes and appropriate use of health services, including moving the Enrollee to a less intensive level of population health management as warranted by Enrollee improvement and stabilization. Effective Care Management includes the following:

- 1.43.1 Actively assisting Enrollees to navigate health delivery systems, acquire self-care skills to improve functioning and health outcomes, and slow the progression of disease or disability;
- 1.43.2 Utilization of Evidence-Based Practices in screening and intervention;
- 1.43.3 Coordination of care across the continuum of medical, behavioral health, oral health, and long-term services and supports, including tracking referrals and outcomes of referrals;
- 1.43.4 Ready access to integrated behavioral and physical health services; and
- 1.43.5 Use of appropriate community resources to support individual Enrollees, families and caregivers in managing care.

#### **1.44 Care Manager (CM)**

“Care Manager (CM)” means an individual employed by the Contractor or a contracted organization who provides Care Management services. Care Managers shall be licensed as registered nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, practical nurses, psychiatric nurses, psychiatrists, physician assistants, clinical psychologists, mental health counselors, agency affiliated counselors, marriage and family therapists, social workers with a Masters in Social Work (MSW), or shall be social service or healthcare professionals with a Bachelors in Social Work or closely related field, Indian Health

Service Community Health Representatives (CHR), or Certified Substance Use Disorder Professionals (SUDP).

**1.45 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**

“Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)” means the federal agency within the HHS that administers the Medicare program and works in partnership with state governments to administer Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and health insurance portability standards.

**1.46 Certified Electronic Health Record**

“Certified Electronic Health Record” means an Electronic Health Record (EHR) certified under the Office of the National Coordinator’s (ONC’s) Health IT Certification Program. ONC updates the certification criteria approximately every two years. Products certified as meeting the ONC certification criteria and the edition to which they have been certified are listed on the Certified Health IT Products List (CHPL):

<https://www.healthit.gov/topic/certified-health-it-products-list-chpl>

**1.47 Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT)**

“Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT)” means systems that meet the technological capability, functionality, and security requirements adopted by the HHS and are certified by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) as meeting health IT standards, implementation specifications and certification criteria adopted by the Secretary. The Electronic Health Record (EHR) Certification Program is a voluntary program established by the ONC to provide for the certification of health IT standards, implementation specifications and certification criteria adopted by the Secretary.

**1.48 Certified Peer Counselor (CPC)**

“Certified Peer Counselor (CPC)” means individuals who: have self-identified as a consumer of Behavioral Health services; have received specialized training provided/contracted by HCA, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR); have passed a written/oral test, which includes both written and oral components of the training; have passed a Washington State background check; have been certified by DBHR; and are a registered Agency Affiliated Counselor with the DOH.

**1.49 Child and Family Team (CFT)**

“Child and Family Team (CFT)” means a team that includes the Enrollee, their family, the child’s natural and professional support system, and Behavioral Health Providers involved with the family. This team collaborates to develop, evaluate and modify a cross-system care plan in accordance with the Washington Children’s Mental Health System Principles to support the restoration of a higher level of functions for the youth and family.

**1.50 Child Study and Treatment Center (CSTC)**

“Child Study and Treatment Center (CSTC)” means the Department of Social and Health Services’ child psychiatric hospital.

**1.51 Children with Special Health Care Needs**

“Children with Special Health Care Needs” means children under 19 years of age who are any one of the following:

1.51.1 Eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) under Title XVI of the Social Security Act;

1.51.2 Eligible for Medicaid under Section 1902(e) (3) of the Act;



- 1.51.3 In foster care or other out-of-home placement;
- 1.51.4 Receiving foster care or adoption assistance; and/or
- 1.51.5 Receiving services through a family-centered, community-based, coordinated care system that receives grant funds under Section 501(a) (1) (D) of Title V of the Social Security Act.

**1.52 Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

“Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)” means a program to provide access to medical care for children under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, RCW 74.09.470 and chapter 182-505 WAC.

**1.53 Children’s Long-Term Inpatient Program (CLIP)**

“Children’s Long-Term Inpatient Program (CLIP)” means the most intensive long-term inpatient psychiatric treatment available to all Washington State residents, ages 5 to 17 years of age. CLIP is a medically based treatment approach providing 24-hour psychiatric treatment in a highly structured setting designed to assess, treat, and stabilize youth diagnosed with psychiatric and behavioral disorders. CLIP also provides an opportunity for parents to learn new skills and strategies to effectively understand and manage their child and youth’s illness.

**1.54 Children’s Long-Term Inpatient Programs Administration (CLIP Administration)**

“Children’s Long-Term Inpatient Programs Administration (CLIP Administration)” means an independent entity designated by the state as the authority for clinical decision-making regarding admission to and discharge from publicly funded beds in the statewide CLIP program. The CLIP Administration Office collaborates with the MCOs and BH-ASOs to ensure that only those children and youth who meet medical necessity criteria are admitted to a CLIP facility and that discharges occur with thoughtful planning and consideration of the needs of the youth and family.

**1.55 Choice Counseling**

“Choice Counseling” means the provision of information and services designed to assist beneficiaries in making enrollment decisions; it includes answering questions and identifying factors to consider when choosing among Managed Care plans and Primary Care Providers (PCP). Choice Counseling does not include making recommendations for or against enrollment into a specific MCO.

**1.56 Chronic Condition**

“Chronic Condition” means a physical or Behavioral Health condition that is persistent or otherwise long lasting in its effects.

**1.57 Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME)**

“Chronic Disease Self-Management Education (CDSME)” means programs that enable individuals with multiple Chronic Conditions to learn how to manage their overall health, symptoms, and risk factors. An example is the Stanford University Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, which has been shown in randomized trials to improve symptoms such as pain, shortness of breath and fatigue, improve ability to engage in everyday activities, reduce depression and decrease costly health care such as emergency department visits.

**1.58 Client**

“Client” means an individual who has been determined Medicaid-eligible by HCA but who has not enrolled in an Apple Health Managed Care program.

#### **1.59 Clinical Data Repository (CDR)**

“Clinical Data Repository (CDR)” means a tool HCA is using to advance Washington’s capabilities to collect, share and use integrated physical and Behavioral Health information from Provider EHR systems. The CDR is a real time database that consolidates data from a variety of clinical sources to present a unified view of a single patient. It allows clinicians to retrieve data for a single patient rather than a population of patients with common characteristics. Typical data types, which are often found within a CDR include: CCD, C-CDA, problem lists, clinical laboratory test results, patient demographics, pharmacy information, radiology reports and images, pathology reports, hospital discharge summaries, diagnosis, and progress notes. The use of standard data inputs helps manage the cost and complexity of data contributed by many different care Providers. The CDR will be operated by the State Health Information Exchange (HIE) on behalf of sponsoring organizations. HCA will be the initial sponsoring organization. The CDR will also include claims and encounter information so that aggregate data can be provided for quality reporting and population health management. Once the CDR portal is open, any HIPAA Covered Entity with an HIE agreement, such as Behavioral Health Providers or some housing Providers, will be able to upload standardized documents for patient lives within the CDR. Electronic documents such as PDFs have more limited utility than discrete data that can be parsed into the record.

#### **1.60 Co-responder**

“Co-responder” means teams consisting of law enforcement officer(s) and Behavioral Health professional(s) to engage with individuals experiencing Behavioral Health crises that does not rise to the level of need for incarceration.

#### **1.61 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.)**

“Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.)” means the Code of Federal Regulations. All references in this Contract to C.F.R. chapters or sections include any successor, amended, or replacement regulation. The C.F.R. may be accessed at: <https://www.ecfr.gov/>.

#### **1.62 Cold Call Marketing**

“Cold Call Marketing” means any unsolicited personal contact by the Contractor or its designee, with a Potential Enrollee or a current Enrollee of another contracted Managed Care Organization for the purposes of marketing (42 C.F.R. § 438.104(a)).

#### **1.63 Community Behavioral Health Advisory (CBHA) Board**

“Community Behavioral Health Advisory (CBHA) Board” means an advisory board representative of the demographic characteristics of the Regional Service Area (RSA).

#### **1.64 Community Behavioral Health Support (CBHS) Services**

“Community Behavioral Health Support (CBHS) Services” means an individually tailored home and community-based service, provided under Section 1915(i) of the Social Security Act, designed to assist Enrollees in restoring or acquiring, retaining, and improving the self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills necessary to reside successfully in home or community-based settings.

#### **1.65 Community Health Workers (CHW)**

“Community Health Workers (CHW)” means individuals who serve as a liaison and advocate between social services and the community to facilitate access to services and

improve the quality and cultural competence of service delivery. CHWs include Community Health Representatives (CHR) in the Indian Health Service funded, Tribally contracted program.

**1.66 Community Mental Health Agency (CMHA)**

“Community Mental Health Agency (CMHA)” is now referred to as Behavioral Health Agency.

**1.67 Comparable Coverage**

“Comparable Coverage” means an Enrollee has other insurance that HCA has determined provides the minimum essential benefits for major medical required under the Affordable Care Act or similar benefits to Washington Medicaid’s Categorically Needy Program (CNP) benefit package.

**1.68 Complex Case Management (CCM)**

“Complex Case Management (CCM)” means Care Management services delivered to Enrollees with multiple or complex conditions to obtain access to care and services and coordination of their care. CCM services provided to Enrollees are in accordance with standards defined by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

**1.69 Comprehensive Assessment Report and Evaluation (CARE)**

“Comprehensive Assessment Report and Evaluation (CARE)” means a person centered, automated assessment tool used for determining Medicaid functional eligibility, level of care for budget and comprehensive care planning, as defined in chapter 388-106 WAC.

**1.70 Concurrent Review**

“Concurrent Review” means the Contractor’s review of care and services at the time the event being reviewed is occurring. Concurrent review includes an assessment of the Enrollee’s progress toward recovery and readiness for discharge while the Enrollee is hospitalized or in a nursing facility; and may involve an assessment of the medical necessity of tests or procedures while the Enrollee is hospitalized or in a nursing facility.

**1.71 Confidential Information**

“Confidential Information” means information that is exempt from disclosure to the public or other unauthorized persons under chapter 42.56 RCW, 42 C.F.R. Part 2, or other federal or state laws. Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to, Personal Information, medical records, and any other health and enrollment information that identifies a particular Enrollee.

**1.72 Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®)**

“Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®)” means a family of standardized survey instruments, including a Medicaid survey used to measure Enrollee experience of health care.

**1.73 Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Database**

“Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®) Database (CAHPS® Database)” previously known as the National CAHPS® Benchmarking Database or (NCBD) means a national repository for data from CAHPS®. The database facilitates comparisons of CAHPS® survey results by survey sponsors. Data is compiled into a single national database, which enables CAHPS® Database participants to compare their own results to relevant benchmarks (i.e., reference points such as national and regional averages).

**1.74 Continuity of Care**

“Continuity of Care” means the provision of continuous care for chronic or acute medical and Behavioral Health conditions to maintain care that has started or been authorized in one setting as the Enrollee transitions between: facility to home; facility to facility; Providers or service areas; Managed Care Contractors; and Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid program and Managed Care arrangements. Continuity of Care occurs in a manner that prevents secondary illness, health care complications or re-hospitalization and promotes optimum health recovery. Transitions of significant importance include but are not limited to: from acute care settings, such as inpatient physical health or behavioral Health Care Settings or emergency departments, to home or other Health Care Settings such as outpatient settings; from hospital to skilled nursing facility; from skilled nursing to home or community-based settings; from one primary care practice to another; and from substance use care to primary and/or mental health care.

#### **1.75 Continuity of Care Document (CCD)**

“Continuity of Care Document (CCD)” means an electronic document exchange standard for sharing patient care summary information. Summaries include the most commonly needed pertinent information about current and past health status in a form that can be shared by all computer applications, including web browsers, electronic medical record (EMR) and Electronic Health Record (EHR) software systems. The industry is already moving toward the Consolidated Clinical Document Architecture (C-CDA) as the emerging industry standard and the clinical exchange of choice. For purposes of the Clinical Data Repository requirements in this Contract this patient care summary is referred to as the CCDA.

#### **1.76 Contract**

“Contract” means this contract document and all schedules, exhibits, attachments, incorporated documents and amendments.

#### **1.77 Contract Year**

“Contract Year” means a twelve (12) month period of January 1 through December 31.

#### **1.78 Contractor**

“Contractor” means the individual or entity performing services pursuant to this Contract and includes the Contractor’s owners, officers, directors, partners, employees, and/or agents, unless otherwise stated in this Contract. For purposes of any permitted Subcontract, “Contractor” includes any Subcontractor and its owners, officers, directors, partners, employees, and/or agents.

#### **1.79 Contracted Services**

“Contracted Services” means Covered Services that are to be provided by the Contractor under the terms of this Contract and as outlined in the Medicaid State Plan.

### **1.80 Copayment**

“Copayment” means a payment made by an Enrollee in addition to a payment made by a MCO.

### **1.81 Covered Services**

“Covered Services” means Health Care Services that HCA determines are covered for Enrollees.

### **1.82 Credible Allegation of Fraud**

“Credible Allegation of Fraud” means an allegation of Fraud, which has been verified by HCA, has indicia of reliability and HCA has reviewed all allegations, facts, and evidence carefully and acts judiciously on a case-by-case basis. (42 C.F.R. § 455.2).

### **1.83 Crisis Services**

“Crisis Services,” also referred to as “Crisis Intervention Services,” means screening, evaluation, assessment, and clinical interventions provided to Medicaid-enrolled individuals experiencing a Behavioral Health crisis. A Behavioral Health crisis is defined as a significant change in behavior in which instability increases, and/or risk of harm to self or others increases. The reason for this change could be external or internal to the Enrollee. If the crisis is not addressed in a timely manner, it could lead to significant negative outcomes or harm to the Enrollee or others. Crisis Services shall be available on a 24-hour basis, 365 days a year. Crisis Services are intended to stabilize the person in crisis, prevent further deterioration, provide immediate treatment and intervention, de-escalation, and coordination/referral efforts with health, social, and other services and supports as needed to affect symptom reduction, harm reduction, and/or to safely transition Enrollees in acute crisis to the appropriate environment for continued stabilization. Crisis intervention should take place in a location best suited to meet the needs of the individual and in the least restrictive environment available. Crisis Services may be provided prior to the completion of an Intake Evaluation.

### **1.84 Critical Access Pharmacy**

“Critical Access Pharmacy” means a pharmacy in Washington State that is further than a 25-mile radius from any other pharmacy, is the only pharmacy on an island, or provides critical services to vulnerable populations, as identified by HCA. If a pharmacy is in a Rural Area or serves vulnerable populations, as defined by HCA, and the 25-mile radius intersects with another pharmacy both are Critical Access Pharmacies.

### **1.85 Critical Provider**

“Critical Providers” means the Health Care Provider types without which a MCO cannot provide a viable program. For the purposes of this Contract, Critical Providers are: hospitals, PCP, pediatric PCP, mental health Providers, outpatient Behavioral Health Agencies, and pharmacy and obstetrical Providers.

### **1.86 Cultural Humility**

“Cultural Humility” means the continuous application in professional practice of self-reflection and self-critique, learning from patients, and partnership-building, with an awareness of the limited ability to understand the patient’s worldview, culture(s), and communities.

**1.87 Culturally Appropriate Care**

“Culturally Appropriate Care” means Health Care Services provided with Cultural Humility and an understanding of the patient’s culture and community, and informed by Historical Trauma and the resulting cycle of ACEs.

**1.88 Debarment**

“Debarment” means an action taken by a federal official to exclude a person or business entity from participating in transactions involving certain federal funds.

**1.89 Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)**

“Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)” means the Washington State agency responsible for keeping Washington children safe, strengthening families, and supporting foster children in their communities.

**1.90 Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)**

“Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)” means the Washington State agency responsible for providing a broad array of health care and social services. DSHS administrations with which the Contractor may interface include, but are not limited to:

1.90.1 Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA) is responsible for providing a safe home, community, and nursing facility array of long-term supports for Washington citizens.

1.90.2 Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) is responsible for providing a safe, high-quality array of home, community, and facility-based residential services and employment support for Washington citizens with disabilities.

1.90.3 Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) is responsible for providing mental health services in state psychiatric hospitals.

**1.91 Designated Crisis Responder (DCR)**

“Designated Crisis Responder (DCR)” means a Mental Health Professional appointed by the county or other authority authorized in rule, to perform the civil commitment duties described in chapters 71.05 and 71.34 RCW.

**1.92 Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR)**

“Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR)” means HCA-designated state Behavioral Health authority to administer state only, federal block grant, and Medicaid funded Behavioral Health programs.

**1.93 Director**

“Director” means the Director of HCA. In his or her sole discretion, the Director may designate a representative to act on the Director’s behalf. Any designation may include the representative’s authority to hear, consider, review, and/or determine any matter.

**1.94 Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP)**

“Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan (D-SNP)” means the Medicare Part C and other health plan services provided to Medicare Advantage Health Plan members under a Special Needs Plan as defined and pursuant to a Medicare Advantage agreement, as defined in 42 C.F.R. § 422.2.

### **1.95 Duplicate Coverage**

“Duplicate Coverage” means an Enrollee covered by the Contractor on a third-party basis at the same time the Enrollee is covered by the Contractor under this Contract.

### **1.96 Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**

“Durable Medical Equipment (DME)” means Medical Equipment as defined in the definition of Medical Equipment in this Section.

### **1.97 Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)**

“Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)” means comprehensive screening, diagnostic, and treatment services for children under the age of 21, as defined in Section 1905(r) of the Social Security Act (SSA), codified in 42 C.F.R § 441.50-441.62, and chapter 182-534 WAC and described in HCA EPSDT and Provider Billing Guide.

### **1.98 Early Supports for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) Provider Agency**

“Early Supports for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) Provider Agency” means organizations such as public, private, tribal, or non-profit entities and school districts that have contracts with DCYF or Subcontracts with a county lead agency to provide early intervention services in an assigned geographic and/or school district catchment area (34 C.F.R Part 303 and chapter 110-400 WAC). ESIT Provider Agencies have contracts with DCYF under chapter 110-400 WAC to provide services under 34 C.F.R Part 303 for children birth through three years of age; but may choose to not limit their contracts to just these services.

### **1.99 Electronic Health Record (EHR)**

“Electronic Health Record (EHR)” means a real-time patient health record with access to evidence-based decision support tools that can be used to aid clinicians in decision making. The EHR can automate and streamline a clinician's workflow, ensuring that all clinical information is communicated. It can also prevent delays in response that result in gaps in care. The EHR can also support the collection of data for uses other than clinical care, such as billing, quality management, outcome reporting, and public health disease surveillance and reporting.

### **1.100 Electronic Prior Authorization Request**

“Electronic Prior Authorization Request” means a Prior Authorization request that is delivered through a two-way communication system that meets the requirements of a secure online Prior Authorization process or an interoperable electronic process or Prior Authorization Application Programming Interface.

### **1.101 Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)**

“Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)” means the requirements under chapter 182-551 WAC, Subchapter II, under which in home visits conducted as part of delivery of Home Health Care services must be electronically verified with respect to: the type of service performed; the individual receiving the service; the date of the service; the location of the service delivery; the individual providing the service; and the time the service begins and ends.

### **1.102 Emergency Care for Behavioral Health Condition**

“Emergency Care for Behavioral Health Condition” means services provided for an individual, that, if not provided, would likely result in the need for crisis intervention or hospital evaluation due to concerns of potential danger to self, others, or grave disability according to chapter 71.05 RCW.

### **1.103 Emergency Department Information Exchange™ (EDIE)**

“Emergency Department Information Exchange™” means an internet-delivered service that enables Health Care Providers to better identify and treat high users of the emergency department and special needs patients. When patients enter the emergency room, EDIE can proactively alert Health Care Providers through different venues such as fax, phone, e-mail, or integration with a facility’s current electronic medical records.

### **1.104 Emergency Fill**

“Emergency Fill” means the dispensing of a prescribed medication to an Enrollee by a licensed pharmacist who has used his or her professional judgment in identifying that the Enrollee has an Emergency Medical Condition for which lack of immediate access to pharmaceutical treatment would result in, (a) placing the health of the individual or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child, in serious jeopardy; (b) serious impairment to bodily functions; or (c) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

### **1.105 Emergency Medical Condition**

“Emergency Medical Condition” means a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, such that a prudent layperson, who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine, could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in: (a) placing the health of the individual or, with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child, in serious jeopardy; (b) serious impairment to bodily functions; or (c) serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part (42 C.F.R. § 438.114(a)).

### **1.106 Emergency Medical Transportation**

“Emergency Medical Transportation” means ambulance transportation during which a client receives needed emergency medical services en route to an appropriate medical facility (WAC 182-546-0001).

### **1.107 Emergency Room Care**

“Emergency Room Care” means care received in a hospital that provides immediate treatment for acute illness or trauma.

### **1.108 Emergency Services**

“Emergency Services” means inpatient and outpatient contracted services furnished by a Provider qualified to furnish the services needed to evaluate or stabilize an Emergency Medical Condition (42 C.F.R. § 438.114(a)).

### **1.109 Encounter Data Reporting Guide**

“Encounter Data Reporting Guide” means the published guide to assist contracted entities in the standard electronic encounter data reporting process required by HCA.

### **1.110 Encrypt**

“Encrypt” means to encipher or encode electronic data using software that generates a minimum key length of 128 bits.



### **1.111 Enrollee**

“Enrollee” means an individual who is enrolled in Managed Care through a MCO having a Contract with HCA (42 C.F.R. § 438.2).

### **1.112 Essential Behavioral Health Administrative Functions**

“Essential Behavioral Health Administrative Functions” means utilization management, Grievance and Appeals, network development and management, Provider relations, quality management, data management and reporting, and claims and financial management.

### **1.113 Evaluation and Treatment Facility**

“Evaluation and Treatment Facility” means any facility which can provide directly, or by direct arrangement with other public or private agencies, emergency evaluation and treatment, outpatient care, and timely and appropriate inpatient care to persons suffering from a Behavioral Health disorder, and which is licensed or certified as such by the department”. (RCW 71.05.020).

### **1.114 Evidence-Based Practices**

“Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs)” means a program or practice that has been tested in heterogeneous or intended populations with multiple randomized, or statistically controlled evaluations, or both; or one large multiple site randomized, or statistically controlled evaluation, or both, where the weight of the evidence from review demonstrates sustained improvements in at least one outcome. “Evidence-based” also means a program or practice that can be implemented with a set of procedures to allow successful replication in Washington and, when possible, is determined to be cost-beneficial per the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP).

### **1.115 Exception to Rule (ETR)**

“Exception to Rule (ETR)” means a request by an Enrollee or a requesting Provider to receive a non-covered Health Care Service according to WAC 182-501-0160.

### **1.116 Excluded Service**

“Excluded Service” means a benefit that is not covered by HCA nor the Contractor as it is not part of the Enrollee’s benefit package as described in WAC 182-501-0060 due to state or federal direction.

### **1.117 External Entities (EE)**

“External Entities (EE)” means organizations that serve eligible Medicaid clients and include the DSHS, DOH, local health jurisdictions, community-based service Providers and HCA services/programs as defined in this Contract.

### **1.118 External Quality Review (EQR)**

“External Quality Review (EQR)” means the analysis and evaluation of aggregated information on quality, timeliness, and access to the Health Care Services that the Contractor or its Subcontractors furnish to Enrollees (42 C.F.R. §438.320).

### **1.119 External Quality Review Organization (EQRO)**

“External Quality Review Organization (EQRO)” means an organization that meets the competence and independence requirements set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 438.354, and performs External Quality Review, other EQR-related activities as set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 438.358, or both (42 C.F.R. § 438.320).

### **1.120 External Quality Review Report (EQRR)**

“External Quality Review Report (EQRR)” means a detailed technical report that describes the manner in which the data from all activities described in EQR provisions of Section 7.7 and conducted in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.358 were aggregated and analyzed and conclusions drawn as to the quality, timeliness, and access to the care furnished by the Contractor.

#### **1.121 Facility**

“Facility” means but is not limited to: a hospital, a Behavioral Health acute inpatient facility, an inpatient medical rehabilitation center, Long-Term and Acute Care (LTAC) center, skilled nursing facility, and nursing home. For the purposes of subsections 16.4 and 16.6, Facility does not include Evaluation and Treatment Facilities, Inpatient/Residential Substance Use Treatment Services, intensive inpatient residential services, and residential mental health services.

#### **1.122 Family Connect**

“Family Connect” means enrolling a family member into the same Apple Health - Integrated Managed Care plan that other family members are enrolled in.

#### **1.123 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)**

“Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)” means a community-based organization that provides comprehensive primary care and preventive care, including health, dental, and Behavioral Health services to people of all ages, regardless of their ability to pay or health insurance status.

#### **1.124 Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid Program**

“Fee-for-Service Medicaid Program” means the state Medicaid program which pays for services furnished to Medicaid patients not enrolled in a Medicaid Managed Care plan, in accordance with the Medicaid State Plan’s fee-for-service methodology.

#### **1.125 First Responders**

“First Responders” means police, sheriff, fire, emergency, medical and hospital emergency rooms, and 911 call center.

#### **1.126 Foster Care Adoption Support**

“Foster Care Adoption Support” means a child eligible for Adoption Support program services in Washington State per chapter 74.13A RCW administered by the DCYF.

#### **1.127 Foundation for Health Care Quality**

“Foundation for Health Care Quality” means a nonprofit organization that sponsors or conducts health care quality improvement programs and evaluation and measurement activities. Among the projects sponsored by the Foundation are the Bree Collaborative, the Clinical Outcomes Assessment Program (COAP), the Surgery Clinical Outcomes Assessment Program (SCOAP), and the Obstetrics Clinical Outcomes Assessment Program (OBCOAP).

#### **1.128 Fraud**

“Fraud” means an intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a person (individual or entity) with the knowledge that the deception could result in some unauthorized benefit to him- or herself or some other person. It includes any act that constitutes Fraud under applicable federal or state law (42 C.F.R § 455.2).

### **1.129 Geo-Coding**

“Geo-Coding” is a process involving the use of tools and software to convert location addresses into coordinates for analysis. Geocoded locations of patients, populations, Providers, and other services can be potentially coupled with other data sources to inform and enhance clinical and administrative decision making.

### **1.130 Global Appraisal of Individual Needs Shorter Screener (GAIN-SS)**

“Global Appraisal of Individual Needs Shorter Screener (GAIN-SS)” means the integrated, comprehensive screening for Behavioral Health conditions.

### **1.131 Grievance**

“Grievance” means an expression of dissatisfaction about any matter other than an Adverse Benefit Determination. Possible subjects for Grievances include, but are not limited to, the quality of care or services provided, and aspects of interpersonal relationships such as rudeness of a Provider or employee, or failure to respect the Enrollee’s rights regardless of whether remedial action is requested. Grievance includes an Enrollee’s right to dispute an extension of time proposed by the Contractor to make an authorization decision (42 C.F.R. § 438.400).

### **1.132 Grievance and Appeal System**

“Grievance and Appeal System” means the processes the Contractor implements to handle appeals of Adverse Benefit Determinations and Grievances, as well as the processes to collect and track information about them (42 C.F.R. § 438.400 to § 438.424).

### **1.133 Grievance Process**

“Grievance Process” means the procedure for addressing Enrollees’ Grievances (42 C.F.R. § 438.400(b)).

### **1.134 Guideline**

“Guideline” means a set of statements by which to determine a course of action. A Guideline streamlines utilization management decision-making processes according to a set routine or sound evidence-based clinical practice. By definition, following a Guideline is never mandatory. Guidelines are not binding and are not enforced.

### **1.135 Habilitative Services**

“Habilitative Services” means Medically Necessary services provided to assist the Enrollee in partially or fully attaining, learning, keeping, improving, or preventing deterioration of developmental-age appropriate skills that were never present as a result of a congenital, genetic, or early acquired health condition and are required to maximize, to the extent practical, the Enrollee’s ability to function within his or her environment (WAC 182-545-400).

### **1.136 Health Care Authority (HCA)**

“Health Care Authority (HCA)” means the Washington State Health Care Authority, any division, section, office, unit or other entity of HCA, or any of the officers or other officials lawfully representing HCA.

### **1.137 Health Care Plan (Plan)**

“Health Care Plan (Plan)” means the pairing of health care benefits and payment structure in a product with Provider Networks in a service area offered to Enrollees.

### **1.138 Health Care Professional**

“Health Care Professional” means a physician or any of the following acting within his or her scope of practice; an applied behavior analyst, certified registered dietician, naturopath, podiatrist, optometrist, optician, osteopath, chiropractor, psychologist, dentist, physician assistant, physical or occupational therapist, therapist assistant, speech language pathologist, audiologist, registered or practical nurse (including nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified registered nurse anesthetist, and certified nurse midwife), licensed midwife, licensed social worker (advanced or independent clinical license or associate), licensed mental health counselor, licensed mental health counselor associate, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed marriage and family therapist associate, registered respiratory therapist, pharmacist and certified respiratory therapy technician.

### **1.139 Health Care Provider (HCP)**

“Health Care Provider (HCP)” for purposes of this Contract, means a PCP, Mental Health Professional, or SUDP.

### **1.140 Health Care Services**

“Health Care Services” means all Medicaid services provided by a Managed Care entity under Contract with HCA in any setting, including but not limited to medical care, Behavioral Health care, and long-term services and supports.

### **1.141 Health Care Settings (HCS)**

“Health Care Settings (HCS)” for the purpose of this Contract, means health care clinics where primary care services are delivered, community mental health agencies, or certified SUD agencies.

### **1.142 Health Home**

“Health Home” means an entity composed of community-based Providers, qualified by the state to provide Health Home Services to Medicaid Enrollees under Section 2703 of the Affordable Care Act of 2010. The entity is responsible for coordinating and integrating care across the continuum of services needed and used by eligible Enrollees.

### **1.143 Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®)**

“Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®)” means a set of standardized performance measures designed to ensure that health care purchasers and Enrollees have the information they need to reliably compare the performance of managed Health Care Plans. HEDIS® also includes a standardized survey of Enrollees' experiences that evaluates plan performance in areas such as customer service, access to care and claims processing. HEDIS® is sponsored, supported, and maintained by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

### **1.144 Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) Compliance Audit Program**

“Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) Compliance Audit Program” means a set of standards and audit methods used by an NCQA certified auditor to evaluate information systems (IS) capabilities assessment (IS standards) and a Contractor's ability to comply with HEDIS® specifications (HD standards).

### **1.145 Health Disparities**

"Health Disparities" means preventable differences in the burden of disease, injury, violence, or opportunities to achieve optimal health that are experienced by socially disadvantaged populations.

#### **1.146 Health Equity**

"Health Equity" means the attainment of the highest level of health for all people, where everyone has a fair and just opportunity to attain their optimal health regardless of race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, geography, preferred language, or other factors that affect access to care and health outcomes.

#### **1.147 Health Information Technology (HIT)**

"Health Information Technology" means the application of information processing involving both computer hardware and software that deals with the storage, retrieval, sharing, and use of health care information, data, and knowledge for communication and decision making. Certified HIT (including certified EHR technology (CEHRT)) are systems that meet the technological capability, functionality, and security requirements adopted by the HHS. Certification gives Providers and patient's confidence that the Health IT products and systems they use are secure and can work with other systems to share information (interoperability). The Health IT Certification Program is a voluntary program established by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) to provide for the certification of health IT standards, implementation specifications and certification criteria adopted by the Secretary. The ONC Health IT Certification Program supports the availability of certified health IT for its encouraged and required use under federal, state and private programs.

#### **1.148 Health Insurance**

"Health Insurance" means a contract to transfer risk from individuals to an insurance company. In exchange for a Premium, the insurance company agrees to pay for losses covered under the terms of the policy.

#### **1.149 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)**

"Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as codified at 42 U.S.C. § 1320d-d8, as amended, and its attendant regulations as promulgated by the HHS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the HHS Office of the Inspector General, and the HHS Office for Civil Rights. HIPAA includes the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164.

#### **1.150 Health Technology Assessment (HTA)**

"Health Technology Assessment (HTA)" means a program that determines if health services used by Washington State government are safe and effective. The program examines scientific evidence for new technologies that is then reviewed by a committee of practicing clinicians. The purpose of the program is to ensure medical treatments and services paid for with state health care dollars are safe and proven to work. HTA contracts for scientific, evidence-based reports about whether certain medical devices, procedures and tests are safe and work as promoted.

#### **1.151 Historical Trauma**

"Historical Trauma" means situations where a community experienced traumatic events, the events generated high levels of collective distress, and the events were perpetuated by outsiders with a destructive or genocidal intent.

#### **1.152 Home Health Care**

“Home Health Care” means a range of services provided in an Enrollee’s home for treatment of an illness or injury. Examples of Home Health Care include wound care, education, IV or nutrition therapy, injections, and monitoring health status.

### **1.153 Hospice Services**

“Hospice Services” means services associated with an Enrollee’s terminal illness and related conditions.

### **1.154 Hospital Safety Net Program (HSNP)**

“Hospital Safety Net Program (HSNP)” means a program that increases payment for hospital claims for Enrollees, authorized under chapter 74.60 RCW.

### **1.155 Hospitalization**

“Hospitalization” means admission to a hospital for treatment.

### **1.156 Hospital Outpatient Care**

“Hospital Outpatient Care” means medical care or treatment that does not require an overnight stay in a hospital or medical facility.

### **1.157 Improper Payment**

“Improper Payment” means any payment made to a Provider, Contractor or Subcontractor that was more or less than the sum to which the payee was legally entitled, including amounts in dispute.

### **1.158 In Lieu of Service or Setting**

“In Lieu of Service or Setting (ILOS)” means a service or setting that is provided to an Enrollee as a substitute for a service or a setting covered under the Medicaid State Plan in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.3(e)(2). An ILOS can be used as an immediate or longer-term substitute for a service or setting that is covered under the Medicaid State Plan, or when the ILOS is expected to reduce or prevent the future need to utilize the services.

### **1.159 Indian Health Care Provider (IHCP)**

“Indian Health Care Provider (IHCP)” means the Indian Health Service and/or any Tribe, Tribal organization, or Urban Indian Health Program (UIHP) that provides Medicaid-reimbursable services.

### **1.160 Indian Health Service (IHS)**

“Indian Health Service” means the federal agency in the HHS, including contracted Tribal health programs, entrusted with the responsibility to assist eligible AI/ANs with Health Care Services.

### **1.161 Individual Service Plan (ISP)**

“Individual Service Plan (ISP)” means a written agreement between the Enrollee and his or her healthcare team to help guide and manage the delivery of diagnostic and therapeutic services and the Enrollee’s engagement in self-management of his or her health (may also be called treatment plan).

### **1.162 Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disability (I/DD)**

“Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disability (I/DD)” means people with a disability characterized by significant limitations in both intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior, which covers many everyday social and practical skills. This disability originates before the age of 18.

### **1.163 Individual with Special Health Care Needs**

“Individual with Special Health Care Needs” means an Enrollee who meets the diagnostic and risk score criteria for Intensive Care Management (ICM) Services; or is a Child with Special Health Care Needs; or has a chronic or disabling condition that meets all of the following conditions:

- 1.163.1 Has a biologic, psychological, or cognitive basis;
- 1.163.2 The Enrollee is likely to continue to have the chronic disease or disabling healthcare condition for more than one (1) year; and
- 1.163.3 Produces one or more of the following conditions stemming from a disease:
  - 1.163.3.1 Significant limitation in areas of physical, cognitive, or emotional functions; or
  - 1.163.3.2 Dependency on medical or assistive devices to minimize limitations of function or activities.

### **1.164 Inpatient/Residential Substance Use Treatment Services**

“Inpatient/Residential Substance Use Treatment Services” means rehabilitative services, including diagnostic evaluation and face-to-face individual or group counseling using therapeutic techniques directed toward Enrollees who are harmfully affected by the use of mood-altering chemicals or have been diagnosed with an SUD. Techniques have a goal of assisting Enrollees in their recovery for individuals with SUDs. Provided in certified residential treatment facilities with 16 beds or less. Excludes room and board. Residential treatment services require additional program-specific certification by DOH and include:

- 1.164.1 Intensive inpatient services;
- 1.164.2 Recovery house treatment services;
- 1.164.3 Long-term residential treatment services; and
- 1.164.4 Youth residential services.

### **1.165 Intake Evaluation, Assessment, and Screenings (Mental Health)**

“Intake Evaluation, Assessment, and Screenings (Mental Health)” means an evaluation of an Enrollee’s Behavioral Health, along with their ability to function within a community, to establish the medical necessity for treatment, determine service needs, and formulate recommendations for treatment. Intake evaluations must be initiated prior to the provision of any other Behavioral Health services, except those specifically stated as being available prior to an intake. Services may begin before the completion of the intake once medical necessity is established. This service is further described in the Medicaid State Plan at Attachment 3, Section 13.d.

### **1.166 Intake Evaluation, Assessment, and Screenings (Substance Use or Problem Gambling Disorder)**

“Intake Evaluation, Assessment, and Screenings (Substance Use or Problem Gambling Disorder)” means a comprehensive evaluation of an Enrollee’s Behavioral Health, along with their ability to function within a community, to determine current priority needs and formulate recommendations for treatment. The intake evaluation for SUD includes a review of current intoxication and withdrawal potential, biomedical complications, emotional, behavioral, cognitive complications, readiness to change, relapse potential, and recovery environment. Intake evaluations for problem gambling disorders includes a biopsychosocial clinical assessment. Information from the intake is used to work with the



Enrollee to develop an individualized service plan to address the identified issues. Intake evaluations must be initiated prior to the provision of any other substance use or problem gambling disorder services. Services may begin before the completion of the intake once medical necessity is established.

**1.167 Intensive Behavioral Health Treatment Facility (IBHTF)**

“Intensive Behavioral Health Treatment Facility (IBHTF)” means a type of residential treatment facility intended to assist individuals in transitioning to lower levels of care, including individuals on a less restrictive alternative order.

**1.168 Intensive Residential Treatment (IRT) Team**

“Intensive Residential Treatment (IRT) team” means a team-based model for delivering existing Medicaid State Plan services to Enrollees. These teams also provide some non-Medicaid treatment activities, which are funded through GFS. This delivery model focuses on Enrollees being discharged or diverted from state hospitals or discharges from State Psychiatric Care Facilities to an ALTSA-licensed adult family home or assisted living facility.

**1.169 Interdisciplinary Care Conferences (ICCs)**

“Interdisciplinary Care Conferences (ICCs)” means structured and documented communication between the Enrollee and Health Care Providers to establish, prioritize, and achieve Enrollee-centric health care and social service treatment goals.

**1.170 Interoperable Health IT**

“Interoperable Health IT” means technology that enables the secure exchange of electronic health information with, and use of electronic health information from, other health IT without special effort on the part of the user. It also allows for complete access, exchange, and use of all electronically accessible health information for authorized use under applicable state or federal law and prevents information blocking.

**1.171 Institute for Mental Disease (IMD)**

“IMD or Institute for Mental Disease” means, per P.L. 100-360, an institution for mental diseases as a hospital, nursing Facility, or other institution of more than 16 beds that is primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental diseases, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services. An institution is an IMD if its overall character is that of a Facility established and maintained primarily for the care and treatment of Individuals with mental diseases.

**1.172 Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA)**

“Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA)” allows Enrollees to be committed by court order to a facility for a limited period of time. Involuntary civil commitments are meant to provide for the evaluation and treatment of Enrollees with a Behavioral Health disorder and who may be either gravely disabled or pose a danger to themselves or others, and who refuse or are unable to enter treatment on their own. An initial commitment may last up to one hundred twenty (120) hours, but, if necessary, Individuals can be committed for additional periods of fourteen (14), ninety (90), and one hundred eighty (180) calendar days (RCW 71.05.180, RCW 71.05.230, RCW 71.05.240, and RCW 71.05.290).

### **1.173 Involuntary Treatment Act Services**

“Involuntary Treatment Act Services” includes all services and administrative functions required for the evaluation for involuntary detention or involuntary treatment of individuals in accordance with chapters 71.05 and 71.34 RCW, and RCW 71.24.300.

### **1.174 Large Rural Geographic Area**

“Large Rural Geographic Area” means areas with a population density of less than 20 people per square mile.

### **1.175 Less Restrictive Alternative Treatment**

“Less Restrictive Alternative Treatment” means the minimum services that all individuals who are under a less restrictive order must be offered as per RCW 71.05.585.

### **1.176 Limitation Extension (LE)**

“Limitation Extension (LE)” means a request by an Enrollee or the Enrollee’s Health Care Provider to extend a covered service with a limit according to WAC 182-501-0169.

### **1.177 Limited English Proficient (LEP)**

“Limited English Proficient (LEP)” means Potential Enrollees and Enrollees who do not speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English (42 C.F.R. § 438.10).

### **1.178 List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE)**

“List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE)” means an Office of Inspector General’s List of Excluded Individuals/Entities and provides information to the health care industry, patients, and the public regarding individuals and entities currently excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, and all other federal health care programs. Individuals and entities who have been reinstated are removed from the LEIE.

### **1.179 Local IHCP Provider**

“Local IHCP Provider” means an IHCP Provider with a Facility in the Contractor’s RSA or with a client residing in the Contractor’s RSA.

### **1.180 Managed Care**

“Managed Care” means a prepaid, comprehensive system of medical and Behavioral Health care delivery including preventive, primary, specialty, and ancillary health services.

### **1.181 Managed Care Organization (MCO)**

“Managed Care Organization (MCO)” means an organization having a certificate of authority or certificate of registration from the Washington State Office of Insurance Commissioner that contracts with HCA under a comprehensive risk Contract to provide prepaid Health Care Services to eligible HCA Enrollees under HCA Managed Care programs.

### **1.182 Marketing**

“Marketing” means any promotional activity or communication with a Potential Enrollee that is intended to increase a Contractor’s membership or to “brand” a Contractor’s name or organization. These activities are directed from the Contractor to a Potential Enrollee or Enrollee who is enrolled with another HCA-Contracted MCO that can be reasonably interpreted as intended to influence them to enroll with the Contractor or either not enroll or to end their enrollment with another HCA-Contracted MCO. Marketing communications include: written, oral, in-person (telephonic or face-to-face) or electronic methods of

communication, including email, text messaging, and social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter).

**1.183 Marketing Materials**

“Marketing Materials” means materials that are produced in any medium, including written or electronic, such as email, social media and text messaging, by or on behalf of the Contractor, that can be reasonably interpreted as intended to market the Contractor to Potential Enrollees (42 C.F.R. § 438.104(a)).

**1.184 Material Provider**

“Material Provider” means a Participating Provider whose loss would negatively affect access to care in the service area in such a way that more than 50 Enrollees would have to change their Primary Care office/clinic or BHA, receive services from a Non-participating Provider, or consistently receive services outside the service area.

**1.185 Maternity Support Services (MSS)**

“Maternity Support Services (MSS)” means a component of HCA’s First Steps Program. This voluntary program is designed to increase access to prenatal care as early in the pregnancy as possible and improve birth outcomes, including low birth weight babies (chapter 182-533 WAC).

**1.186 Medicaid Fraud Control Division (MFCD)**

“Medicaid Fraud Control Division (MFCD)” also sometimes called the “Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) means the Washington State Attorney General’s Office (AGO), MFCD that investigates and prosecutes abuse of clients or Fraud committed by any entity, Facility, agency, Health Care Professional, Health Care Provider, PCP, Provider or individual.

**1.187 Medicaid State Plan**

“Medicaid State Plan” means the binding written agreement between the state and CMS that describes how the Medicaid program is administered and determines the Covered Services for which the state will receive federal financial participation.

**1.188 Medical Equipment**

“Medical Equipment” means Medical Equipment and appliances, and medical supplies as defined in WAC 182-543-1000.

1.188.1 Medical equipment and appliances:

1.188.1.1 Are primarily and customarily used to serve a medical purpose;

1.188.1.2 Generally are not useful for a person in the absence of illness or injury;

1.188.1.3 Can withstand repeated use;

1.188.1.4 Can be reusable or removable; and

1.188.1.5 Are suitable for use in any setting where normal life activities take place.

1.188.2 Medical Supplies:

1.188.2.1 Are consumable or disposable or cannot withstand repeated use by more than one person;

- 1.188.2.2 Are required to address an individual medical disability, illness, or injury;
- 1.188.2.3 Are suitable for use in any setting which is not a medical institution and in which normal life activities take place; and
- 1.188.2.4 Generally are not useful to a person in the absence of illness or injury.

### **1.189 Medically Appropriate**

“Medically Appropriate” means a term for describing a requested service or setting for which care is intended to address the health care needs of the Enrollee, including physical, SUD, mental health, as well as health-related social needs. The service or setting, including the level or intensity, must be appropriate to the Enrollee's health care needs, social needs, and condition. The service or setting must be reasonably calculated to prevent, diagnose, correct, cure, alleviate or prevent worsening of conditions in the Enrollee that endanger life, or cause suffering or pain, or result in an illness or infirmity, or threaten to cause or aggravate a handicap, or cause physical deformity or malfunction.

### **1.190 Medical Loss Ratio (MLR)**

“Medical Loss Ratio (MLR)” means the measurement of the share of Enrollee Premiums that the Contractor spends on medical claims, as opposed to other non-claims expenses such as administration or profits.

### **1.191 Medically Necessary**

"Medically Necessary" means a term for describing a requested service which is reasonably calculated to prevent, diagnose, correct, cure, alleviate, or prevent worsening of conditions in the Enrollee that endanger life, or cause suffering or pain, or result in an illness or infirmity, or threaten to cause or aggravate a handicap, or cause physical deformity, or malfunction. There is no other equally effective, more conservative, or substantially less costly course of treatment available or suitable for the Enrollee requesting the service. For the purpose of this Contract, "course of treatment" may include mere observation or, where appropriate, no medical treatment at all (WAC 182-500-0070).

### **1.192 Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)**

“Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)” means the use of FDA-approved opioid agonist medications (e.g., methadone), partial agonists (buprenorphine products including buprenorphine/naloxone combination formulations and buprenorphine mono-product formulations) for the treatment of opioid use disorder and the use of opioid antagonist medication (e.g., naltrexone products including extended-release and oral formulations) to prevent relapse to opioid use.

### **1.193 Medication Management**

“Medication Management” means the prescribing and/or administering of psychiatric medications and reviewing of medications and their side effects. This service may be provided in consultation with primary therapists, case managers, and/or Natural Supports, without the Enrollee present, but the service must be for the benefit of the Enrollee.

### **1.194 Medication Monitoring**

“Medication Monitoring” means one-on-one cueing, observing, and encouraging a Medicaid-enrolled individual to take their psychiatric medications as prescribed. Also includes reporting back to persons licensed to perform Medication Management services

for the direct benefit of the Medicaid-enrolled individual. This service is designed to facilitate medication compliance and positive outcomes. Mental Health Advance Directive.

#### **1.195 Mental Health Advance Directive**

“Mental Health Advance Directive” means a written document in which the principal makes a declaration of instructions, or preferences, or appoints an agent to make decisions on behalf of the principal regarding the principal’s mental health treatment, or both, and that is consistent with the provisions of chapter 71.32 RCW.

#### **1.196 Mental Health Parity**

“Mental Health Parity” means the Washington Office of the Insurance Commissioner rules for Behavioral Health parity, inclusive of mental health and SUD benefits shall apply to this Contract (WAC 284-43-7000 to -7080).

#### **1.197 Mental Health Professional**

“Mental Health Professional” means an individual practicing within their statutory scope of practice who is:

- 1.197.1 A psychiatrist, psychologist, physician assistant working with a supervising psychiatrist, psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner, psychiatric nurse, or social worker, as defined in chapters 71.05 and 71.34 RCW;
- 1.197.2 A mental health counselor, mental health counselor associate, marriage and family therapist, or marriage and family therapy associate, as defined in RCW 18.225.010; or
- 1.197.3 A certified or licensed agency affiliated counselor, as defined in RCW 18.19.020.

#### **1.198 Mental Health Treatment Interventions**

“Mental Health Treatment Interventions” means services delivered in a wide variety of settings that promote recovery, using therapeutic techniques. These services are provided, as Medically Necessary, along a continuum from outpatient up through residential and inpatient levels of care and include evaluation, stabilization, and treatment. Services provided in facility settings must have the appropriate state facility licensure. This service is further described in the Medicaid State Plan at Attachment 3, Section 13.d.

#### **1.199 MouthMatters**

“MouthMatters” is the medical extension of the ABCD Program and means a program to increase access to dental services for all Apple Health-eligible clients 0through age 5 and for Apple Health-eligible clients through age 12 with a disability. For the purpose of this program, children with disabilities are defined as children through age 12 who are enrolled in the DDA waiver program and possess a DDA indicator on their Medicaid file. See Attachment 2, ABCD Program.

#### **1.200 National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)**

“National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA)” is an organization responsible for the accreditation of MCOs and other health care related entities and for developing and managing health care measures that assess the quality of care and services that Managed Care Enrollees receive. HCA requires contracted MCOs to achieve and maintain NCQA accreditation.

#### **1.201 National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI)**

“National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI)” means CMS-developed coding policies based on coding conventions defined in the American Medical Association’s CPT manual, national and local policies and edits.

**1.202 Natural Supports**

“Natural Supports” means personal associations and relationships developed in the community that enhance quality and security of life.

**1.203 Network**

“Network” means physicians, hospitals, and other Health Care Providers that have contracted to provide Health Care Services to enrolled clients.

**1.204 Network Adequacy**

“Network Adequacy” means a network of Providers for the Contractor that is sufficient in numbers and types of Providers/facilities to ensure that all services are accessible to Enrollees without unreasonable delay. Adequacy is determined by a number of factors including, but not limited to Provider/patient ratios, geographic accessibility and travel distance. (42 C.F.R §§ 438.14(b), 438.68, and 438.206).

**1.205 Neurodevelopmental Centers**

“Neurodevelopmental Centers” means a group of community non-profit and hospital-based agencies as designated by the DOH who provide therapy and related services to young children with neuromuscular or developmental disorders. Services may include speech, occupational and physical therapies, along with other specialties such as nutrition, social work, and adaptive equipment.

**1.206 New Individual**

“New Individual” means a person who was not enrolled in an Apple Health - Integrated Managed Care program within the six (6) months immediately preceding enrollment, and who does not have a family member enrolled in Apple Health - Integrated Managed Care.

**1.207 Non-contracted Drug**

“Non-contracted Drug” means a drug that HCA excludes from the Premium payments described in subsection 5.2 of this Contract for the AH Family Adult, AH Family Child, Apple Health State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Apple Health Blind Disabled (AHBD), Apple Health Community Options Program Entry System (COPES), Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) and Apple Health Adult Coverage (AHAC) populations when not administered in an inpatient setting.

### **1.208 Non-covered Service**

“Non-covered Service” means a service that HCA has determined is not covered for the Enrollee.

### **1.209 Non-electronic Prior Authorization Request**

“Non-electronic Prior Authorization Request” means a Prior Authorization request delivered through email, a phone call, a text message, a fax, U.S. mail, or any other method that does not meet the definition of an Electronic Prior Authorization Request.

### **1.210 Non-participating Provider**

“Non-participating Provider” means a person, Health Care Provider, practitioner, Facility, or entity acting within their scope of practice and licensure, that does not have a written agreement with the Contractor to participate in a MCO’s Provider Network, but provides Health Care Services to Enrollees.

### **1.211 Non-quantitative Treatment Limits (NQTL)**

“Non-quantitative Treatment Limits (NQTLs)” means activities such as medical management standards, Provider Network admission standards and reimbursement rates, fail-first policies, and other limits on the scope or duration of benefits.

### **1.212 Office of Inspector General (OIG)**

“Office of Inspector General (OIG)” means the Office of Inspector General within the HHS.

### **1.213 OneHealthPort (OHP)**

“OneHealthPort (OHP)” means the lead HIE organization for Washington State, designated under Chapter 300, Laws of 2009 (SSB 5501). The HIE is operated by OneHealthPort under the oversight of HCA and an Oversight Board. The CDR is operated as a service of the HIE. The HIE also delivers connectivity services for a variety of Trading Partners in Washington State and other states. The HIE is the connectivity path for organizations transacting data with the CDR. Organizations transacting data with the CDR will be required to connect to the HIE in some manner.

### **1.214 Opiate Substitution Treatment Program (OSTP)**

“Opiate Substitution Treatment Program (OSTP)” means a designated program that dispenses approved medication as specified in 21 C.F.R Part 291, for opioid treatment programs in accordance with WAC 246-341-1000.

### **1.215 Outcomes**

“Outcomes” means changes in Enrollee health, functional status, satisfaction or goal achievement that result from health care and/or supportive services.

### **1.216 Overpayment**

“Overpayment” means any payment from HCA to the Contractor in excess of that to which the Contractor is entitled by law, rule, or this Contract, including amounts in dispute. Overpayment can also mean a payment from the Contractor to a Provider or Subcontractor to which the Provider or Subcontractor is not legally entitled (42 C.F.R. § 438.2 and RCW 41.05A.010).

**1.217 Parent Patient Activation Measure (PPAM)**

“Parent Patient Activation Measure (PPAM)” is an assessment that gauges the knowledge, skills and confidence of the parent’s management of their child’s health.

**1.218 Participating Rebate Eligible Manufacturer**

“Participating Rebate Eligible Manufacturer” means any manufacturer participating in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program and who has a signed National Drug Rebate Agreement with the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

**1.219 Participating Provider**

“Participating Provider” means a person, Health Care Provider, practitioner, or entity, acting within their scope of practice and licensure, with a written agreement with the Contractor to provide services to Enrollees under the terms of this Contract.

**1.220 Partnership Access Line (PAL)**

“Partnership Access Line (PAL)” means a resource that provides access to consultation with a child psychiatrist to assist prescribers in meeting the needs of an enrolled child with a mental health diagnosis.

**1.221 Patient Activation Measure (PAM)**

“Patient Activation Measure (PAM)” means an assessment that gauges the knowledge, skills and confidence essential to managing one’s own health and health care. The PAM assessment categorizes consumers into one of four progressively higher activation levels. A PAM score can also predict healthcare outcomes including medication adherence, emergency department usage, and hospital utilization. The PAM is used to:

- 1.221.1 Measure activation and behaviors that underlie activation including ability to self-manage, collaborate with Providers, maintain function, prevent decline and access appropriate and high-quality health care;
- 1.221.2 Target tools and resources commensurate with the Enrollee’s level of activation; and
- 1.221.3 Provide insight into how to improve unhealthy behaviors, and grow and sustain healthy behaviors to lower medical costs and improve health.

**1.222 Patient Days of Care**

“Patient Days of Care” means all voluntary patients and involuntarily committed patients under chapter 71.05 RCW, regardless of where in the state hospital they reside. Patients who are committed to the state hospital under chapter 10.77 RCW are not included in the Patient Days of Care. Patients who are committed under RCW 10.77.088 by municipal or district courts after failed competency restoration and dismissal of misdemeanor charges are not counted in the Patient Days of Care until a petition for ninety (90) calendar days of civil commitment under chapter 71.05 RCW has been filed in court. Patients who are committed under RCW 10.77.086 by a superior court after failed competency restoration and dismissal of felony charges are not counted in the Patient Days of Care until the patient is civilly committed under chapter 71.05 RCW.

**1.223 Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)**

“Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)” means a nine-item depression scale of the Patient Health Questionnaire used by primary care clinicians in diagnosing depression as well as selecting and monitoring treatment.



### **1.224 Peer Support Services**

“Peer Support Services” means scheduled activities that promote wellness, recovery, self-advocacy, development of Natural Supports, and maintenance of community living skills. Services are provided by Certified Peer Counselors, as noted in the Enrollees’ ISP, or without an ISP when provided during/post crisis episode. In this service, Certified Peer Counselors model skills in recovery and self-management to help individuals meet their self-identified goals.

### **1.225 Personal Information**

“Personal Information” means information identifiable to any person, including, but not limited to, information that relates to a person’s name, health, finances, education, business, use or receipt of governmental services or other activities, addresses, telephone numbers, Social Security Numbers, driver license numbers, other identifying numbers, and any financial identifiers.

### **1.226 Pharmacy Benefit Manager**

“Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM)” means a person, corporation, partnership, or other legal entity that contracts with pharmacies on behalf of an insurer, a third-party payor, or the prescription drug purchasing consortium established under RCW 70.14.060 to:

- 1.226.1 Process claims for Prescription Drugs or medical supplies or provide retail network management for pharmacies or pharmacists;
- 1.226.2 Pay pharmacies or pharmacists for Prescription Drugs or medical supplies; or
- 1.226.3 Negotiate rebates with manufacturers for drugs paid for or procured as described in this subsection.

“Pharmacy Benefit Manager” does not include a Health Care Service contractor as defined in RCW 48.44.010.

### **1.227 Physician Group**

“Physician Group” means a partnership, association, corporation, individual practice association, or other group that distributes income from the practice among its members. An individual practice association is a Physician Group only if it is composed of individual physicians and has no Subcontracts with Physician Groups.

### **1.228 Physician Incentive Plan**

“Physician Incentive Plan” means any compensation arrangement between the Contractor and a physician or Physician Group that may directly or indirectly have the effect of reducing or limiting services to Enrollees under the terms of this Contract.

### **1.229 Physician’s Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)**

“Physician’s Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)” means a set of guidelines and protocols for how emergency medical personnel shall respond when summoned to the site of an injury or illness for the treatment of a person who has signed a written directive or durable power of attorney requesting that he or she not receive futile emergency medical treatment (RCW 43.70.480).

### **1.230 Physician Services**

“Physician Services” means health services provided by a licensed medical physician (M.D.) or doctor of osteopathic medicine (D.O.).

### **1.231 Plan Reconnect**

“Plan Reconnect” means an individual who has regained eligibility for Apple Health Integrated Managed Care and who was enrolled with a Apple Health Contractor (Apple Health Managed Care or Apple Health Integrated Managed Care) within the six (6) months immediately preceding reenrollment.

### **1.232 Population Health Management Systems (PHMS)**

“Population Health Management Systems (PHMS)” means Health Information Technology (HIT) and health information exchange (HIE) technologies that are used at the point-of-care, and to support service delivery. Examples of HIT tools include, but are not limited to, EHRs, OneHealthPort (OHP) Clinical Data Repository (CDR), registries, analytics, decision support and reporting tools that support clinical decision-making and Care Management. The overarching goal of PHMS is to expand interoperable HIT and HIE infrastructure and tools so that relevant data (including clinical and claims data) can be captured, analyzed, and shared to support VBP models and care delivery redesign.

### **1.233 Post-service Review**

“Post-service Review” means the Contractor’s review of Health Care Services that have already been received by the Enrollee but were not prior authorized according to the Contractor’s policy.

### **1.234 Post-Stabilization Services**

“Post-Stabilization Services” means Contracted Services, related to an Emergency Medical Condition and emergency care for a health condition that are provided after an Enrollee is stabilized in order to maintain the stabilized condition or to improve or resolve the Enrollee's condition (42 C.F.R. § 438.114 and 422.113).

### **1.235 Potential Enrollee**

“Potential Enrollee” means any individual who HCA determines is eligible for enrollment in Apple Health - Integrated Managed Care and who, at the time of HCA’s determination, is not enrolled with any Apple Health - Integrated Managed Care Contractor (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(a)).

### **1.236 Predictive Risk Intelligence System (PRISM)**

“Predictive Risk Intelligence System (PRISM)” means a DSHS-secure web-based predictive modeling and clinical decision support tool. It provides a unified view of medical, Behavioral Health, and long-term care service data that is refreshed on a weekly basis. PRISM provides prospective medical risk scores that are a measure of expected medical costs in the next twelve (12) months based on the patient’s disease profile and pharmacy utilization.

### **1.237 Premium**

“Premium” means the amount of money an individual or business pays to a MCO to maintain an insurance policy. In return, the insurer must provide coverage for claims made against the policy by the insured.

### **1.238 Prescription Drug**

“Prescription Drug” means a pharmaceutical drug that legally requires a medical prescription to be dispensed.

### **1.239 Prescription Drug Coverage**

“Prescription Drug Coverage” means health insurance or a plan that helps pay for Prescription Drugs and medications.

### **1.240 Primary Care Provider (PCP)**

“Primary Care Provider (PCP)” means a Participating Provider who has the responsibility for supervising, coordinating, and providing primary health care to Enrollees, initiating referrals for Specialist care, and maintaining the continuity of Enrollee care. PCPs include, but are not limited to Pediatricians, Family Practitioners, General Practitioners, Internists, Naturopathic physicians, medical residents (under the supervision of a teaching physician), Physician Assistants, or Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNPs), as designated by the Contractor. The definition of PCP is inclusive of primary care physician as it is used in 42 C.F.R. § 438.2. All federal requirements applicable to primary care physicians will also be applicable to PCPs as the term is used in this Contract.

### **1.241 Primary/Preferred Language**

“Primary/Preferred Language” means the language an Enrollee or Potential Enrollee identifies as the language in which they wish to communicate verbally or in writing with HCA.

### **1.242 Primary Point of Contact**

“Primary Point of Contact” means the Health Care Provider that the Enrollee self-identifies as the Provider that the Enrollee most often sees and views as his/her current Health Care Provider. The Provider may be a Mental Health Professional (MHP), PCP or a Certified SUDP. If the Enrollee does not self-identify a Primary Point of Contact, then the Contractor shall facilitate referrals to a PCP for an assessment and if appropriate, referrals to other Providers such as MHPs or SUDPs to meet unmet needs or gaps in Health Care Services identified through screening of the Enrollee.

### **1.243 Prior Authorization (PA)**

“Prior Authorization (PA)” means the requirement that a Provider must request, on behalf of an Enrollee and when required by rule or HCA billing instructions, HCA or HCA’s designee’s approval to provide a Health Care Service before the Enrollee receives the Health Care Service, prescribed drug, device, or drug-related supply. HCA or HCA’s designee’s approval is based on medical necessity. Receipt of Prior Authorization does not guarantee payment. Expedited Prior Authorization and Limitation Extension are types of Prior Authorization (WAC 182-500-0085).

### **1.244 Program Integrity**

“Program Integrity” means a system of reasonable and consistent oversight of the Medicaid program. Program Integrity effectively encourages compliance; maintains accountability; protects public funds; supports awareness and responsibility; ensures Providers, Contractors and Subcontractors meet participation requirements; ensures services are medically necessary; and ensures payments are for the correct amount and for Covered Services. The goal of Program Integrity is to reduce and eliminate Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA) in the Medicaid program.

### **1.245 Promising Practice**

“Promising Practice” means a practice that, based on statistical analyses or a well-established theory of change, shows potential for meeting the evidence-based or

research-based criteria that may include the use of a program that is evidence-based for outcomes. (WSIPP 3/2015).

**1.246 Protocols for Coordination with Tribes and non-Tribal IHCPs**

“Protocols for Coordination with Tribes and non-Tribal IHCPs” means the protocols that HCA and a Tribe or non-Tribal IHCP develop and agree on, with input from the Contractor, for the coordination of Crisis Services (including involuntary commitment assessment), Care Coordination, and discharge and transition planning. See Subsection 15.1.2, Protocols for the Coordination with Tribes and non-Tribal IHCPs.

**1.247 Provider**

“Provider” means any individual or entity engaged in the delivery of services, or ordering or referring for those services, and is legally authorized to do so by the state in which it delivers the services. (42 C.F.R. § 438.2).

**1.248 Provider Access Payment (PAP) Program**

“Provider Access Payment (PAP) Program” means a federally funded program that provides additional payments to eligible Providers.

**1.249 ProviderOne**

“ProviderOne” means HCA’s Medicaid Management Information Payment Processing System, or any superseding platform as may be designated by HCA.

**1.250 Provider Performance Profile (PPP)**

“Provider Performance Profile (PPP)” means administrative (claims/encounters) or service-level data (surveys) analyzed at the individual Health Care Provider or group provider level (in the case of multiple Providers in a single health care setting) and portrayed in a form understood by the Health Care Provider or group.

**1.251 Quality of Care**

“Quality of Care” means the degree to which a Contractor increases the likelihood of desired health outcomes of its Enrollees through its structural and operational characteristics, and through the provision of health services that are consistent with current professional knowledge.

**1.252 Quantitative Treatment Limitations (QTL)**

“Quantitative Treatment Limitations (QTLs)” means limits on the scope or duration of benefits that are represented numerically, such as day limits or visit limits.

**1.253 Recovery**

“Recovery” means a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to meet their full potential.

**1.254 Regional Behavioral Health Entities**

“Regional Behavioral Health Entities” means MCOs, BH-ASOs, and their contracted Behavioral Health Providers.

**1.255 Regional Service Area (RSA)**

“Regional Service Area (RSA)” means a single county or multi-county grouping formed for the purpose of health care purchasing.

**1.256 Regulation**

“Regulation” means any federal, state, or local regulation, rule, or ordinance.

### **1.257 Rehabilitation Services**

“Rehabilitation Services” means services focused on improving an Enrollee’s physical and mental strength, skills or functions, lost or impaired due to illness, injury or disability. Rehabilitation services include physical or occupational therapy and speech-language pathology, as well as specialty Behavioral Health services.

### **1.258 Research-Based Practice**

“Research-Based Practice” means a program or practice that has been tested with a single randomized, or statistically controlled evaluation, or both, demonstrating sustained desirable outcomes; or where the weight of the evidence from a systemic review supports sustained outcomes but does not meet the full criteria for evidence-based. (Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) 3/2015).

### **1.259 Resilience**

“Resilience” means the personal and community qualities that enable individuals to rebound from adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or other stresses, and to live productive lives.

### **1.260 Revised Code of Washington (RCW)**

“Revised Code of Washington (RCW)” means the laws of the state of Washington. All references in this Contract to RCW chapters or sections include any successor, amended, or replacement statute. Pertinent RCW chapters can be accessed at: <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/>.

### **1.261 Risk**

“Risk” means the possibility that a loss may be incurred because the cost of providing services may exceed the payments made for services. When applied to Subcontractors, loss includes the loss of potential payments made as part of a Physician Incentive Plan, as defined in this Contract.

### **1.262 Rural Area**

“Rural Area” means areas with a population density of at least 20 and less than 500 people per square mile.

### **1.263 Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)**

“Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)” means a comprehensive, evidenced-based public health practice designed to identify through screening, adolescents and adults who are at risk for or have some level of SUD that can lead to illness, injury, or other long-term morbidity or mortality. If a person is found to be at risk of harm from their use, they receive several Brief Interventions to reduce their risk or if necessary, a referral for further evaluation for treatment. SBIRT services are provided in a wide variety of medical and community Health Care Settings.

### **1.264 Second Opinion Network (SON)**

“Second Opinion Network (SON)” means an organization consisting of HCA recognized experts in the field of child psychiatry contracted with by HCA to perform peer-to-peer medication reviews with Health Care Providers when psychotropic medications or medication regimens for children under 18 years of age exceed the medications review thresholds established for HCA Medicaid mental health benefit.

### **1.265 Secure Withdrawal Management and Stabilization Facility**

“Secure Withdrawal Management and Stabilization Facility” means a facility operated by either a public or private agency as defined in RCW 71.05.020 that provides involuntary

treatment to individuals detained for SUD ITA. This service does not include the cost of room and board.

#### **1.266 Secured Area**

“Secured Area” means an area such as a building, room or locked storage container to which only authorized representatives of the entity possessing the Confidential Information have access.

#### **1.267 Security Incident**

“Security Incident” means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system.

#### **1.268 Service Encounter Reporting Instructions (SERI)**

“Service Encounter Reporting Instructions (SERI)” means the guide published by HCA to provide assistance to contracted entities for reporting specialty Behavioral Health service encounters.

#### **1.269 Single Case Agreement**

“Single Case Agreement” means a written agreement between the Contractor and a Non-participating Provider to deliver services to an Enrollee.

#### **1.270 Specialist**

“Specialist” means a Provider who is highly skilled in a specific and restrictive field.

#### **1.271 Stabilization Services**

“Stabilization Services” (also referred to as Crisis Stabilization), means services provided to Medicaid-enrolled individuals who are experiencing a Behavioral Health crisis. This service includes follow-up after a crisis intervention. These services are to be provided in the person's own home, or another home-like setting, or a setting that provides safety for the individual and the Mental Health Professional. Stabilization Services may include short-term assistance with life skills training, and understanding of medication effects. It may also include providing services to the Enrollee's natural and community supports, as determined by a Mental Health Professional, for the benefit of supporting the Enrollee who experienced the crisis. Stabilization services may be provided prior to an intake evaluation for Behavioral Health services. Stabilization services may be provided by a team of professionals, as deemed appropriate and under the supervision of a Mental Health Professional.

#### **1.272 State Psychiatric Care Facilities**

“State Psychiatric Care Facilities” means any inpatient facility operated by the state of Washington that provides care for patients with a primary diagnosis of mental disorder. This definition does not apply to “state hospitals” defined in chapter 72.23 RCW.

#### **1.273 Subcontract**

“Subcontract” means any separate agreement or contract between the Contractor and an individual or entity (“Subcontractor”) to perform all or a portion of the duties and obligations that the Contractor is obligated to perform pursuant to this Contract.

#### **1.274 Subcontractor**

“Subcontractor” means an individual or entity that has a contract with the Contractor that relates directly or indirectly with the performance of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.

### **1.275 Substance Use Disorder (SUD)**

“Substance Use Disorder (SUD)” means a problematic pattern of use of substances that causes clinical and functional impairment, such as health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school or home. Clinicians use criteria from the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 5 (DSM 5) to diagnose SUD.

### **1.276 Substance Use Disorder Brief Intervention**

“Substance Use Disorder Brief Intervention” means a time limited, structured behavioral intervention designed to address risk factors that appear to be related to SUD, using SUD screening tools and brief intervention techniques, such as evidence-based motivational interviewing and referral to additional treatment services options when indicated. This service may be provided prior to an intake evaluation or assessment.

### **1.277 Substance Use Disorder Professional**

“Substance Use Disorder Professional (SUDP)” means an individual who is certified according to RCW 18.205.020 and the certification requirements of WAC 246-811-030 to provide SUD counseling.

### **1.278 Substance Use Disorder Withdrawal Management**

“Substance Use Disorder Withdrawal Management” means services required for the care and/or treatment of Enrollees intoxicated or incapacitated by alcohol or other drugs that are provided during the initial period of care and treatment while the Enrollee recovers from the transitory effects of acute or chronic intoxication or withdrawal from alcohol or other drugs. Services are provided in state-certified facilities. Services include:

- 1.278.1 Screening of Enrollees in need of withdrawal management;
- 1.278.2 The use of different counseling and treatment strategies, such as motivational interviewing and developing an ISP for Enrollees admitted to a program. These services are used to refer, stimulate motivation to guide Enrollees to additional treatment, and sustain recovery; and
- 1.278.3 Different levels of withdrawal management are provided in a variety of settings, including residential, sub-acute and acute locations.

### **1.279 Substantial Financial Risk**

“Substantial Financial Risk” means a physician or Physician Group at Substantial Financial Risk when more than 25 percent of the total maximum potential payments to the physician or Physician Group depend on the use of referral services. When the panel size is fewer than 25,000 Enrollees’ arrangements that cause Substantial Financial Risk include, but are not limited to the following:

- 1.279.1 Withholds greater than 25 percent of total potential payments; or
- 1.279.2 Withholds less than 25 percent of total potential payments but the physician or Physician Group is potentially liable for more than 25 percent of total potential payments; or
- 1.279.3 Bonuses greater than 33 percent of total potential payments, less the bonus; or
- 1.279.4 Withholds plus bonuses if the withholds plus bonuses equal more than 25 percent of total potential payments; or
- 1.279.5 Capitation arrangements if the difference between the minimum and maximum possible payments is more than 25 percent of the maximum possible payments, or the minimum and maximum possible payments are not clearly explained in the Contract.

### **1.280 SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act)**

“SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act)”, also known as Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act, is a United States federal law, enacted during the 115th United States Congress, to make medical treatment for opioid addiction more widely available while also preventing access to illicit drugs.

### **1.281 Substance Use or Problem Gambling Disorder Treatment Interventions**

“Substance Use or Problem Gambling Disorder Treatment Interventions” means services delivered in a wide variety of settings across the continuum that promote recovery, using therapeutic techniques. These services are provided, as Medically Necessary, along a continuum from outpatient up through residential and inpatient levels of care. Treatment interventions include intentional intervention in the health, Behavioral Health, and personal and/or family life of an Enrollee with a substance use or problem gambling disorder. Services provided in inpatient levels of care are provided in state-certified facilities. This service is further described in the Medicaid State Plan at Attachment 3, Section 13.d.

### **1.282 Supportive Supervision**

“Supportive Supervision” means a CBHS service provided by an individual for the purposes of in-person monitoring, redirection, diverting, and cueing the Enrollee to prevent at-risk behaviors that may result in harm to the Enrollee or to others. These interventions are not related to providing personal care and must be staffed appropriately for the tiered authorized service.

### **1.283 System for Award Management (SAM)**

“System for Award Management (SAM)” means the official U.S. Government system that consolidated the capabilities of CCR/FedReg, ORCA and EPLS. A Provider listed in the SAM should not be awarded a contract with the Contractor.

### **1.284 Third-Party Liability**

“Third-party Liability” means the legal obligation of third parties (e.g., certain individuals, entities, insurers, or programs) to pay part or all of the expenditures for medical assistance furnished under a Medicaid State Plan.

### **1.285 Tracking**

“Tracking” means a record keeping system that identifies when the sender begins delivery of Confidential Information to the authorized and intended recipient, and when the sender receives confirmation of delivery from the authorized and intended recipient of Confidential Information.

### **1.286 Transitional Age Youth (TAY)**

“Transitional Age Youth (TAY)” means individuals between the ages of 15 and 25 years who present unique service challenges because they are too old for pediatric services but are often not ready or eligible for adult services.

### **1.287 Transitional Healthcare Services (THS)**

“Transitional Healthcare Services (THS)” means the mechanisms to ensure coordination and Continuity of Care as Enrollees transfer between different locations or different levels of care within the same location. Transitional Healthcare Services are intended to prevent secondary health conditions or complications, re-institutionalization or re-hospitalization, including recidivism following SUD treatment.



## **1.288 Transport**

“Transport” means the movement of Confidential Information from one entity to another, or within an entity that:

1.288.1 Places the Confidential Information outside of a Secured Area or system (such as a local area network), and

1.288.2 Is accomplished other than via a Trusted System.

## **1.289 Trauma-Informed Care**

“Trauma-Informed Care” means a service delivery system designed to include a basic understanding of how trauma affects the life of an Enrollee seeking services. Traditional service delivery approaches may exacerbate trauma related symptoms in a survivor of trauma. Trauma-informed organizations, programs, and services are based on an understanding of the vulnerabilities and triggers of trauma, so that these services and programs can be more supportive and avoid re-traumatization.

## **1.290 Tribal 638 Facility**

"Tribal 638 Facility" means a facility operated by a Tribe or Tribal Organization, funded by Title I or V of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638, amended), and enrolled in the state Medicaid program as a facility type other than an FQHC or Tribal FQHC.

## **1.291 Tribal FQHC**

"Tribal FQHC" means a Tribal 638 Facility enrolled in the state Medicaid program both as a FQHC, covered by the Social Security Act § 1902(bb), and as a Tribal FQHC that has agreed to receive payment for outpatient services under the Tribal FQHC Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) authorized in the Medicaid State Plan.

## **1.292 Tribal FQHC Alternative Payment Methodology (APM)**

"Tribal FQHC Alternative Payment Methodology (APM)" means the FQHC Alternative Payment Methodology (APM) authorized in the Medicaid State Plan that is the published outpatient IHS encounter rate. The Tribal FQHC APM pays for the same outpatient services and the same number of encounters per day that Tribal 638 Clinics provide.

## **1.293 Tribal Organization**

"Tribal Organization" means the recognized governing body of any Tribe; any legally established organization of Indians which is controlled, sanctioned, or chartered by one or more federally recognized Tribes or whose governing body is democratically elected by the adult members of the Indian community to be served by such organization, and which includes the maximum participation of Indians in all phases of its activities.

## **1.294 Tribe**

"Tribe" means any Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village or group or regional or village corporation as defined in or established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.

### **1.295 Unique User ID**

“Unique User ID” means a string of characters that identifies a specific user and which, in conjunction with a password, passphrase, or other mechanism authenticates a user to an information system.

### **1.296 Urban Indian Health Program (UIHP)**

“Urban Indian Health Program (UIHP)” means a nonprofit corporate body situated in an urban center, governed by an urban Indian controlled board of directors, and providing for the maximum participation of all interested Indian groups and individuals, that is operating a facility delivering health care.

### **1.297 Urgent Care**

“Urgent Care” means treatment of injury or illness requiring immediate care, but not serious enough to require an emergency room visit.

### **1.298 Urgent Medical Condition**

“Urgent Medical Condition” means a medical or Behavioral Health condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity such that if services are not received within 24 hours of the request, the person’s situation is likely to deteriorate to the point that Emergent Services are necessary.

### **1.299 United States Code (U.S.C.)**

“United States Code (U.S.C.)” means the United States Code. All references in this Contract to U.S.C. chapters or sections will include any successor, amended, or replacement statute. The U.S.C. may be accessed at <http://uscode.house.gov/>.

### **1.300 Validation**

“Validation” means the review of information, data, and procedures to determine the extent to which they are accurate, reliable, and free from bias and in accordance with standards for data collection and analysis (42 C.F.R. § 438.320).

### **1.301 Washington Administrative Code (WAC)**

“Washington Administrative Code (WAC)” means all references to WAC chapters or sections will include any successor, amended, or replacement regulation. Pertinent WACs may be accessed at: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/>.

### **1.302 Washington Apple Health Expansion (AHE)**

“Washington Apple Health Expansion (AHE)” means the state-funded health care coverage that provides the scope of care as described in WAC 182-501-0060; chapters 182-525, 182-525A, and 182-525B WAC, and other rules relating to AHE. This coverage is for individuals ages 19 and older who do not meet the citizenship, immigration, or social security requirements to receive benefits under federally funded programs. Eligibility for this program is limited and is subject to available funds.

### **1.303 Washington Apple Health – Integrated Managed Care (AH-IMC)**

“Washington Apple Health – Integrated Managed Care (AH-IMC)” means the public health insurance programs intended to meet the physical and Behavioral Health needs of eligible Washington residents. Washington Apple Health is the name used in Washington State for Medicaid, the CHIP, and the state-only funded health care programs.

### **1.304 Washington Apple Health Integrated Foster Care (AH-IFC)**

“Washington Apple Health Integrated Foster Care (AH-IFC)” means a Managed Care program developed specifically to meet the physical and behavioral needs of children and

youth in foster care and adoption support programs, and former foster children between the ages of 18 and 26 who are eligible for medical coverage as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

**1.305 Washington Healthplanfinder (HPF)**

“Washington Healthplanfinder (HPF)” means an online marketplace for individuals, families, and small businesses to compare and enroll in qualified health insurance plans.

**1.306 Washington State Children’s System of Care**

“Washington State Children’s System of Care” means Washington State’s efforts to develop a systematic approach to serving children and Youth with needs for intensive, Behavioral Health home, and community-based services, including recovery support services.

**1.307 Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP)**

“Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP)” means the entity that carries out non-partisan research at the direction of the Legislature or Board of Directors. WSIPP works closely with legislators, legislative and state agency staff, and experts in the field to ensure that studies answer relevant policy questions. Fiscal and administrative services for WSIPP are provided by a state college.

**1.308 Waste**

“Waste” when used in the context of Program Integrity, means an act resulting in overutilization, inappropriate utilization of services or misuse of resources that result, directly or indirectly, in unnecessary costs to the Medicaid program.

**1.309 Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe)**

“Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe)” means a range of services designed to provide Behavioral Health services and support individuals 20 years of age or younger, and the individual’s family. For the purposes of WISe, Youth means a child aged 20 or younger. WISe provides intensive Behavioral Health in home and community settings to Youth who are Apple Health eligible under WAC 182-505-0210 and meet medical necessity criteria for WISe.

**1.310 Young Adult**

“Young Adult” means a person from age 18 through age 20.

**1.311 Youth**

“Youth” means, in general terms, a person from age 13 through age 17. Specific programs may assign a different age range for Youth. EPSDT defines youth as an individual up to age 21.

## 2 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 2.1 Access to Records and Data

2.1.1 The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall permit the state of Washington (including but not limited to HCA, MFCDC, the state auditor, any designees of these entities) and federal agencies (including but not limited to CMS, the Government Accountability Office, the Office of Management and Budget, the HHS Office of the Inspector General, the Comptroller General, and their designees) to, at any time, access, inspect, audit, and evaluate any records or documents of the Contractor or its Subcontractors, and shall permit inspection of the premises, physical facilities, and equipment where Medicaid-related activities or work are conducted.

2.1.1.1 The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall forthwith produce all records, documents, or other data requested as part of such inspection, review, audit, investigation, monitoring or evaluation identified in this Section. If the requesting agency asks for copies of records, documents, or other data, the Contractor and its Subcontractors shall make copies of records and shall deliver them to the requestor within thirty (30) calendar days of request, or a shorter timeframe as authorized by law or court order. Copies of records and documents shall be made at no cost to the requesting agency (42 C.F.R. § 455.21(a)(2); 42 C.F.R. § 431.107(b)(2)). The right for the parties named above to audit, access, review, and inspect under this Section exists for ten (10) years from the final date of the Contract period or from the date of completion of any audit, whichever is later, or any other timeframe authorized by law. (42 C.F.R. § 438.3(h)).

### 2.2 Administrative Simplification

2.2.1 The Contractor shall comply with the requirements of RCW 70.14.155 and chapter 48.165 RCW.

2.2.1.1 To maximize understanding, communication, and administrative economy among all Managed Care Contractors, their Subcontractors, governmental entities, and Enrollees, the Contractor shall use and follow the most recent updated versions of:

2.2.1.1.1 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT);

2.2.1.1.2 International Classification of Diseases (ICD);

2.2.1.1.3 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS);

2.2.1.1.4 CMS Relative Value Units (RVUs);

2.2.1.1.5 CMS billing instructions and rules;

2.2.1.1.6 The Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood (DC:0-5™);

2.2.1.1.7 NCPDP Telecommunication Standard D.0.; and

2.2.1.1.8 Medi-Span® Master Drug Database or other nationally recognized drug database with approval by

HCA.

- 2.2.1.2 The Contractor must follow the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) policies to control improper coding, unless otherwise directed in writing by the HCA. Any Contractor requested exceptions to NCCI policies must be approved by HCA. The Contractor must incorporate compatible NCCI methodologies in its payment systems for processing Medicaid claims. The NCCI editing should occur in addition to current procedure code review and editing by the Contractor's claims payment systems.
  - 2.2.1.2.1 For codes with a Medically Unlikely Edit Adjudication Indicator (MAI) of "1" or "3", the Contractor must allow a Provider Appeal Process to perform case by case evaluation for exceptions based on medical necessity.
- 2.2.1.3 HCA will share the non-public Medicaid NCCI edit files received from CMS with the Contractor, when available.
  - 2.2.1.3.1 The Contractor will not:
    - 2.2.1.3.1.1 Disclose, publish, or share with any party not involved in the implementation of the quarterly state Medicaid NCCI methodologies covered by this Contract, the non-public Medicaid NCCI edit files;
    - 2.2.1.3.1.2 Use any non-public information from the non-public Medicaid NCCI edit files for any business purposes unrelated to the implementation of the Medicaid NCCI methodologies in the state;
    - 2.2.1.3.1.3 Implement new, revised, or deleted non-public Medicaid NCCI edits prior to the first calendar day of the quarter;
    - 2.2.1.3.1.4 Allow use of new, revised, or deleted Medicaid NCCI edits by reviewers in non-Medicaid programs prior to the posting of the public Medicaid NCCI edit files on the Medicaid NCCI webpage ([www.medicaid.gov](http://www.medicaid.gov));
    - 2.2.1.3.1.5 Release to the public any non-public Medicaid NCCI edit files, at any time; and
    - 2.2.1.3.1.6 Use the non-public Medicaid NCCI edit files for any non-Medicaid purpose, at any time.
  - 2.2.1.3.2 The Contractor and their Subcontractors may disclose only non-confidential information that is also available to the general public about the Medicaid

NCCI edit files on the Medicaid NCCI webpage.

- 2.2.1.3.3 HCA will impose sanctions in accordance with the Sanctions section of this Contract, up to and including termination of this Contract, for violations of this Section.
- 2.2.1.4 In lieu of the most recent versions, the Contractor may request an exception. HCA's consent thereto will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 2.2.1.5 Drug database requirements are specific to values used as reference file in adjudication of pharmacy claims and storage of pharmacy claim data. Drug databases used for other purposes are not subject to this requirement and do not require approval
- 2.2.1.6 The Contractor may set its own conversion factor(s), including special code-specific or group-specific conversion factors, as it deems appropriate.

## 2.3 Amendment

- 2.3.1 Except as described below, an amendment to this Contract shall require the approval of both HCA and the Contractor. The following shall guide the amendment process:
  - 2.3.1.1 Any amendment shall be in writing and shall be signed by a Contractor's authorized officer and an authorized representative of HCA. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties hereto.
  - 2.3.1.2 HCA reserves the right to issue unilateral amendments that provide corrective or clarifying information.
  - 2.3.1.3 The Contractor shall submit all feedback or questions to HCA at [contracts@hca.wa.gov](mailto:contracts@hca.wa.gov).
  - 2.3.1.4 The Contractor shall submit written feedback within the expressed deadline provided to the Contractor upon receipt of any amendments. HCA is not obligated to accept Contractor feedback after the written deadline provided by HCA.
  - 2.3.1.5 The Contractor shall return all signed amendments within the written deadline provided by the HCA Contracts Office.

## 2.4 Assignment

- 2.4.1 The Contractor shall not assign this Contract, in whole or in part, to a third party without the prior written consent of HCA. HCA may withhold its consent at its sole discretion

## 2.5 Billing Limitations

- 2.5.1 HCA shall pay the Contractor only for services provided in accordance with this Contract.
- 2.5.2 HCA shall not pay any claims for payment for services submitted more than

twelve (12) months after the calendar month in which the services were performed.

- 2.5.3 The Contractor must waive the timeliness rule for processing a claim and Prior Authorization requirements when HCA Program Integrity or MFCD activities result in recoupment of an improperly paid claim HCA paid but should have been paid by the Contractor:
- 2.5.3.1 The Contractor shall pay for Medically Necessary services submitted beyond the standard claims payment timeframes in these circumstances. If the Contractor is unable to systematically identify and waive the timeliness rules in this scenario, it is acceptable for the Contractor to address the waiver of the timeliness rule within its Provider payment dispute processes.
  - 2.5.3.2 The servicing Provider must submit a claim to the Contractor within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from HCA's notification of Improper Payment. The Contractor must have in place a process to administer these claims.
  - 2.5.3.3 If the Contractor is unable to waive the timeliness rule to process an improperly paid claim identified by HCA, HCA may at any time request a refund from the Contractor of the improperly paid claim.

## **2.6 Compliance with Applicable Law**

- 2.6.1 During the term of this Contract, the Contractor and its Subcontractors must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, regulations, and ordinances (collectively, Laws) as existing on the date of execution of this Contract and as enacted, amended, and issued during the term of this Contract. Any provision of this Contract that is in conflict with any Law is hereby deemed amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such Laws. Any provision of this Contract that is stricter than any Law will not be deemed a conflict. The applicable Laws include, but are not limited to, the following:
- 2.6.1.1 Title XIX and Title XXI of the Social Security Act;
  - 2.6.1.2 Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;
  - 2.6.1.3 Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, regarding any education programs and activities;
  - 2.6.1.4 The Age Discrimination Act of 1975;
  - 2.6.1.5 The Rehabilitation Act of 1973;
  - 2.6.1.6 The Budget Deficit Reduction Act of 2005;
  - 2.6.1.7 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 1975, with respect to early intervention services;
  - 2.6.1.8 The Washington Medicaid False Claims Act and Federal False Claims Act (FCA);
  - 2.6.1.9 The Anti-Kickback Statute 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b;

- 2.6.1.10 The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA);
- 2.6.1.11 CMS Interoperability and Patient Access final rule, 85 Fed. Reg. 25510-25640 (May 1, 2020);
- 2.6.1.12 The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA);
- 2.6.1.13 The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA or ACA);
- 2.6.1.14 The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act;
- 2.6.1.15 The Public Assistance Act, Title 74 RCW;
- 2.6.1.16 The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) and final rule;
- 2.6.1.17 The 21st Century Cures Act;
- 2.6.1.18 Federal 1915(b) Mental Health Waiver, Medicaid State Plan, or any successors;
- 2.6.1.19 Federal 1915(i) State Plan Home and Community-Based Service, Medicaid State Plan, or any successors;
- 2.6.1.20 42 C.F.R. § 438;
- 2.6.1.21 45 C.F.R. 96 Block Grants;
- 2.6.1.22 45 C.F.R. 96.126 Capacity of Treatment for Intravenous Substance Abusers who Receive Services under Block Grant funding;
- 2.6.1.23 Title 182 WAC;
- 2.6.1.24 Chapter 70.02 RCW and the Washington State Patient Bill of Rights, including, but not limited to, the administrative and financial responsibility for independent reviews;
- 2.6.1.25 Chapter 71.05 RCW Mental Illness;
- 2.6.1.26 Chapter 71.24 RCW Community Mental Health Services Act;
- 2.6.1.27 Chapter 71.34 RCW Mental Health Services for Minors;
- 2.6.1.28 Chapter 74.09 RCW Medical Care;
- 2.6.1.29 Community Mental Health and Involuntary Treatment Programs;
- 2.6.1.30 Behavioral Health Services Administrative Requirements;
- 2.6.1.31 Outpatient Mental Health Services;
- 2.6.1.32 Substance Use Disorder Services;
- 2.6.1.33 Chapter 43.20A RCW Department of Social and Health Services;



- 2.6.1.34 Senate Bill 6312 (Chapter 225, Laws of 2014) State Purchasing of Mental Health and SUD Treatment Services;
- 2.6.1.35 All federal and state professional and facility licensing and accreditation requirements/standards that apply to services performed under the terms of this Contract, including, but not limited to:
  - 2.6.1.35.1 All applicable standards, orders, or requirements issued under Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1368), Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7606), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations (40 C.F.R. Part 15), which prohibit the use of facilities included on the EPA List of Violating Facilities. Any violations shall be reported to HCA, DHHS, and the EPA.
  - 2.6.1.35.2 Any applicable mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency that are contained in the State Energy Conservation Plan, issued in compliance with the Federal Energy Policy and Conservation Act.
  - 2.6.1.35.3 Those specified for laboratory services in the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA).
  - 2.6.1.35.4 Those specified in Title 18 RCW for professional licensing.
- 2.6.1.36 Industrial Insurance – Title 51 RCW;
- 2.6.1.37 Reporting of abuse as required by RCW 26.44.030 and chapter 74.34 RCW;
- 2.6.1.38 Federal Drug and Alcohol Confidentiality Laws in 42 C.F.R. Part 2;
- 2.6.1.39 Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Provisions;
- 2.6.1.40 Copeland Anti-Kickback Act;
- 2.6.1.41 Davis-Bacon Act;
- 2.6.1.42 Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment;
- 2.6.1.43 All federal and state nondiscrimination laws and regulations;
- 2.6.1.44 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended: The Contractor shall make reasonable accommodation for Enrollees with disabilities, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, for all Contracted services and shall assure physical and communication barriers shall not inhibit Enrollees with disabilities from obtaining contracted services;
- 2.6.1.45 The Contractor shall not pay for an item or service (other than an

emergency item or service, not including items or services furnished in an emergency room of a hospital) with respect to any amount expended for roads, bridges, stadiums, or any other item or service not covered under the Medicaid State Plan; and

2.6.1.46 Any other requirements associated with the receipt of federal funds.

## **2.7 Contractor Ethics and Conflict of Interest Safeguards**

2.7.1 The Contractor certifies that the Contractor is now, and shall remain, in compliance with chapter 42.52 RCW, Ethics in Public Service, throughout the term of this Contract.

2.7.2 The Contractor shall have conflict of interest safeguards that, at a minimum, are equivalent to conflict of interest safeguards imposed by federal law on parties involved in public contracting (42 C.F.R. § 438.3(f)(2)).

## **2.8 Contractor's Proprietary Data or Trade Secrets**

2.8.1 Except as required by law, regulation, or court order, data identified by the Contractor as proprietary information or trade secret information shall be kept strictly confidential, unless the Contractor provides prior written consent for disclosure to specific parties. Any release or disclosure of such proprietary information shall include the Contractor's interpretation.

2.8.2 The Contractor shall identify data which it asserts is proprietary information or is trade secret information as permitted by RCW 41.05.026. If HCA anticipates releasing data that is identified as proprietary or trade secrets, HCA will notify the Contractor upon receipt of any request under the Public Records Act (chapter 42.56 RCW) or otherwise for data or Claims Data identified by the Contractor as proprietary trade secret information and will not release any such data until five (5) Business Days after it has notified the Contractor of the receipt of such request. If the Contractor files a lawsuit within the aforementioned five (5) Business Day period in an attempt to prevent disclosure of the data, HCA will not disclose the data unless it is ordered to do so by a court, the Contractor dismisses its lawsuit, or the Contractor agrees that the data may be released.

2.8.3 Nothing in this Section shall prevent HCA from filing its own lawsuit or joining any other lawsuit in an attempt to prevent disclosure of the data, or to obtain a declaration regarding the potential disclosure of the data, provided that HCA will promptly notify the Contractor of any such legal action.

2.8.4 Notwithstanding other requirements in this Section, nothing in this Contract prohibits HCA from making the following types of disclosures:

2.8.4.1 Disclosures required by law, including disclosures in the course of:

2.8.4.1.1 Litigation, under an appropriate court order;

2.8.4.1.1.1 HCA will provide the Contractor with notice and opportunity to file legal proceedings in accordance with subsection 2.8.2.

2.8.4.1.2 Oversight review or audits, including reviews by the State Auditor's Office (SAO), the HHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG), or CMS; or

2.8.4.1.3 Medicaid Fraud Control Division (MFCD) review or

investigation.

- 2.8.4.2 Disclosures of information that is not directly identifiable by MCO, including disclosures:
  - 2.8.4.2.1 In response to request from the Legislature or Governor's Office; and
  - 2.8.4.2.2 Washington State Institutional Review Board (WSIRB) approved research projects.
- 2.8.4.3 Disclosures to contractors working on behalf of HCA, to the minimum extent necessary for the performance of services. HCA will use best efforts to ensure continued confidential treatment of Contractor's disclosed proprietary information or trade secrets.
- 2.8.4.4 Disclosures of aggregated information; and
- 2.8.4.5 Any other disclosure of paid amount information with the prior written consent of the Contractor.

## **2.9 Corrective Action Plans and Penalties**

- 2.9.1 HCA has the authority to require the Contractor to devise a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) whenever HCA concludes that the Contractor is out of compliance with one or more terms or conditions of this Contract. HCA will specify the requirements of any such CAP in a written communication to the Contractor.
- 2.9.2 If HCA concludes that the Contractor has failed to comply with any of the terms of a CAP for which the Contractor has control, then HCA may (i) impose sanctions under the Sanctions section of this Contract, (ii) impose liquidated damages under the Liquidated Damages section of this Contract, or (iii) take any other remedial action allowed by this Contract or by governing law.

## **2.10 Covenant Against Contingent Fees**

- 2.10.1 The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agent has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established agents maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business. HCA shall have the right, in the event of breach of this clause by the Contractor, to terminate this Contract without liability, or in its discretion, to deduct from amounts due to the Contractor under this Contract or recover by other means the full amount of any such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

## **2.11 Data Sharing Terms**

- 2.11.1 Exhibit D, Data Sharing Terms, sets out the Contractor's obligations for compliance with Data security and confidentiality terms.

## **2.12 Debarment Certification**

- 2.12.1 By signing this Contract, the Contractor certifies it is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded in any Washington State or federal department or agency from participating in transactions (debarred). The Contractor agrees to include the above requirement in any and all Subcontracts into which it enters, and also agrees that it will not employ debarred individuals. The Contractor must immediately

notify HCA if, during the term of this Contract, the Contractor becomes debarred. If the Contractor becomes debarred during the term hereof, HCA may immediately terminate this Contract by providing the Contractor with written notice in accordance with Subsection 2.44 of this Contract.

## **2.13 Defense of Legal Actions**

2.13.1 Each party to this Contract shall advise the other as to matters that come to its attention with respect to potential substantial legal actions involving allegations that may give rise to a claim for indemnification from the other. Each party shall fully cooperate with the other in the defense of any action arising out of matters related to this Contract by providing without additional fee all reasonably available information relating to such actions and by providing necessary testimony.

## **2.14 Disputes**

2.14.1 When a dispute arises between HCA and the Contractor over an issue that pertains in any way to this Contract (other than Overpayments by HCA to the Contractor, or actions taken by MFCD as described below), the parties agree to the following process to address the dispute:

2.14.1.1 The Contractor shall request a dispute resolution conference with the Director. The request for a dispute resolution conference must be in writing and shall clearly state all of the following:

2.14.1.1.1 The disputed issue(s).

2.14.1.1.2 An explanation of the positions of the parties.

2.14.1.1.3 Any additional facts necessary to explain completely and accurately the nature of the dispute.

2.14.1.2 Requests for a dispute resolution conference must be mailed in a manner providing proof of receipt (delivery) to the Director, Washington State HCA, P.O. Box 45502, Olympia, WA 98504-5502. Any such requests must be received by the Director within fifteen (15) calendar days after the Contractor receives notice of the disputed issue(s).

2.14.1.2.1 The Contractor shall also email a courtesy copy of the request for a dispute resolution conference to the email address(es) provided in the notice of the HCA decision the Contractor is disputing.

2.14.1.3 The Director, in his or her sole discretion, shall determine a time for the parties to present their views on the disputed issue(s). The format and time allowed for the presentations are solely within the Director's discretion. The Director shall provide written notice of the time, format, and location of the conference. The conference is informal in nature and is not governed in any way by the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW.

2.14.1.4 The Director shall consider all of the information provided at the conference and shall issue a written decision on the disputed issue(s) within thirty (30) calendar days after the conclusion of the conference. However, the Director retains the option of taking up to

an additional sixty (60) calendar days to consider the disputed issue(s) or taking additional steps to attempt to resolve them. If the Director determines, in his or her sole discretion, that an additional period of up to sixty (60) calendar days is needed for review, he or she shall notify the Contractor, in writing, of the delay and the anticipated completion date before the initial thirty-day period expires.

2.14.1.4.1 The Director, at his or her sole discretion, may appoint a designee to represent him or her at the dispute conference. If the Director does appoint a designee to represent him or her at the dispute conference, the Director shall retain all final decision-making authority regarding the disputed issue(s). Under no circumstances shall the Director's designee have any authority to issue a final decision on the disputed issue(s).

2.14.1.5 The parties hereby agree that this dispute process shall precede any judicial or legal proceeding and is the sole administrative remedy under this Contract.

2.14.1.6 Disputes regarding Overpayments are governed by the Notice of Overpayment Subsection of this Contract, and not by this Section. Disputes regarding other recoveries sought by the MFCD are governed by the statutes, regulations, and other authorities under which the MFCD operates.

## **2.15 Force Majeure**

2.15.1 If the Contractor is prevented from performing any of its obligations hereunder in whole or in part as a result of a major epidemic, act of God, war, civil disturbance, court order, or any other cause beyond its control, such nonperformance shall not be a ground for termination for default. Immediately upon the occurrence of any such event, the Contractor shall use its best efforts to provide, directly or indirectly, alternative and, to the extent practicable, comparable performance. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to prevent HCA from terminating this Contract for reasons other than for default during the period of events set forth above, or for default, if such default occurred prior to such event.

## **2.16 Governing Law and Venue**

2.16.1 This Contract shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of Washington, and the venue of any action brought hereunder shall be in Superior Court for Thurston County. In the event that an action is removed to U.S. District Court, venue shall be in the Western District of Washington in Tacoma.

2.16.2 Nothing in this Contract shall be construed as a waiver by HCA of the State's immunity under the 11<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution.

## **2.17 Health and Safety**

2.17.1 The Contractor shall perform any and all of its obligations under this Contract in a manner that does not compromise the health and safety of any Enrollee. The

Contractor shall require participating hospitals, ambulatory care surgery centers, and office-based surgery sites to endorse and adopt procedures for verifying the correct patient, the correct procedure, and the correct surgical site that meets or exceeds those set forth in the Universal Protocol™ developed by the Joint Commission or other similar standards.

## **2.18 Indemnification and Hold Harmless**

- 2.18.1 HCA and the Contractor shall each be responsible for their own acts and omissions, and the acts and omissions of their agents and employees. Each party to this Contract shall defend, protect and hold harmless the other party, or any of the other party's agents, from and against any loss and all claims, settlements, judgments, costs, penalties, and expenses, including attorney fees, arising from any willful misconduct, or dishonest, fraudulent, reckless, unlawful, or negligent act or omission of the first party, or agents of the first party, while performing under the terms of this Contract except to the extent that such losses result from the willful misconduct, or dishonest, fraudulent, reckless, unlawful or negligent act or omission on the part of the second party. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless HCA from any claims by Participating or Non-participating Providers related to the provision of services to Enrollees according to the terms of this Contract. Each party agrees to promptly notify the other party in writing of any claim and provide the other party with the opportunity to defend and settle the claim. The Contractor waives its immunity under Title 51 RCW to the extent it is required to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the state and its agencies, officials, agents, or employees.
- 2.18.2 If the federal government issues a written notice of disallowance or recoupment of any federal funds associated with Subsection 5.35 of this Contract, then HCA and the Contractor will cooperate with each other in attempting to obtain a resolution that reduces the financial risks to HCA. The Contractor will be held harmless for any disallowance or recoupment of MQIP funds associated with this Contract.
- 2.18.3 If HCA receives a notice from the federal government that would require repayment of any federal funds associated with Subsection 5.35 of this Contract, HCA will notify the Contractor in writing within five (5) Business Days. Within the five (5) Business Days following the initial five-day period, HCA may request the Contractor designate in writing an individual to participate in a Repayment Resolution Conference (RRC). As part of the RRC process, the Contractor will provide any reasonable assistance HCA may request, including but not limited to (i) retrieval of relevant documents in its own possession as well as in the possession of its Providers or Subcontractors and (ii) participation in discussions with representatives of the federal government, state government, Subcontractors, and Providers. HCA shall invite representatives from the Governor's office, including the OFM, to participate in the RRC. The Governor's office will have sole authority to decide how the state's liability for the recoupment or disallowance is repaid; provided, however, that the Contractor will be held harmless from and against any obligation to recoup or repay MQIP funds associated with this Contract. The authority applies only to the state's liability and does not negate the hold harmless provision in subsection 2.18.2.
- 2.18.4 In accordance with RCW 71.05.026 and RCW 71.24.370, the Contractor will have no claim for declaratory relief, injunctive relief, or judicial review under chapter 34.05 RCW, or civil liability against the state, state agencies, state

officials, or state employees for actions or inactions performed pursuant to the administration of chapter 71.05 RCW and chapter 71.24 RCW with regard to:

- 2.18.4.1 The allocation of federal or state funds;
- 2.18.4.2 The use of state hospital beds; or
- 2.18.4.3 Financial responsibility for the provision of inpatient mental health care.

## **2.19 Independent Contractor Relationship**

- 2.19.1 The parties intend that an independent contractor relationship shall be created by this Contract. The Contractor and its employees or agents performing under this Contract are not employees or agents of HCA or the state of Washington. The Contractor, its employees, or agents performing under this Contract shall not hold himself/herself out as, nor claim to be, an officer or employee of HCA or the state of Washington by reason hereof, nor shall the Contractor, its employees, or agent make any claim of right, privilege, or benefit that would accrue to such employee. The Contractor acknowledges and certifies that neither HCA nor the state of Washington are guarantors of any obligations or debts of the Contractor.

## **2.20 Insolvency**

- 2.20.1 If the Contractor becomes insolvent during the term of this Contract:
  - 2.20.1.1 The state of Washington and Enrollees shall not be, in any manner, liable for the debts and obligations of the Contractor (42 C.F.R. § 438.106(a) and 438.116(a)(1)).
  - 2.20.1.2 In accordance with the Prohibition on Enrollee Charges for Contracted Services provisions of the Enrollee Rights and Protections Section of this Contract, under no circumstances shall the Contractor, or any Providers used to deliver services covered under the terms of this Contract, charge Enrollees for Contracted Services (42 C.F.R. § 438.106(b)(1)).
  - 2.20.1.3 The Contractor shall, in accordance with RCW 48.44.055 or RCW 48.46.245, provide for the Continuity of Care for Enrollees.
  - 2.20.1.4 The Contractor shall cover continuation of services to Enrollees for duration of period for which payment has been made, as well as for inpatient admissions up until discharge.

## **2.21 Insurance**

- 2.21.1 The Contractor shall, at all times, comply with the following insurance requirements:
  - 2.21.1.1 Commercial General Liability Insurance (CGL): The Contractor shall maintain CGL insurance, including coverage for bodily injury, property damage, and contractual liability, with the following minimum limits: Each Occurrence - \$2,000,000; General Aggregate - \$4,000,000. The policy shall include liability arising out of premises, operations, independent Contractors, products-completed operations, personal injury, advertising injury, and liability assumed

under an insured Contract. The state of Washington, HCA, its elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees shall be named as additional insured's expressly for, and limited to, the Contractor's services provided under this Contract.

- 2.21.1.2 Professional Liability Insurance (PL): The Contractor shall maintain Professional Liability Insurance, including coverage for losses caused by errors and omissions, with the following minimum limits: Each Occurrence - \$2,000,000; General Aggregate - \$4,000,000.
- 2.21.1.3 Industrial Insurance Coverage. The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of Title 51 RCW, Industrial Insurance. If the Contractor fails to provide industrial insurance coverage or fails to pay premiums or penalties on behalf of its employees, as may be required by law, HCA may collect from the Contractor the full amount payable to the Industrial Insurance accident fund. HCA may deduct the amount owed by the Contractor to the accident fund from the amount payable to the Contractor by HCA under this Contract and transmit the deducted amount to the Department of Labor and Industries, (L&I) Division of Insurance Services. This provision does not waive any of L&I's rights to collect from the Contractor. The state of Washington and HCA shall not be held responsible as an employer for claims filed by the Contractor or its employees under such laws and regulations.
- 2.21.1.4 Employees and Volunteers: Insurance required of the Contractor under this Contract shall include coverage for the acts and omissions of the Contractor's employees and volunteers.
- 2.21.1.5 Subcontractors: The Contractor shall ensure that all Subcontractors have and maintain insurance appropriate to the services to be performed. The Contractor shall make available copies of Certificates of Insurance for Subcontractors, to HCA if requested.
  - 2.21.1.5.1 The Contractor shall ensure that adult family homes (AFH) maintain insurance appropriate to the services to be performed and consistent with WAC 388-76-10192. The Contractor shall not require insurance exceeding what is required by WAC 388-76-10192.
- 2.21.1.6 Separation of Insureds: All insurance Commercial General Liability policies shall contain a "separation of insured's" provision.
- 2.21.1.7 Insurers: The Contractor shall obtain insurance from insurance companies authorized to do business within the state of Washington, with a "Best's Reports" rating of A-, Class VII or better. Any exception must be approved by HCA. Exceptions include placement with a "Surplus Lines" insurer or an insurer with a rating lower than A-, Class VII.
- 2.21.1.8 Evidence of Coverage: Upon request, the Contractor shall submit certificates of insurance in accordance with the Notices section of the General Terms and Conditions, for each coverage required



under this Contract. If requested, each certificate of insurance shall be executed by a duly authorized representative of each insurer.

- 2.21.1.9 Material Changes: The Contractor shall give HCA, in accordance with the Notices section of the General Terms and Conditions, forty-five (45) calendar days advance notice of cancellation or non-renewal of any insurance in the Certificate of Coverage. If cancellation is due to non-payment of Premium, the Contractor shall give HCA ten (10) calendar days advance notice of cancellation.
- 2.21.1.10 General: By requiring insurance, the state of Washington and HCA do not represent that the coverage and limits specified shall be adequate to protect the Contractor. Such coverage and limits shall not be construed to relieve the Contractor from liability in excess of the required coverage and limits and shall not limit the Contractor's liability under the indemnities and reimbursements granted to the state and HCA in this Contract. All insurance provided in compliance with this Contract shall be primary as to any other insurance or self-insurance programs afforded to or maintained by the state.
- 2.21.1.11 The Contractor may waive the requirements as described in the Commercial General Liability Insurance, Professional Liability Insurance, Insurers and Evidence of Coverage provisions of this Section if self-insured. In the event the Contractor is self-insured, the Contractor must send to HCA by the third Wednesday of January in each Contract Year, a signed written document, which certifies that the Contractor is self-insured, carries coverage adequate to meet the requirements of this Section, shall treat HCA as an additional insured, expressly for, and limited to, the Contractor's services provided under this Contract, and provides a point of contact for HCA.
- 2.21.1.12 Privacy Breach Response Coverage. For the term of this Contract and three (3) years following its termination the Contractor shall maintain insurance to cover costs incurred in connection with a Security Incident, privacy Breach, or potential compromise of Data including:
  - 2.21.1.12.1 Computer forensics assistance to assess the impact of a data Breach, determine root cause, and help determine whether and the extent to which notification must be provided to comply with Breach Notification Laws (45 C.F.R. Part 164, Subpart D; RCW 42.56.590; RCW 19.255.010; and WAC 284-04-625).
  - 2.21.1.12.2 Notification and call center services for individuals affected by a Security Incident, or privacy Breach.
  - 2.21.1.12.3 Breach resolution and mitigation services for individuals affected by a Security Incident, or privacy Breach, including Fraud prevention, credit monitoring and identity theft assistance.

2.21.1.12.4 Regulatory defense, fines, and penalties from any claim in the form of a regulatory proceeding resulting from a violation of any applicable privacy law(s).

## **2.22 Locations Outside of the United States**

2.22.1 The Contractor assures HCA that it is not located outside the United States. In addition, the Contractor shall not include in its encounter data reporting to HCA, or to HCA's designated actuary, any claims paid to any Provider located outside the United States. (42 C.F.R. § 438.602(i)).

## **2.23 Loss of Programs Authorization**

2.23.1 Should any part of the scope of work under this Contract relate to a state program that is no longer authorized by law (e.g., which has been vacated by a court of law, or for which CMS has withdrawn federal authority, or which is the subject of a legislative repeal), the Contractor must do no work on that part after the effective date of the loss of program authority. HCA must adjust rates to remove costs that are specific to any program or activity that is no longer authorized by law.

2.23.2 If the Contractor works on a program or activity no longer authorized by law after the date the legal authority for the work ends, the Contractor will not be paid for that work. If HCA paid the Contractor in advance to work on a no-longer-authorized program or activity and under the terms of this Contract the work was to be performed after the date the legal authority ended, the payment for that work must be returned to HCA. However, if the Contractor worked on a program or activity prior to the date legal authority ended for that program or activity, and the state included the cost of performing that work in its payments to the Contractor, the Contractor may keep the payment for that work even if the payment was made after the date the program or activity lost legal authority.

## **2.24 Mergers and Acquisitions**

2.24.1 The Contractor must provide HCA with written notice anytime it intends to be involved in an acquisition of assets or a merger with another health plan. However, if the Contractor is involved in an acquisition of assets or merger with another HCA contractor after the effective date of this Contract, HCA reserves the right, to the extent permitted by law, to require that each party to any such transaction maintain its separate business lines for the remainder of the term of this Contract. The Contractor does not have an automatic right to a continuation of the Contract after any such transaction.

## **2.25 No Federal or State Endorsement**

2.25.1 The award of this Contract does not indicate an endorsement of the Contractor by CMS, any other unit of the federal government, or the state of Washington. No federal funds have been used for lobbying purposes in connection with this Contract or Managed Care program.

## **2.26 Nondiscrimination**

2.26.1 Nondiscrimination Requirement. The Contractor, including any Subcontractor, shall not discriminate on the bases enumerated in RCW 49.60.530(3); Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.; and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq., and 28 C.F.R. Part 35.

2.26.2 The Contractor, including any Subcontractor, shall give written notice of this

nondiscrimination requirement to any labor organizations with which the Contractor, or Subcontractor, has a collective bargaining or other agreement.

- 2.26.3 **Obligation to Cooperate.** The Contractor, including any Subcontractor, shall cooperate and comply with any Washington state agency or federal agency investigation regarding any allegation that the Contractor, including any Subcontractor, has engaged in discrimination prohibited by this Contract.
- 2.26.4 **Suspension and Termination.** Notwithstanding any provision in this Contract to the contrary, HCA may suspend the Contractor, including any Subcontractor, upon written notice from HCA of a failure to participate in and cooperate with any state or federal agency investigation into alleged discrimination prohibited by this Contract.
- 2.26.5 Any such suspension will remain in place until HCA determines that the Contractor, including any Subcontractor, is cooperating with the investigating agency.
- 2.26.6 If the Contractor, or Subcontractor, is determined by HCA to have engaged in discrimination under any of the provisions identified in this Section, HCA may terminate this Contract in whole or in part, and the Contractor, Subcontractor, or both, may be referred for debarment as provided in RCW 39.26.200. HCA, in its sole discretion, may give, the Contractor or Subcontractor a reasonable time in which to cure the noncompliance, including implementing conditions consistent with any court order or settlement agreement.
- 2.26.7 **Damages.** Notwithstanding any provision in this Contract to the contrary, in the event of contract termination or suspension for engaging in discrimination, the Contractor, Subcontractor, or both, shall be liable for damages as authorized by law.
- 2.26.8 Any such damages are distinct from any penalties imposed under chapter 49.60 RCW or other applicable law or provision of this Contract.
- 2.26.9 Nothing in this Section shall preclude HCA from requiring a Corrective Action Plan or imposing sanctions or liquidated damages as authorized by this Contract.

## **2.27 Notice of Overpayment**

- 2.27.1 For purposes of this Contract, the term "Overpayment" may include any payments made to the Contractor by HCA that were in excess of what the Contractor was entitled to; the term is not limited to the definition of "Overpayment" in RCW 41.05A.010.
- 2.27.2 HCA will issue a Notice of Overpayment to the Contractor if HCA determines that it made an Overpayment to the Contractor. The Contractor is responsible for repaying the amount specified in the Notice of Overpayment within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of receipt.
- 2.27.3 The Contractor may contest a Notice of Overpayment by requesting an adjudicative proceeding. The request for an adjudicative proceeding must:
  - 2.27.3.1 Comply with all of the instructions contained in the Notice of Overpayment, in accordance with RCW 41.05A.170(1);
  - 2.27.3.2 Be received by HCA within twenty-eight (28) calendar days of service receipt of the Notice of Overpayment by the Contractor, in accordance with RCW 41.05A.170(3);

- 2.27.3.3 Be sent to HCA by certified mail (return receipt), or other manner providing proof of receipt (delivery), to the location specified in the Notice of Overpayment;
- 2.27.3.4 Be sent to HCA by certified mail (return receipt), or other manner providing proof of receipt (delivery), to the location specified in the Notice of Overpayment;
- 2.27.3.5 Be sent to HCA by certified mail (return receipt), or other manner providing proof of receipt (delivery), to the location specified in the Notice of Overpayment;
- 2.27.4 If the Contractor submits a timely and complete request for an adjudicative proceeding, then the Office of Administrative Hearings will schedule the proceeding. The adjudicative proceeding will be governed by the Administrative Procedure Act, chapter 34.05 RCW, and chapter 182-526 WAC. The Contractor may be offered a pre-hearing or alternative dispute resolution conference in an attempt to resolve the dispute prior to the adjudicative proceeding.
- 2.27.5 If HCA does not receive a request for an adjudicative proceeding within twenty-eight (28) calendar days of service of a Notice of Overpayment, the amount specified in the Notice of Overpayment will become a final debt to HCA subject to collection from the Contractor. HCA may charge the Contractor interest and any costs associated with the collection of the debt. HCA may collect an Overpayment debt through lien, foreclosure, seizure and sale of the Contractor's real or personal property; order to withhold and deliver; withholding the amount of the debt from any future payment to the Contractor under this Contract; or any other collection action available to HCA to satisfy the Overpayment debt.
- 2.27.6 Nothing in this Contract limits HCA's ability to recover Overpayments under applicable law.

**2.28 Notices**

2.28.1 If either is required to give notice to the other under this Contract, it shall be deemed given if sent via email with the "delivery receipt" and/or "read receipt" feature enabled, or sent by a recognized United States Postal Service. If notice is sent by email, the receiving party must confirm receipt by accepting the "read receipt" notice.

2.28.1.1 In the case of notice from HCA to the Contractor, notice will be sent to:

<<email address>>

OR

«CEO»  
 «Organization\_Name»  
 «Mailing\_AddressSt\_Address»  
 «City», «State» «Zip\_Code»

2.28.1.2 In the case of notice from the Contractor to HCA, notice will be sent to:

OR

Attention: Contracts Administrator  
Health Care Authority  
Division of Legal Services  
Contracts Office  
PO Box 42702  
Olympia, WA 98504-2702

- 2.28.2 Notices delivered through the United States Postal Service will be effective on the date delivered as evidenced by the return receipt. Notices delivered by email will be deemed to have been received when the recipient acknowledges, by email reply, having received that email.
- 2.28.3 Either party may, at any time, change its mailing address or email address for notification purposes by sending a notice in accordance with this Section, stating the change and setting for the new address, which shall be effective on the tenth (10th) Business Day following the effective date of such notice unless a later date is specified.

## **2.29 Notification of Organizational Changes**

- 2.29.1 The Contractor shall provide HCA with ninety (90) calendar days' prior written notice of any change in the Contractor's ownership or legal status.
- 2.29.2 The Contractor shall provide HCA notice of any changes to the Contractor's key personnel within seven (7) Business Days including, but not limited to, the Contractor's chief executive officer, the Contractor's chief financial officer, HCA government relations contact, HCA account executive, compliance officer, medical director, behavioral health medical director, behavioral health clinical director, and tribal liaison. The Contractor shall provide HCA with an interim contact person that will be performing the key personnel member's duties and a written plan for replacing key personnel, including expected timelines.
- 2.29.3 If key personnel will not be available for work under the Contract for a continuous period exceeding thirty (30) Business Days, or are no longer working full-time in the key position, the Contractor shall notify HCA within seven (7) Business Days after the date of notification of the change.

## **2.30 Order of Precedence**

- 2.30.1 In the interpretation of this Contract and incorporated documents, the various terms and conditions shall be construed as much as possible to be complementary. In the event that such interpretation is not possible, the following order of precedence shall apply:
  - 2.30.1.1 Federal statutes and regulations applicable to the services provided under this Contract;
  - 2.30.1.2 State of Washington statutes and regulations applicable to the services provided under this Contract;
  - 2.30.1.3 Applicable state of Washington statutes and regulations concerning the operation of Health Maintenance Organizations, Health Care Service Contractors, and Life and Disability Insurance Carriers;

- 2.30.1.4 General Terms and Conditions of this Contract;
- 2.30.1.5 Attachment3– RFP 15-008 – Apple Health Integrated Managed Care – Southwest Region (incorporated by reference, available upon request);
- 2.30.1.6 Attachment 4 – Contractor’s Response to RFP 15-008 – Apple Health Integrated Managed Care – Southwest Region (incorporated by reference, available upon request);
- 2.30.1.7 Attachment 5 – RFP 1812 – AH-IMC – North Central Region (incorporated by reference, available upon request);
- 2.30.1.8 Attachment 6– Contractor’s Response to RFP 1812 – AH-IMC – North Central Region (incorporated by reference, available upon request);
- 2.30.1.9 Attachment 7 – RFP 2567 – 2019/2020 Integrated Managed Care (incorporated by reference, available upon request);
- 2.30.1.10 Attachment 8 – Contractor’s Response to RFP 2567 – 2019/2020 Integrated Managed Care (incorporated by reference, available upon request);
- 2.30.1.11 Attachment 9, RFP 2020HCA5 – 2021 Integrated Managed Care – Expanded Access RFP (incorporated by reference, available upon request);
- 2.30.1.12 Attachment 10, Contractor’s Response to RFP 2020HCA5 – 2021 Integrated Managed Care – Expanded Access RFP (incorporated by reference, available upon request);
- 2.30.1.13 Any other term and condition of this Contract and exhibits; and
- 2.30.1.14 Any other material incorporated herein by reference.

**2.31 Ownership of Rights**

- 2.31.1 Nothing in this Contract shall give HCA ownership rights to the systems developed or acquired by the Contractor during the performance of this Contract. Nothing in this Contract shall give the Contractor ownership rights to the systems developed or acquired by HCA during the performance of this Contract.

**2.32 Public Records**

- 2.32.1 The Contractor acknowledges that HCA is subject to the Public Records Act (chapter 42.56 RCW). This Contract is a “public record” as defined in chapter 42.56 RCW. Any documents submitted to HCA by the Contractor may also be construed as “public records” and therefore be subject to public disclosure.

**2.33 Records and Document Review**

- 2.33.1 The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall maintain all financial, medical, and other records pertinent to this Contract. All financial records shall follow generally accepted accounting principles. Other records shall be maintained as

necessary to clearly reflect all actions taken by the Contractor related to this Contract.

- 2.33.2 All records and reports relating to this Contract shall be retained by the Contractor and its Subcontractors for a minimum of ten (10) years after final payment is made under this Contract. However, when an inspection, audit, litigation, or other action involving records is initiated prior to the end of said period, records shall be maintained for a minimum of ten (10) years following resolution of such action (42 C.F.R. § 438.3(h)).
- 2.33.3 The Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors shall retain, as applicable, Enrollee Grievance and Appeal records (42 C.F.R. § 438.416), base data (42 C.F.R. § 438.5(c)), MLR reports (42 C.F.R. § 438.8(k)), and the data, information, and documentation specified in 42 C.F.R. § 438.604, § 438.606, § 438.608, and § 438.610 for a period of no less than ten (10) years.
- 2.33.4 The Contractor shall enable the electronic exchange of, at a minimum, the data classes and elements included in the content standard adopted at 45 C.F.R § 170.213. Such information received by the Contractor must be incorporated into the Contractor's records about the current Enrollee.
- 2.33.5 At the direction and approval of a current or former Enrollee or the Enrollee's personal representative, the Contractor must:
  - 2.33.5.1 Receive all such data for a current Enrollee from any other payer that has provided coverage to the Enrollee within the preceding five years;
  - 2.33.5.2 At any time the Enrollee is currently enrolled with the Contractor and up to five years after disenrollment, send all such data to any other payer that currently covers the Enrollee or a payer the Enrollee or the Enrollee's personal representative specifically requests receive the data; and
  - 2.33.5.3 Send data received from another payer under this subsection in the electronic form and format it was received.

## **2.34 Requirements to be Accurate, Complete, Truthful, and Timely**

- 2.34.1 All reports, documents, data or other information that the Contractor must submit to HCA (or to a third party designated by HCA) under this Contract must be accurate, complete, truthful, and timely.

## **2.35 Reservation of Rights and Remedies**

- 2.35.1 If the Contractor fails to meet a material obligation under the Contract, the Contractor will be in default and HCA will suffer irreparable injury. Any such failure to meet a material obligation shall be construed as a breach of this Contract.
- 2.35.2 If HCA pursues any claim for default or breach of this Contract, no provision in this Contract shall be construed, expressly or by implication, as a waiver by HCA of any existing or future right or remedy available by law or under this Contract.
- 2.35.3 Any failure by HCA to insist upon the strict performance of any term or condition of this Contract or to exercise or delay the exercise of any right or remedy provided in this Contract or by law, or the acceptance of (or payment for)

materials, equipment or services, shall not (i) release the Contractor from any responsibilities or obligations imposed by this Contract or by law, or (ii) be deemed a waiver of any right of HCA to insist upon the strict performance of this Contract.

2.35.4 In addition to any other remedies that may be available for the Contractor's default or breach of this Contract, in equity or otherwise, HCA may seek injunctive relief against the Contractor for any threatened or actual default or breach of this Contract without the necessity of proving actual damages.

2.35.5 HCA reserves the right to recover any or all liquidated damages and any administrative costs incurred in the performance of this Contract during or as a result of any threatened or actual default or breach of Contract.

## **2.36 Severability**

2.36.1 If any term or condition of this Contract is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, and if all appeals have been exhausted, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the other terms or conditions of this Contract.

## **2.37 Solvency**

2.37.1 The Contractor shall have a Certificate of Registration as a Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), Health Care Service Contractor (HCSC) or Life and Disability Insurance Carrier, from the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The Contractor shall comply with the solvency provisions of chapters 48.21, 48.21A, 48.44 or 48.46 RCW, as amended.

2.37.2 The Contractor agrees that HCA may at any time access any information related to the Contractor's financial condition, or compliance with the OIC requirements, from OIC and consult with OIC concerning such information.

2.37.3 The Contractor shall deliver to HCA copies of any financial reports prepared at the request of the OIC or National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) per the HCSC required filing checklist for financial reports. The Contractor's routine quarterly and annual statements submitted to the OIC and NAIC are exempt from this requirement. The Contractor shall also deliver copies of related documents, reports and correspondence (including, but not limited to, Risk-Based Capital (RBC) calculations and Management's Discussion and Analysis), at the same time the Contractor submits them to the OIC or NAIC.

2.37.4 The Contractor shall notify HCA within ten (10) Business Days after the end of any month in which the Contractor's net worth (capital and/or surplus) reaches a level representing two or fewer months of expected claims and other operating expenses, or other change which may jeopardize its ability to perform under this Contract or which may otherwise materially affect the relationship of the parties under this Contract.

2.37.5 The Contractor shall notify HCA within 24 hours after any action by the OIC that may affect the relationship of the parties under this Contract.

2.37.6 If the OIC requires enhanced reporting requirements from the Contractor, then the Contractor shall notify HCA within fourteen (14) calendar days after the Contractor's notification by the OIC. The Contractor agrees that HCA may, at any time, access any financial reports submitted to the OIC in accordance with any enhanced reporting requirements and consult with OIC staff concerning information contained therein.



## 2.38 Survivability

- 2.38.1 The terms and conditions contained in this Contract that shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract include but are not limited to: Fraud, Waste and Abuse (FWA); Notice of Overpayment; Premium Adjustments; Indemnification and Hold Harmless; Inspection; Access to Records; On-site Inspections and Periodic Audits; Records; Constraints on Use of Data; Security of Data; Data Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure of Data; Data Breach Notification and Obligations; and Reservation of Rights and Remedies. After termination of this Contract, the Contractor remains obligated to:
- 2.38.1.1 Cover hospitalized Enrollees until discharge consistent with this Contract.
  - 2.38.1.2 Submit all data and reports required in this Contract.
  - 2.38.1.3 Provide access to records required in accordance with the Inspection provisions of this Section.
  - 2.38.1.4 Provide the administrative services associated with Contracted Services (e.g., claims processing, Enrollee appeals) provided to Enrollees prior to the effective date of termination under the terms of this Contract.
  - 2.38.1.5 Repay any Overpayments within sixty (60) calendar days of discovery by the Contractor or its Subcontractors of the Overpayment, or within sixty (60) calendar days of notification by HCA, MFCD, or other law enforcement agency, (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7k(d)) and that:
    - 2.38.1.5.1 Pertain to services provided at any time during the term of this Contract; and
    - 2.38.1.5.2 Are identified through an HCA audit or other HCA administrative review at any time on or before ten (10) years from the date of the termination of this Contract (42 C.F.R. § 438.3(h)); or
    - 2.38.1.5.3 Are identified through a Fraud investigation conducted by the MFCD or other law enforcement entity, based on the timeframes provided by federal or state law.
  - 2.38.1.6 Reimburse Providers for claims erroneously billed to and paid by HCA within the twenty-four (24) months before the expiration or termination of this Contract.

## 2.39 Termination for Default

- 2.39.1 **Termination by Contractor.** The Contractor may terminate this Contract whenever HCA defaults in performance of this Contract and fails to cure the default within a period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days (or such longer period as the Contractor may allow) after receipt from the Contractor of a written notice, as described in the Notices section of the General Terms and Conditions, specifying the default. For purposes of this Section, "default" means failure of HCA to meet one or more material obligations of this Contract. If it is

determined that HCA was not in default, HCA may claim damages for wrongful termination through the dispute resolution provisions of this Contract or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

**2.39.2 Termination by HCA.** HCA may terminate this Contract if HCA determines in its sole discretion:

- 2.39.2.1 The Contractor did not fully and accurately make any disclosure required under 42 C.F.R. § 455.106(a).
- 2.39.2.2 The Contractor failed to timely submit accurate information required under 42 C.F.R. § 455, Subpart E (42 C.F.R. § 455.416(d)).
- 2.39.2.3 One of the Contractor's owners failed to timely submit accurate information required under 42 C.F.R. § 455, Subpart E (42 C.F.R. § 455.416(d)).
- 2.39.2.4 The Contractor's agent, managing employee, general manager, business manager, administrator, director, or other individual who exercises operational or managerial control over, or who directly or indirectly conducts the day-to-day operation of, the Contractor failed to timely submit accurate information required under 42 C.F.R. § 455, Subpart E (42 C.F.R. § 455.416(d)).
- 2.39.2.5 One of the Contractor's owners did not cooperate with any screening methods required under 42 C.F.R. § 455, Subpart E.
- 2.39.2.6 One of the Contractor's owners has been convicted of a criminal offense related to that person's involvement with the Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP program in the last ten (10) years (42 C.F.R. § 455.416(b)).
- 2.39.2.7 The Contractor has been terminated under title XVIII of the Social Security Act, or under any states' Medicaid or CHIP program (42 C.F.R. § 455.416(c)).
- 2.39.2.8 One of the Contractor's owners fails to submit sets of fingerprints in a form and manner to be determined by HCA within thirty (30) calendar days of a CMS or HCA request (42 C.F.R. § 455.416(e); 42 C.F.R. § 455.450(d)).
- 2.39.2.9 The Contractor failed to permit access to one of the Contractor's locations for site visits under 42 C.F.R. § 455.432 (42 C.F.R. § 455.416(f)).
- 2.39.2.10 The Contractor has falsified any information provided on its application (42 C.F.R. § 455.416(g)).

**2.40 Termination by Contractor's Notice of Non-Renewal of Contract**

- 2.40.1 The Contractor must provide to HCA prior written notice of at least one hundred twenty (120) calendar days if the Contractor intends to not renew this Contract beyond the Contract End Date. If such notice is provided, the Contractor will continue to be paid at the certified and CMS-approved rates for that period for the remaining days of the Contract. During the period between the Contractor's

notice of non-renewal and the Contract End Date, the Contractor will follow all required and requested HCA procedures to ensure a smooth transition for Enrollees to another MCO. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as (a) giving the Contractor any automatic right to the renewal of this Contract, (b) giving the Contractor any automatic right to entering into a new Contract with HCA, or (c) restricting HCA's ability to terminate or not renew this Contract.

## **2.41 Termination due to Federal Impact**

2.41.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, HCA shall terminate this Contract if HCA does not receive approval for this Contract from CMS. In such event, HCA shall provide at least thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice of termination of this Contract to the Contractor. The effective date of any such termination shall be the earliest date that is at least thirty (30) calendar days following the date the notice is sent and occurs on the last day of a calendar month. HCA shall not be relieved of its obligations under this Contract, including payment to the Contractor, for the period from the Contract effective date through the effective date of termination.

## **2.42 Termination for Convenience**

2.42.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, HCA may, by giving thirty (30) calendar days written notice, beginning on the second day after the mailing, terminate this Contract in whole or in part when it is in the best interest of HCA, as determined by HCA in its sole discretion. If this Contract is so terminated, HCA shall be liable only for payment in accordance with the terms of this Contract for services rendered prior to the effective date of termination.

## **2.43 Termination for Suspension of Non-allocation of Funds**

2.43.1 If funding from any state, federal, or other source is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the date this Contract is signed and prior to the termination date, HCA may, in whole or in part, suspend or terminate this Contract upon fifteen (15) calendar days' prior written notice to the Contractor or upon the effective date of withdrawn or reduced funding, whichever occurs earlier. At HCA's sole discretion, this Contract may be renegotiated under the revised funding conditions. If this Contract is so terminated or suspended, HCA shall be liable only for payment in accordance with the terms of this Contract for services rendered prior to the effective date.

## **2.44 Termination Procedures**

2.44.1 Either party to this Contract shall give the other party to this Contract written notice, as described in the Notices section of the General Terms and Conditions of this Contract, of the intent to terminate this Contract and the reason for termination.

2.44.2 HCA shall provide written notice to the Contractor's Enrollees of the decision to terminate this Contract and indicate whether the Contractor may appeal the decision. The notice shall also inform Enrollees that they may change MCOs without cause if they wish to do so, effective the first of the following month.

2.44.3 If either party disagrees with the other party's decision to terminate this Contract, that party will have the right to a dispute resolution as described in the Disputes section of this Contract.

2.44.4 If the Contractor disagrees with a HCA decision to terminate this Contract and the dispute process is not successful, HCA shall provide the Contractor a pre-

termination hearing prior to termination of this Contract under 42 C.F.R. § 438.708. HCA shall:

- 2.44.4.1 Give the Contractor written notice of the intent to terminate, the reason for termination, and the time and place of the hearing;
- 2.44.4.2 Give the Contractor (after the hearing) written notice of the decision affirming or reversing the proposed termination of this Contract, and for an affirming decision the effective date of termination; and
- 2.44.4.3 For an affirming decision, give Enrollees notice of the termination and information consistent with 42 C.F.R. § 438.10 on their options for receiving Medicaid services following the effective date of termination.

## **2.45 Transition Obligations**

- 2.45.1 If this Contract is terminated or not renewed, the Contractor shall provide HCA, within 365 calendar days, all available information reasonably necessary for the reimbursement of any outstanding claims for services to Enrollees (42 C.F.R. § 434.6(a)(6)). Information and reimbursement of such claims is subject to the provisions of the Payment and Sanctions Section of this Contract.

## **2.46 Waiver**

- 2.46.1 Any waiver by HCA of any default or breach of this Contract by the Contractor, shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach or default. No waiver shall be construed as a modification of the terms and conditions of this Contract. Only the Director of HCA or his or her designee has the authority to waive any term or condition of this Contract on behalf of HCA.

### 3 ENROLLEE MATERIALS, MARKETING AND INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.1 Enrollee Materials

- 3.1.1 All Enrollee materials must be developed and submitted in accordance with the Apple Health Material Guidelines developed and distributed by HCA. All materials and information subject to the Apple Health Material Guidelines must be pre-approved by HCA and be consistent with state and federal statutes, regulations, and subregulatory guidance.
  - 3.1.1.1 HCA does not require submission or approval for storyboards or scripts on Enrollee materials when electronic media ads are used to develop name recognition (branding) and no reference is made to the Apple Health (Medicaid) Managed Care program(s) or benefits.
- 3.1.2 The Contractor shall ensure all submissions are fully vetted and include correct references that align with the set material standards.

#### 3.2 Marketing

- 3.2.1 Marketing Materials must be developed and submitted in accordance with the Marketing Guidelines developed and distributed by HCA as well as 42 C.F.R. § 438.104.
- 3.2.2 Marketing Material must not contain an invitation, implied or implicit, for an Enrollee to change from one AH-IMC MCO to the Contractor, or imply that the Contractor's benefits are substantially different from any other AH-IMC MCO. This does not preclude the Contractor from distributing (i) state-approved Enrollee materials regarding the scope of their own value-added benefits or (ii) Medicare and state-approved marketing regarding the scope of their supplemental benefits in compliance with the [Medicare Communications and Marketing Guidelines](#) (MCMG).
- 3.2.3 Marketing Materials must be in compliance with the Equal Access for Enrollees and Potential Enrollees with Communication Barriers provisions of this Section.
  - 3.2.3.1 Marketing Materials in English must give directions for obtaining understandable materials in the population's primary languages, as identified by HCA.
  - 3.2.3.2 HCA may determine, in its sole judgment, if materials that are primarily visual, auditory, or tactile meet the requirements of this Contract.
- 3.2.4 Marketing Materials shall not contain misrepresentations, or false, inaccurate, or misleading information (42 C.F.R. § 438.104(b)(2)).
- 3.2.5 Marketing Materials must be distributed in all service areas the Contractor serves (42 C.F.R. § 438.104(b)(1)(ii)).
- 3.2.6 The Contractor shall not offer or accept (other than the payment by HCA) anything of value as an inducement to enrollment.
- 3.2.7 The Contractor must not seek to influence enrollment in conjunction with the sale or offering of any other insurance (42 C.F.R. § 438.104(b)(1)(iv)).
- 3.2.8 The Contractor shall not directly or indirectly conduct door-to-door, telephonic or other cold-call marketing of enrollment (42 C.F.R. § 438.104(b)(1)(v)).

- 3.2.9 The Contractor must not make any assertion or statement, whether written or oral, in Marketing Materials that a Potential Enrollee must enroll with the Contractor in order to obtain benefits or in order not to lose benefits (42 C.F.R. § 438.104(b)(2)(i)).
- 3.2.10 The Contractor shall not make any assertion or statement, whether written or oral, in Marketing Materials that the Contractor is endorsed by CMS, the federal or state government or similar entity (42 C.F.R. § 438.104(b)(2)(ii)).
- 3.2.11 The Contractor may participate in community events, including health fairs, educational events, and booths at other community events.

### **3.3 Value-Added Benefits (VAB)**

- 3.3.1 All value-added benefits (VAB) must be pre-approved by the HCA and be consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.
- 3.3.2 Subject to the prior approval of HCA, the Contractor may provide services to Enrollees that are in addition to those covered under the Medicaid State Plan or otherwise included in a Contracted Service. For each VAB, the Contractor must:
  - 3.3.2.1 Describe the full scope of the services to be provided;
  - 3.3.2.2 Identify the category or group to receive the proposed VAB(s) if is a type of service that is not appropriate for all Enrollees (age, gender, service area, pilot area); and
  - 3.3.2.3 Identify the length of time the VAB(s) will be provided to the Enrollee.
    - 3.3.2.3.1 A minimum of twelve (12) months from approval date is required. The Contractor cannot reduce or delete any VAB during the year without prior written approval from HCA and may request a shorter duration in special circumstances.
- 3.3.3 If a VAB(s) timeframe has come to an end and the Contractor no longer intends to offer the VAB(s), they must provide written notification to HCA and all Enrollees who the service was available to that the VAB(s) will no longer be available thirty (30) calendar days prior to its expiration.
- 3.3.4 The cost of a VAB provided by the Contractor will not be reflected in rate-setting.
- 3.3.5 If the Contractor will provide a VAB on a routine basis and/or includes the benefit in the Managed Care handbook, the VAB must be prior approved in writing by the state. Any changes to an approval VAB must also be prior approved in writing by the state.
- 3.3.6 The Contractor shall not require an Enrollee to accept a VAB instead of a Contracted Service.

### **3.4 Value-Added Benefits (VAB) Web Page**

- 3.4.1 The Contractor will develop and maintain a web page with an emphasis on the value-added benefits (VAB) they offer to Enrollees. The web page must be placed in a separate section, distinguishable from the Contracted Services, and will at a minimum:
  - 3.4.1.1 Display the name of each VAB;

- 3.4.1.2 Have a detailed description of the VAB with a frequently asked questions (FAQ) section, if applicable. This information may be placed in a link if its length makes inclusion on the main VAB webpage impractical;
- 3.4.1.3 Explain service area, if not the entire state;
- 3.4.1.4 Display current expiration date of the VAB if it will sunset before January 1 of the coming year;
- 3.4.1.5 Have links to any needed forms; and
- 3.4.1.6 Provide current contact information for the Contractor's resource for questions on VABs.

### **3.5 Value-Added Benefits (VAB) Comparison Chart**

- 3.5.1 The Contractor will support efforts to ensure Enrollees have access to the Apple Health Managed Care Value-Added Benefits Comparison Chart.
- 3.5.2 The Contractor will be given the opportunity to update the Apple Health Managed Care Value-Added Benefits Comparison Chart once per state fiscal year (SFY) with changes due no later than August 31.

### **3.6 Information Requirements for Enrollees and Potential Enrollees**

- 3.6.1 The Contractor shall provide to Potential Enrollees and new Enrollees the information needed to understand benefit coverage and obtain care in accordance with the provisions of this Section (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(b)(3) and 438.10(f) (3)). The information shall be provided at least once a year, upon request and within fifteen (15) Business Days after the Contractor was notified of enrollment.
- 3.6.2 The Contractor shall notify Enrollees of their ability to request the information at any time. If the Enrollee or Potential Enrollee is not able to understand written information, the Contractor will provide at no cost the necessary information in an alternative language or format that is understandable to the Enrollee or Potential Enrollee.
- 3.6.3 HCA will produce and the Contractor shall use Managed Care handbook templates (FIMC and BHSO). HCA-produced templates and HCA-approved Contractor handbooks will provide sufficient, accurate and current written information to assist Potential Enrollees in making an informed decision about enrollment in accordance with the provisions of this Section (SSA 1932(d)(2) and 42 C.F.R. § 438.10 and 438.104(b)(1)(iii)).
- 3.6.4 The Contractor shall provide to each Enrollee, and to each Potential Enrollee who requests it, HCA-approved Managed Care handbooks.
  - 3.6.4.1 The Contractor shall provide HCA-approved Managed Care handbooks in a translated version or through Auxiliary Aids and Services in a manner that takes into consideration the special needs of Enrollees and Potential Enrollees with disabilities or limited English proficiency.
  - 3.6.4.2 The Contractor shall develop content for the Managed Care handbooks in the sections labeled for Contractor use in the

templates.

- 3.6.5 The Contractor may develop supplemental materials specific to the Contractor's programs, in addition to the Managed Care handbooks that are sent to newly enrolled and assigned Enrollees. The supplemental, plan-specific, material shall be incorporated into the Managed Care handbook templates as instructed by HCA. The supplemental, plan-specific, materials will include mandatory materials such as NCQA-required materials and the annual notices that the Contractor is required to send to Enrollees.
- 3.6.5.1 Supplemental, plan-specific, materials may not duplicate information, such as covered benefits, contained in HCA's approved handbook templates and the Contractor's approved Managed Care handbooks, but may include contact numbers for Contractor's customer service, information about the Contractor's authorization processes, network Providers and/or VABs that the Contractor provides.
- 3.6.5.1.1 The Contractor may not include a VAB in any material distributed to Enrollees or prospective Enrollees until it has been approved in writing by the HCA.
- 3.6.5.1.2 HCA-approved VABs may be included in supplemental, plan-specific materials, with information to distinguish what is offered above the Medicaid-covered service.
- 3.6.6 The Contractor shall include with all written materials a tagline and information on how the Enrollee can request Auxiliary Aids and Services including the provision of information in an alternative language and format that is understandable to the Enrollee. If the Enrollee requests the tagline in a conspicuously visible font size, the Contractor shall provide it to the Enrollee in either paper form or electronically within five (5) Business Days.
- 3.6.7 The Contractor shall submit branding materials developed by the Contractor that specifically mentions Medicaid, AH-FIMC, or the specific benefits provided under this Contract for review and approval. No such materials shall be disseminated to Enrollees, Potential Enrollees, Providers or other members of the public without HCA's approval.
- 3.6.8 The Contractor shall submit Enrollee information developed by the Contractor that specifically mentions AH-IMC or the specific benefits provided under this Contract at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to distribution for review and approval, including any Enrollee materials regarding Utilization Management activities that are developed by the Contractor or its delegates. All other Enrollee materials shall be submitted as informational. HCA may waive the 30-day requirement if, in HCA's sole judgment, it is in the best interest of HCA and its clients to do so.
- 3.6.9 The Contractor shall notify all new AH-IMC Health Home-eligible Enrollees of their eligibility for the Health Home program. The notice shall include all of the following:
- 3.6.9.1 A description of the benefits of the program;
- 3.6.9.2 Confirmation that program participation is voluntary and not a



- condition for the Enrollee's receipt of any other covered service;
- 3.6.9.3 Information about how to file Grievances and Appeals;
- 3.6.9.4 A statement that a participant has the right to change Care Coordination Providers and the procedure for doing so; and
- 3.6.9.5 How to obtain more information about the program.
- 3.6.10 The Contractor shall notify all known pregnant Enrollees about their eligibility to participate and receive Maternity Support Services (MSS) through HCA First Steps program.
  - 3.6.10.1 The Contractor must use HCA MSS informational letter template to notify these Enrollees. HCA will provide the template to the Contractor. No later than the twentieth of each month, the Contractor shall submit to HCA a list of all Enrollees who are newly identified within the preceding month as pregnant or are within sixty (60) calendar days postpartum. The Contractor shall submit the list to HCA using HCA First Steps Maternity Support Services report template. HCA will provide the Support Services report template to the Contractor.
- 3.6.11 The Contractor shall communicate changes to state or federal law to Enrollees no more than ninety (90) calendar days after the effective date of the change, and Enrollees shall be notified at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date if, in the sole judgment of HCA, the change is significant in regard to the Enrollees' quality of or access to care, which may include changes to: enrollment rights, Grievance and hearing procedures, benefits, authorizations or coverage of Emergency Services. HCA shall notify the Contractor in writing of any significant change (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(f)(4)).
- 3.6.12 The Contractor shall create a link on the front page of its website for Providers and Enrollees that directs said Providers and Enrollees to a Behavioral Health website. The Behavioral Health website shall:
  - 3.6.12.1 Contain information on how to access Behavioral Health services;
  - 3.6.12.2 Connect to the provider directory that displays a current list of contracted Behavioral Health Agencies, specifying those which are contracted to serve children and youth;
  - 3.6.12.3 Inform the Enrollee about Ombuds services and how to access these services;
  - 3.6.12.4 Include information on how to contact the Contractor should the Provider or Enrollee have difficulty accessing such care;
  - 3.6.12.5 Include information about the Washington Recovery Help Line, including a link to the website;
  - 3.6.12.6 Include information about the WA 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, including a link to the website; and
  - 3.6.12.7 Include a link to the HCA WISE webpage.

3.6.13 The Contractor will have a written process for development, review, and approval of all Marketing and Enrollee information, including those provided by a third party. This process shall be provided to HCA upon request. It must include the names of the approving source for all internal and third-party documents. All documents must be approved by the Contractor as meeting all Contract terms, and federal, state, and local laws prior to submission to HCA.

### **3.7 Equal Access for Enrollees and Potential Enrollees with Communication Barriers**

3.7.1 The Contractor shall assure equal access for all Enrollees and Potential Enrollees when oral or written language communications creates a barrier to such access. (42 C.F.R. § 438.10 and 45 C.F.R. § 92.8).

#### **3.7.1.1 Oral Information**

3.7.1.1.1 The Contractor shall ensure interpreter services are provided free of charge for Enrollees and Potential Enrollees with a primary language other than English or those who are Deaf, DeafBlind, or Hard of Hearing. This includes oral interpretation, Sign Language (SL), and the use of Auxiliary Aids and Services as defined in this Contract (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(d)(4)). Interpreter services, provided by certified interpreters, shall be provided for all interactions between such Enrollees or Potential Enrollees and the Contractor or any of its Providers including, but not limited to:

3.7.1.1.1.1 Customer service,

3.7.1.1.1.2 All interactions with any Provider for any Covered Service,

3.7.1.1.1.3 Emergency Services, and

3.7.1.1.1.4 All steps necessary to file Grievances and Appeals including requests for Independent Review of Contractor decisions (RCW 48.43.535 and chapter 284-43 WAC).

3.7.1.1.2 The Contractor is responsible for payment for interpreter services for Contractor administrative matters, including, but not limited to, handling Enrollee Grievances and Appeals.

3.7.1.1.3 HCA is responsible for payment of interpreter services provided when the interpreter service is requested through, authorized, and provided by HCA's Interpreter Services program vendor and complies with all program rules.

3.7.1.1.4 Hospitals are responsible for payment for interpreter services during inpatient stays.

3.7.1.1.5 Public entities, such as Public Health Departments, are responsible for payment for interpreter services provided at their facilities or affiliated sites.

#### **3.7.1.2 Written Information**

- 3.7.1.2.1 The Contractor shall provide all generally available and Enrollee-specific written materials through Auxiliary Aids and Services in a manner that takes into consideration the special needs of Enrollees and Potential Enrollees (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(d)(1) and 438.10(d)(6)(iii)). For the purposes of this subsection, the Enrollee's preferred language may not be the same as their primary language. The Contractor must translate materials into the Enrollee's preferred language.
  - 3.7.1.2.1.1 HCA shall provide to the Contractor a sample tagline in the languages into which HCA translates Enrollee materials. The Contractor shall use this tagline for all mailings to Enrollees and Potential Enrollees and shall maintain the ability to provide materials to all Enrollees in their preferred language.
  - 3.7.1.2.1.2 The Contractor shall include with all written material a conspicuously visible font size tagline, information on how the Enrollee or Potential Enrollee can request Auxiliary Aids and Services, including the provision of information in an alternative language and format that is understandable to the Enrollee or Potential Enrollee.
    - 3.7.1.2.1.2.1 For written materials that are critical to obtaining services the Contractor must provide a toll-free telephone number of the entity providing Choice Counseling services in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.71(a) and shall explain the availability of oral interpretation services.
  - 3.7.1.2.1.3 If 5 percent or 1,000, whichever is less, of the Contractor's Enrollees speak a language other than English, generally available materials, including the Contractor's handbook, must be translated into that language.
  - 3.7.1.2.1.4 For Enrollees whose primary language is not translated or whose need cannot be addressed by translation under the

preceding subsection as required by the provisions of this Section, the Contractor may meet the requirement of this Section by doing any one of the following:

- 3.7.1.2.1.4.1 Translating the material into the Enrollee's or Potential Enrollee's preferred language.
- 3.7.1.2.1.4.2 Providing the material in an audio format in the Enrollee's or Potential Enrollee's preferred language.
- 3.7.1.2.1.4.3 Having an interpreter read the material to the Enrollee or Potential Enrollee in the Enrollee's preferred language.
- 3.7.1.2.1.4.4 Making the materials available via Auxiliary Aids and Services, or a format acceptable to the Enrollee or Potential Enrollee. The Contractor shall document the Enrollee's or Potential Enrollee's acceptance of the material in an alternative medium or format (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(d)(1)(ii)).
- 3.7.1.2.1.4.5 Providing the material in English, if the Contractor documents the Enrollee's or Potential Enrollee's preference for receiving material in English.

3.7.1.2.2 The Contractor shall ensure that all written information provided to Enrollees or Potential Enrollees is: accurate, not misleading, comprehensible to its intended audience, designed to provide the greatest degree of understanding, written at the sixth-grade reading level, provided in a font size no smaller than 12 point, and fulfills other

requirements of this Contract as may be applicable to the materials (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(d)(6)).

- 3.7.1.2.3 HCA may make exceptions to the sixth-grade reading level when, in the sole judgment of HCA, the nature of the materials do not allow for a sixth-grade reading level or the Enrollees' needs are better served by allowing a higher reading level. HCA approval of exceptions to the sixth-grade reading level must be in writing.
- 3.7.1.2.4 Educational materials about topics such as preventative services or other information used by the Contractor for health promotion efforts must be submitted to HCA within thirty (30) calendar days of use, but do not require HCA approval as long as they do not specifically mention AH-IMC, or the benefits provided under this Contract.
- 3.7.1.2.5 Educational materials that are not developed by the Contractor or developed under Subcontract with the Contractor are not required to meet the sixth-grade reading level requirement and do not require HCA approval.
- 3.7.1.2.6 All other written materials must have the written approval of HCA prior to use. For Enrollee-specific written materials, the Contractor may use templates that have been pre-approved in writing by HCA. The Contractor must provide HCA with a copy of all approved materials in final form.
- 3.7.1.2.7 The Contractor may provide the Enrollee handbook information in any of the following ways:
  - 3.7.1.2.7.1 Mailing a printed copy of the information to the Enrollee's mailing address;
  - 3.7.1.2.7.2 Providing the information by email after obtaining the Enrollee's agreement to receive the information by email;
  - 3.7.1.2.7.3 Posting the information on its website and advising the Enrollee in paper or electronic form that the information is available on the Internet and including the applicable Internet address, provided that Enrollees with disabilities who cannot access this information online are provided Auxiliary Aids and Services upon request at no cost; or
  - 3.7.1.2.7.4 Providing the information by any other method that can reasonably be expected to result in the Enrollee receiving the information.

- 3.7.1.3 If the Contractor provides this information electronically, it must meet the following requirements:
  - 3.7.1.3.1 The format is readily accessible and takes into consideration the special needs of Enrollees and Potential Enrollees with disabilities or limited English proficiency;
  - 3.7.1.3.2 The information is placed in a location on the Contractor's website that is prominent and readily accessible;
  - 3.7.1.3.3 The information is provided in an electronic form which can be electronically retained and printed;
  - 3.7.1.3.4 The information is consistent with the content and language requirements of 42 C.F.R. § 438.10; and
  - 3.7.1.3.5 The Enrollee must be informed that the information is available in paper form without charge within five (5) Business Days of Enrollee request.

**3.8 Electronic Outbound Calls**

- 3.8.1 The Contractor may use an interactive, automated system to make certain outbound calls to Enrollees.
  - 3.8.1.1 The Contractor must submit call scripts to HCA no less than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date the automated calls will begin. Approvable reasons for automated calls include:
    - 3.8.1.1.1 Recertification of eligibility;
    - 3.8.1.1.2 Outreach to new Enrollees;
    - 3.8.1.1.3 Reminders of events such as flu clinics;
    - 3.8.1.1.4 Initial health screening;
    - 3.8.1.1.5 Surveys;
    - 3.8.1.1.6 Appointment reminders/immunizations/well-child appointments; and
    - 3.8.1.1.7 Notification of new programs or assistance offered.
  - 3.8.1.2 Under no circumstances will the Contractor use automated calls for Care Coordination activities, Behavioral Health-related calls, or prescription verifications.
  - 3.8.1.3 The Contractor shall ensure that if this service is provided by a third party, that either a Subcontract or a Business Associate Agreement is in place and is submitted to HCA for review.

**3.9 Medication Information**

- 3.9.1 The Contractor shall provide information to Enrollees about which generic and name brand medications are covered and whether they are preferred or non-preferred. The information may be provided in paper form or electronically.
  - 3.9.1.1 If provided electronically, the information must be provided on the

Contractor's website in a place that is prominent and readily accessible, in a machine-readable file and format that can be retained and printed.

3.9.1.2 Information must be consistent with content and language requirements.

3.9.1.3 The Contractor shall notify Enrollees that the information is available in paper form without charge, upon request. If an Enrollee requests the information in paper form, the Contractor must provide the information to the Enrollee within five (5) Business Days.

### **3.10 Conscience Clause**

3.10.1 The Contractor shall notify Enrollees at least sixty (60) calendar days before the effective date when it adopts a policy to discontinue coverage of a counseling or referral service based on moral or religious objections (42 C.F.R. § 438.102(b)(1)(ii)(B); SSA § 1932(b)(3)(B)(ii); RCW 48.43.065).

## 4 ENROLLMENT

### 4.1 Regional Service Areas (RSA)

4.1.1 The Contractor's policies and procedures related to Enrollment shall ensure compliance with the requirements described in this Section.

4.1.1.1 The Contractor's RSAs are identified in Exhibit M, AH-IMC Regional Service Area.

### 4.2 RSA Changes

4.2.1 The Contractor must offer services to all Enrollees within the boundaries of the RSA covered by this Contract.

4.2.2 If the U.S. Postal Service alters the zip code numbers or zip code boundaries within the Contractor's RSA, HCA shall alter the RSA zip code numbers or the boundaries of the RSA with input from the affected Contractors, and input from the ACH.

4.2.3 HCA shall determine, with input from the local ACH, which zip codes fall within each RSA.

4.2.4 HCA will use the Enrollee's residential zip code to determine whether an Enrollee resides within a RSA.

4.2.5 Regional Service Area Changes.

4.2.5.1 The timing of the RSA changes will be at HCA's sole discretion.

4.2.5.2 At HCA's sole discretion, and upon execution of a formal Contract amendment, HCA may either expand a Contractor's RSA, when HCA determines it is in the best interest of HCA.

4.2.5.3 HCA may solicit Contractors when considering RSA changes to expand into an RSA to meet goals for improved access, improved Quality of Care and service, or to meet the target goal for the number of Contractors per region per HCA policy.

### 4.3 Eligible Client Groups

4.3.1 HCA shall determine Medicaid eligibility for enrollment under this Contract. HCA will provide the Contractor a list of Recipient Aid Categories (RACs) that are eligible to enroll in AH-IMC to receive either full scope benefits or BHSO under BHSO enrollment type. Enrollees in the following eligibility groups shown on Exhibit F, RAC Codes, at the time of enrollment are eligible for enrollment under this Contract. Enrollment in this program is voluntary, except where CMS allows HCA to mandate enrollment.

4.3.1.1 Clients receiving Medicaid under Social Security Act (SSA) provisions for coverage of families receiving AH Family and clients who are not eligible for cash assistance who remain eligible for medical services under Medicaid.

4.3.1.2 Clients receiving Medicaid under the provisions of the ACA effective January 1, 2014 (Apple Health Medicaid Expansion (AHAC)).

4.3.1.3 Children, from birth through 18 years of age, eligible for Medicaid



under expanded pediatric coverage provisions of the Social Security Act.

- 4.3.1.4 Pregnant individuals, eligible for Medicaid under expanded maternity coverage provisions of the Social Security Act and individuals who have had a pregnancy end within the previous 12 months.
- 4.3.1.5 Children eligible for the CHIP.
- 4.3.1.6 Categorically Needy - Blind and Disabled Children and Adults who are not eligible for Medicare.
- 4.3.1.7 Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment, Categorically Needy Program who are eligible for Medicare.
- 4.3.1.8 Categorically Needy Program, Long-Term Care who are eligible for Medicare.

#### **4.4 Behavioral Health Services Only (BHSO)**

- 4.4.1 Enrollees in the following coverage groups at the time of enrollment are eligible for BHSO enrollment listed in Exhibit F, RAC Codes under this Contract. Enrollment in this program is voluntary except where CMS allows HCA to mandate enrollment.
  - 4.4.1.1 Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment, Categorically Needy Program who are eligible for Medicare.
  - 4.4.1.2 Categorically Needy - Blind and Disabled Children and Adults who are eligible for Medicare.
  - 4.4.1.3 Categorically Needy Program, Long-Term Care who are eligible for Medicare.
  - 4.4.1.4 Categorically Needy, Mental Disease Institution.
  - 4.4.1.5 Categorically Needy MAGI Pregnancy.
  - 4.4.1.6 Categorically Needy Medicaid Refugee adult or child.
  - 4.4.1.7 Categorically Needy, who are eligible for Medicare.
  - 4.4.1.8 Categorically Needy; Hospice.
  - 4.4.1.9 Categorically Needy with SSI cash; Juvenile Rehabilitation with other primary insurance.
  - 4.4.1.10 Medically Needy Inst for Mental Disease; Blind/disabled.
- 4.4.2 Enrollees enrolled in the following RCAs are eligible for BHSO after they satisfy their spenddown requirements:
  - 4.4.2.1 Medically Needy.
  - 4.4.2.2 Medically Needy Children.

- 4.4.2.3 Medically Needy Family LTC.
- 4.4.2.4 Medically Needy Institution for Mental Disease; Blind/disabled.
- 4.4.2.5 Medically Needy LTC; pregnant woman.
- 4.4.2.6 Medically Needy Pregnancy.
- 4.4.2.7 Medically Needy, Institution for Mental Disease.
- 4.4.2.8 Medically Needy; blind/disabled.

**4.5 Client Notification**

- 4.5.1 HCA shall notify eligible clients of their rights and responsibilities as Managed Care Enrollees at the time of initial eligibility determination, after a break in eligibility greater than twelve (12) months or at least annually.

**4.6 Exemption from Enrollment**

- 4.6.1 An Enrollee may request exemption from enrollment from AH–FIMC (full scope benefits) for cause at any time. Each request for exemption will be reviewed by HCA pursuant to chapter 182-538 WAC. Exempted Enrollees will be enrolled into the BHSO plan for BH services. When the client is already enrolled with the Contractor and wishes to be exempted, the exemption request will be treated as a termination of enrollment request consistent with the Termination of Enrollment provisions of this Section.
  - 4.6.1.1 If the Contractor receives an exemption request from an Enrollee or Potential Enrollee, the Contractor shall forward the request to the Medical Assistance Customer Service Center (MACSC) within two (2) Business Days of receipt of the request.

**4.7 Enrollment Period**

- 4.7.1 Subject to the Effective Date of Enrollment provisions of this Contract, enrollment is continuously open.
- 4.7.2 Enrollees shall have the right to change enrollment prospectively, from one AH-IMC Managed Care plan to another without cause, each month except as described in the Patient Review and Coordination (PRC) provisions of this Contract.

**4.8 Enrollment Process**

- 4.8.1 Eligible Clients may choose an AH-IMC plan through the Medicaid plan selection process. All eligible family members will be enrolled to the same AH-IMC Managed Care Contractor, subject to the remaining provisions of this Section.
- 4.8.2 HCA will assign the Clients who do not make an AH-IMC plan selection. All eligible family members will be assigned to the same AH-IMC Managed Care contractor in accordance with the Assignment of Enrollees provisions of this Contract.
- 4.8.3 HCA will assign Clients eligible for the BHSO.
- 4.8.4 An Enrollee may change his or her MCO (FIMC/BHSO), with or without cause, at any time. The effective date of the change in MCO shall be consistent with

HCA's established enrollment timelines.

- 4.8.5 The Enrollee, the Enrollee's representative or responsible parent or guardian must notify HCA if they want to choose another MCO.
- 4.8.6 HCA will attempt to enroll all family members with the same AH – AH-IMC MCO unless the following occurs:
  - 4.8.6.1 A family member is placed into the Patient Review and Coordination (PRC) program by the Contractor or HCA. The PRC placed family member shall follow the enrollment requirements described in the PRC provisions of this Contract. The remaining family members shall be enrolled with a single AH-IMC Managed Care plan of their choice.
  - 4.8.6.2 HCA grants an exception because the family members have conflicting medical needs that cannot be met by a single AH-IMC Managed Care Contractor.

#### **4.9 Effective Date of Enrollment**

- 4.9.1 Except for a newborn whose mother is enrolled in an AH-IMC MCO, HCA shall enroll all newly eligible Medicaid clients subject to this Contract into AH-IMC effective the first day of the month, if both the date of initial Medicaid eligibility and the Managed Care enrollment take place in the current month. A newborn whose mother already is enrolled in an Apple Health MCO will be enrolled with that MCO as of the date of birth.
- 4.9.2 The Contractor is responsible for payment, medical necessity determinations and service authorizations for all services provided on and after the effective date of enrollment.
- 4.9.3 No retroactive coverage is provided under this Contract, except as described in this Section or by mutual, written agreement by the parties.
- 4.9.4 Foster Care, Adoption Support, and Alumni
  - 4.9.4.1 Medicaid-eligible Enrollees who are placed in Foster Care will be enrolled in AH-IFC effective the first of the month of the DCYF Foster Care Placement.
  - 4.9.4.2 Adoption Support and Alumni Enrollees shall be enrolled into AH-IFC effective the first day of the current month if both the date of initial Medicaid eligibility and the Managed Care enrollment take place in the current month.
  - 4.9.4.3 Newborns
    - 4.9.4.3.1 A newborn whose mother is enrolled in AH-IMC when the baby is born, and the newborn is placed in foster care during the month of birth is enrolled in the mother's AH-IMC MCO for the month of birth. The newborn will be enrolled in AH-IFC effective the first of the month following placement. Subject to the terms in Subsection 16.4, Enrollee in Facility at Enrollment: Medical and Acute Behavioral Health Conditions, the AH-IMC MCO is responsible for

hospital costs until the newborn is discharged from the birth Hospitalization.

- 4.9.4.3.2 A newborn whose mother is receiving services FFS when the baby is born, and the newborn is placed in foster care during the month of birth will be enrolled in AH-IMC and assigned to an MCO according to system rules (Early Enrollment). The newborn will be enrolled in AH-IFC effective the first of the month that follows placement.
- 4.9.4.3.3 A newborn whose mother is not covered by Apple Health or any Comparable Coverage, and who is placed in foster care prior to discharge from their initial birth Hospitalization shall be enrolled in AH-IFC on the first of the month of placement.
- 4.9.4.3.4 If the newborn does not receive a separate client identifier from HCA, the newborn enrollment will only be available through the end of the month in which the first twenty-one (21) days of life occur, except as provided in Subsection 16.6, Enrollee in Facility at Termination of Enrollment.
- 4.9.4.3.5 If the mother is disenrolled before the newborn receives a separate client identifier, the newborn's coverage shall end when the mother's coverage ends, except as provided in Subsection 16.6, Enrollee in Facility at Termination of Enrollment.
- 4.9.4.3.6 A newborn whose mother is an AH-IFC Enrollee with whom the newborn remains after birth shall be automatically enrolled in the AH-IFC Contractor's AH-IMC program if it is available in the service area beginning from the newborn's date of birth, or the mother's date of enrollment, whichever is sooner.
- 4.9.4.3.7 A newborn whose mother is enrolled in the AH-IFC but who is removed from the mother at birth and placed in foster care shall be enrolled in AH-IFC.

#### **4.10 Newborns' Effective Date of Enrollment**

- 4.10.1 Newborns whose mothers are Enrollees on the date of birth shall be deemed Enrollees and enrolled in the same plan as the mother as follows:
  - 4.10.1.1 Retrospectively for the month(s) in which the first twenty-one (21) days of life occur, effective when the newborn is reported to HCA.
  - 4.10.1.2 If the newborn does not receive a separate client identifier from HCA, the newborn enrollment will be only available through the end of the month in which the first twenty-one (21) days of life occur.
  - 4.10.1.3 If the mother's enrollment is ended before the newborn receives a separate client identifier from HCA, the newborn's enrollment shall end the last day of the month in which the twenty-first (21st) day of life occurs or when the mother's enrollment ends, whichever is

sooner, except as provided in the provisions of Subsection 16.6, Enrollee in Facility at Termination of Enrollment of this Contract.

- 4.10.1.4 A newborn whose mother is enrolled with the Contractor when the baby is born and the newborn is placed in foster care during the month of birth, the newborn is enrolled with the Contractor for the month of birth. The newborn will be enrolled with the Apple Health Integrated Foster Care (AH-IFC) program effective the first of the month that follows placement. Subject to the terms in Subsection 16.4, Enrollee in Facility at Enrollment: Medical and Acute Behavioral Health Conditions, the MCO with which a newborn was enrolled at birth is responsible for hospital costs until the newborn is discharged from the birth Hospitalization.
- 4.10.1.5 A newborn whose mother is not covered by Apple Health or any Comparable Coverage, and who is determined eligible in the month of birth for Apple Health Medicaid prior to discharge from their initial birth Hospitalization shall be enrolled according to HCA enrollment rules. The Contractor will be responsible for hospital costs for the newborn starting from the month of enrollment.

#### **4.11 Enrollment Data and Requirements for Contractor's Response**

- 4.11.1 HCA will provide the Contractor with data files with the information needed to perform the services described in this Contract.
  - 4.11.1.1 Data files will be sent to the Contractor at intervals specified within HCA 834 Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance Companion Guide, published by HCA and incorporated by reference into this Contract.
  - 4.11.1.2 The data file will be in the HIPAA compliant 834, Benefit Enrollment and Maintenance format (45 C.F.R. § 162.103).
  - 4.11.1.3 The data file will be transferred per specifications defined within HCA Companion Guides.
  - 4.11.1.4 The Contractor shall have ten (10) calendar days from the receipt of the data files to notify HCA in writing of the refusal of an application for enrollment or any discrepancy regarding HCA's proposed enrollment effective date. Written notice shall include the reason for refusal and must be agreed to by HCA. The effective date of enrollment specified by HCA shall be considered accepted by the Contractor and shall be binding if the notice is not timely or HCA does not agree with the reasons stated in the notice. Subject to HCA approval, the Contractor may refuse to accept an Enrollee for the following reasons:
    - 4.11.1.4.1 HCA has enrolled the Enrollee with the Contractor in a RSA where the Contractor is not contracted.
    - 4.11.1.4.2 Enrollee is not eligible for enrollment under the terms of this Contract.

#### **4.12 Termination of Enrollment**

##### **4.12.1 Voluntary Termination of Enrollment**

- 4.12.1.1 Except where CMS has approved allowing HCA to mandate enrollment, enrollment in this program is voluntary. Enrollees may request termination of enrollment by submitting a written request to terminate enrollment to HCA or by calling HCA toll-free customer service number (42 C.F.R. § 438.56(d)(1)(i)). If the Contractor receives a termination request from an Enrollee, the Contractor shall direct the Enrollee to contact HCA.
- 4.12.1.2 Termination requests that are approved will be consistent with the provisions outlined in Subsection 4.6 Exemption from Enrollment.
- 4.12.1.3 For the purposes of this Section, the following are cause for disenrollment (42 C.F.R. § 438.56(d)(2)):
  - 4.12.1.3.1 The Enrollee moves out of the Contractor's RSA;
  - 4.12.1.3.2 The Contractor does not, because of moral or religious objections, deliver the service the Enrollee seeks;
  - 4.12.1.3.3 The Enrollee needs related services (for example, birth and a tubal ligation) to be performed at the same time; not all related services are available within the network; and the Enrollee's PCP or another Provider determines that receiving the services separately would subject the Enrollee to unnecessary risk; and
  - 4.12.1.3.4 Other reasons, including but not limited to: Poor Quality of Care, lack of access to services covered under this Contract, or lack of access to Providers experienced in dealing with the Enrollee's health care needs.
- 4.12.1.4 Enrollees denied disenrollment for cause or a plan change may request an appeal of the decision through a state hearing.
- 4.12.1.5 Except as provided in chapter 182-538 WAC, the enrollment for Enrollees whose enrollment is terminated will be prospectively ended. The Contractor may not request voluntary termination of enrollment on behalf of an Enrollee.
- 4.12.2 Involuntary Termination of Enrollment Initiated by HCA for Ineligibility.
  - 4.12.2.1 The enrollment of any Enrollee under this Contract shall be terminated if the Enrollee becomes ineligible for enrollment due to a change in eligibility status.
- 4.12.3 When an Enrollee's enrollment is terminated for ineligibility, the termination shall be effective:
  - 4.12.3.1 The first day of the month following the month in which the enrollment termination is processed by HCA if it is processed on or before HCA cut-off date for enrollment or the Contractor is informed by HCA of the enrollment termination prior to the first day of the month following the month in which it is processed by HCA.

- 4.12.3.2 Effective the first day of the second month following the month in which the enrollment termination is processed if it is processed after HCA cut-off date for enrollment and the Contractor is not informed by HCA of the enrollment termination prior to the first day of the month following the month in which it is processed by HCA.
- 4.12.4 Newborns placed in foster care before discharge from their initial birth Hospitalization shall be terminated from enrollment in AH-IMC and enrolled in the AH-IFC effective the first of the month that follows placement in foster care. Subject to the terms in Subsection 16.4, Enrollee in Facility at Enrollment: Medical and Acute Behavioral Health Conditions, the Contractor is responsible for hospital costs until the newborn is discharged from the birth Hospitalization.
- 4.12.5 The foster care newborn will be automatically enrolled in the Integrated Foster Care MCO.
- 4.12.6 Involuntary Termination Initiated by the Contractor from AH-IMC
  - 4.12.6.1 To request involuntary termination of enrollment of an Enrollee, the Contractor shall send written notice to HCA at [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov).
    - 4.12.6.1.1 HCA shall review each involuntary termination request on a case-by-case basis. The Contractor shall be notified in writing of an approval or disapproval of the involuntary termination request within thirty (30) calendar days of HCA's receipt of such notice and the documentation required to substantiate the request. HCA shall approve the request for involuntary termination of the Enrollee when the Contractor has substantiated in writing any of the following (42 C.F.R. § 438.56(b)(1)):
      - 4.12.6.1.1.1 The Enrollee purposely puts the safety or property of the Contractor, or the Contractor's staff, Providers, patients, or visitors at risk, and the Contractor's attempts to address this behavior with reasonable accommodations of any disability of the Enrollee have not been successful; and continued enrollment would seriously impair the Contractor's ability to furnish services to the Enrollee or any other Enrollees;
      - 4.12.6.1.1.2 The Enrollee engages in intentional misconduct, such as refusing without good cause to provide information to the Contractor about third party insurance coverage; or
      - 4.12.6.1.1.3 The Enrollee received written notice from the Contractor of its intent to request the Enrollee's termination of enrollment unless the requirement for notification has been waived by HCA

because the Enrollee's conduct presents the threat of imminent harm to others. The Contractor's notice to the Enrollee shall include the Enrollee's right to use the Contractor's Grievance Process to review the request to end the Enrollee's enrollment.

- 4.12.6.2 The Contractor shall continue to provide services to the Enrollee until HCA has notified the Contractor in writing that enrollment is terminated.
- 4.12.6.3 HCA will not terminate enrollment and the Contractor may not request disenrollment of an Enrollee solely due to a request based on an adverse change in the Enrollee's health status, the cost of meeting the Enrollee's health care needs, because of the Enrollee's utilization of medical services, uncooperative or disruptive behavior resulting from their special needs or Behavioral Health condition (WAC 182-538-130 and 42 C.F.R. § 438.56(b)(2)).
- 4.12.6.4 The Contractor shall have in place, and provide upon HCA's request, written methods by which it assures it does not request disenrollment for reasons other than those permitted under this Contract (42.C.F.R. § 438.56(b)(3)).
- 4.12.7 An Enrollee whose enrollment is terminated for any reason, other than incarceration, at any time during the month is entitled to receive Contracted Services, at the Contractor's expense, through the end of that month.
- 4.12.8 In no event will an Enrollee be entitled to receive services and benefits under this Contract after the last day of the month, in which his or her enrollment is terminated, except:
  - 4.12.8.1 When the Enrollee is hospitalized or in another inpatient Facility covered by this Contract at termination of enrollment and continued payment is required in accordance with the provisions of this Contract.
  - 4.12.8.2 For the provision of information and assistance to transition the Enrollee's care with another Provider.
  - 4.12.8.3 As necessary to satisfy the results of an appeal or hearing.
- 4.12.9 Regardless of the procedures followed or the reason for termination, if a disenrollment request is granted, or the Enrollee's enrollment is terminated by HCA for one of the reasons described in subsection 4.12.6 of this Contract, the effective date of the disenrollment will be no later than the first day of the second month following the month the request was made. If HCA fails to make a disenrollment determination within this timeframe, the disenrollment is considered approved.

#### **4.13 American Indian/Alaska Native Enrollment**

- 4.13.1 The Contractor will respect and support the enrollment choices of AI/AN Enrollees, including disenrollment into the Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid



Program.

## 5 PAYMENT AND SANCTIONS

### 5.1 Rates/Premiums

- 5.1.1 Subject to the Sanctions provisions of this Section, HCA shall pay a monthly Premium for each Enrollee in full consideration of the work to be performed by the Contractor under this Contract. HCA will only pay monthly Premium payments for Enrollees in the eligible client groups detailed in Subsection 4.3 of this Contract.
- 5.1.2 HCA shall pay the Contractor, on or before the fifteenth calendar day of the month based on HCA list of Enrollees whose enrollment is ongoing or effective on the first day of said calendar month. Such payment will be denied for new Enrollees when, and for so long as, payment for those Enrollees is denied by CMS under 42 C.F.R. § 438.726(b) or 42 C.F.R. § 438.730(e).

### 5.2 Monthly Premium Payment Calculation

- 5.2.1 In accordance with 42 C.F.R. Part 438, the capitation rates are identified and developed, and payment is made. Supporting rate documentation demonstrates that the rate development process meets the requirements of federal regulation and generally accepted actuarial principles and practices to create Actuarially Sound Capitation Rates.
  - 5.2.1.1 The Behavioral Health component of the capitation rates is based on services provided by DOH licensed Behavioral Health Agencies as described in Exhibit L.
- 5.2.2 The monthly Premium payment for each AH-IMC Enrollee will be calculated as follows:
  - 5.2.2.1  $\text{Premium Payment} = \text{Capitation Rate (at the region, program, age/gender cell level)} \times \text{Risk Adjustment Factor} \times \text{Withhold Factor}$
- 5.2.3 There are no withhold factors used to derive the Premium payment amount for the BHSO rate category. BHSO Enrollees will be divided into the following categories for calculation of the monthly Premium payment:
  - 5.2.3.1 Non-Disabled Child;
  - 5.2.3.2 Disabled Child;
  - 5.2.3.3 Non-Disabled Adult;
  - 5.2.3.4 Disabled Adult; and
  - 5.2.3.5 Newly Eligible.
- 5.2.4 Additional Premium payments include Delivery Case Rate Payments, WISe, CBHS Supportive Supervision services, and New Journeys as described in the Delivery Case Rate Payment, WISe Payment, CBHS Supportive Supervision Services, and New Journeys subsections in this Contract.
- 5.2.5 The Premium payment formula is established by HCA and will vary between the Apple Health (AH) Family Adult, AH Family Child, Apple Health State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Apple Health Blind Disabled (AHBD), Apple Health Community Options Program Entry System (COPES),

Developmental Disability Administration (DDA), and Apple Health Adult Coverage – (AHAC) populations. The base rates will initially be the same for all Contractors but may vary based on risk adjustment factors.

- 5.2.6 The risk adjustment factors will be established by HCA's designated actuary for the AH Family Adult, AH Family Child, SCHIP, AHBD, COPEs, DDA, AHAC, and BHSO populations to reflect differences in the relative health status of the populations enrolled with the Contractors, separately for physical and Behavioral Health capitation rates. The risk adjustment factors are calculated by geographical region and by Contractor.
- 5.2.7 HCA's designated actuary creates risk adjustment factors with Chronic Illness and Disability Payment System (CDPS) and MedicaidRx. There are separate risk adjustment factors for the physical health and Behavioral Health rate components. The Behavioral Health risk adjustment factors are calculated under a custom methodology, by stratifying members into Behavioral Health acuity cohorts by rate cell, aid category and region, assigning an average cost risk weight and comparing the implied MCO averages to develop relative risk factors.
- 5.2.8 HCA's designated actuary shall perform the calculations, generate initial methodology and prepare final risk adjustment reports. The risk adjustment factors are developed to be budget neutral at the region and aid category level. Additional information regarding risk adjustments can be found in the rate certification developed by the designated actuary for the contract period.
- 5.2.9 The withhold factor is intended to hold back a percentage amount, as identified in Exhibit B, Value-Based Purchasing, of the capitation payments excluding any administrative, WSHIP, HSNP, PAP, or FQHC/RHC/IHS encounter enhancement funding. A calculated portion of the amount withheld from the monthly Premium payment will be released upon demonstrated improvement towards the quality measure benchmarks and physician incentive agreements defined in Exhibit B, Value-Based Purchasing.
- 5.2.10 HCA shall automatically generate newborn Premiums upon enrollment of the newborn. For newborns whose Premiums HCA does not automatically generate, the Contractor shall submit a Premium payment request to HCA within 365 calendar days of the date of birth. HCA shall pay within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the Premium payment request.
- 5.2.11 HCA shall make a full monthly payment to the Contractor for the month in which an Enrollee's enrollment is terminated except as otherwise provided in this Contract.
- 5.2.12 The Contractor shall be responsible for Contracted Services provided to the Enrollee in any month for which HCA paid the Contractor for the Enrollee's care under the terms of this Contract.
- 5.2.13 The Contractor shall be responsible for Medicaid Covered Services provided to individuals enrolled in the Contractor's Apple Health Expansion Emergency Medical Care (AHE-EMC) Health Plan as described in Emergency Medical Services for Aliens in the Medicaid State Plan at Attachment 3.1-A, Section 27.
  - 5.2.13.1 The AHE-EMC population will be identified by RAC codes 1284 or 1285.

### **5.3 Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) Report**

- 5.3.1 In accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.8 and Exhibit C, Instructions for Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) Reporting, of this Contract, MCOs must report a Medical Loss Ratio calculation to HCA annually on May 31. The MLR Reporting template and instructions are available via MC-Track.

#### **5.4 Audited Financial Report**

- 5.4.1 In accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.3(m), the Contractor shall submit an Audited Financial Report annually to HCA that is specific to this Contract. The Contractor shall submit the report to HCA via MC-Track no later than June 5 of each year for the previous calendar year. The report shall demonstrate that the audit was conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and generally accepted auditing standards.

#### **5.5 Risk Corridor Calculation**

- 5.5.1 MCOs must report MLR experience calculated in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.8. Any settlements which result from the risk corridor calculation will be limited such that the Contractor's minimum MLR will not be less than 85 percent when the settlement amount is included in the MLR calculation. The Contractor must impose reporting requirements on any Subcontractor adjudicating claims equivalent to the requirements specified in 42 C.F.R. § 438.8(k) and Exhibit F, Instructions for Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) Reporting, of this Contract as applicable to the Subcontractor. Effective January 1, 2025, the Contractor shall impose the remittance requirements on any Subcontractors adjudicating claims, equivalent to 42 C.F.R. § 438.8(j).

- 5.5.2 HCA performs a two-sided risk corridor calculation on an annual basis which includes downside protection for excess medical cost losses incurred by the Contractor. HCA will perform risk corridor calculations for the AH-IMC AH Family Adult, AH Family Child, SCHIP, AHBD, COPEs, DDA, AHAC, AHE-EMC, and BHSO populations. HCA will include the AHE-EMC population in the CY 2025 risk corridor calculation at the Contract level. The initial calculation for the AHE-EMC population will cover an eighteen-month period (July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025). Effective January 1, 2026, the calculation will cover a twelve-month period in alignment with other included populations. Separate calculations of gain or loss will be done for each population due to differences in assumed administrative loads included in the rates for each program. Upon completion of the separate calculations, the results for the affected populations will be aggregated to determine any net gain or loss. The Risk Corridor is calculated separately for each Contractor.

- 5.5.3 The following methods will be used to calculate risk corridor components:

- 5.5.3.1 Total Revenue is the sum of all Pre-Tax Capitation Rates, including the results of the HIRP settlement in Subsection 5.8 below, case rates, and Encounter Rate Payments. Total revenue should include non-risk benefit costs (such as Administrative Services Only Non-contracted Drugs) and administrative costs. Total Revenue also assumes full recovery by the Contractor of the withheld funds as described in Exhibit B, Value-Based Purchasing, regardless of whether those funds were actually recovered under the capitation withhold arrangement described in Exhibit B. Pre-tax capitation rates means that taxes and regulatory fee-related revenue will be excluded from this risk corridor computation.

- 5.5.3.2 Total Net Revenue is equal to Total Revenue, net of the following components of capitation revenue: separate payment terms (e.g., PAP, HSNP, IDP, ODP, CBHS) and WSHIP.
- 5.5.3.3 Revenue for Health Care Expenses is defined as the Total Net Revenue less an assumed administrative load, consistent with the administrative load assumptions applied and documented in the actuarial rate certification. [(Total Net Revenue) x (1- administrative load)] Actual administrative expenses will not be included in the computation. The administrative load varies by population and rate period. The assumed administrative load is shown in Exhibit A.
- 5.5.3.4 Net Health Care Expenses will be based on the actual medical service expenses incurred during the Contract Year less any disbursements for separate payment terms, less reimbursements from third-party reimbursements (including, but not limited, to pharmacy rebates, pricing guarantee payments from pharmacies and PBM, Overpayment or audit recoveries from providers, net reinsurance costs or third-party liability offsets) and less provider pass-through or directed payments that are not minimum fee schedules plus activities that improve health care quality as defined in 45 C.F.R. § 158.150, excluding any overhead allocations. Reduction must also be made for claims costs represented by encounters that are rejected by ProviderOne. Subcontractor expenses will be handled in accordance with the most recent CMS MLR guidance; current guidance can be found in CIB051519. Upon request by HCA, the Contractor will report its health care expenses for the year with any adjustments and run out claims as specified in the request from HCA. The template for providing the data and due date for the report will be included in the request from HCA.
- 5.5.3.5 If the Contractor has a material recovery after the final risk corridor calculation has been completed by the designated actuary for items which include, but are not limited to, pharmacy rebates, pricing guarantee payments from pharmacies and PBM, Overpayment or audit recoveries from providers, net reinsurance costs or third-party liability offsets, then the material recovery may be remitted to HCA in full by the Contractor. HCA will make the determination of whether the material recovery is remitted to HCA in full by the Contractor. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'material recovery' means a recovery for which the Contractor's calculated gain would exceed the minimum threshold of the risk corridor/gain share when the gain is adjusted to reflect any such recovery.
- 5.5.3.6 The Contractor's Gain/Loss will be calculated for each population using the following formula: **Revenue for Health Care Expenses - Net Health Care Expenses** (based on the actual incurred expenses for health care) = **Net Gain/Loss** (for the Health Care Services provided by population).
- 5.5.3.7 The Net Gain/Loss divided by the Total Net Revenue will provide a percentage of the gain/loss, which will be compared to the appropriate gain sharing/risk corridor thresholds established by

HCA.

- 5.5.4 Under the risk corridor, HCA will share in both gain and loss as defined in subsection 5.5.5 of this Contract. Six (6) months following the end of the calendar year, HCA will initiate the risk corridor process using the financial reports provided by the Contractor. A simple profit and loss statement will be developed for the health services portion for each of the applicable populations.
- 5.5.5 For the risk corridor, after aggregating the results for all populations, if the Contractor experiences gain exceeding 1 percent, HCA will share equally in the gain between 1 percent and 2 percent. HCA will recover all gains exceeding 2 percent. The Contractor will only be required to reimburse HCA if it experiences an actual gain above 1 percent. If the Contractor experiences loss exceeding 3 percent, HCA will share equally in all losses exceeding 3 percent. The Contractor will only receive reimbursement from HCA if it experiences an actual loss exceeding 3 percent.
- 5.5.5.1 Following the completion of the final draft risk corridor calculations, HCA will share the report from HCA's designated actuaries and supporting information with the Contractor via email. Additional Contractor-specific data files in support of the calculations will be provided to the Contractor via HCA Managed File Transfer (MFT) sites on the same day. Upon receipt of the emailed files, the Contractor will have sixty (60) calendar days to provide any new information to HCA that it deems relevant to the calculations. HCA will not consider any additional new information after the sixty (60) calendar days has transpired.
- 5.5.5.2 Following the completion of the final risk corridor calculations, HCA will share the report from HCA's designated actuaries and supporting information with the Contractor via email. Additional Contractor-specific data files in support of the calculations will be provided to the Contractor via HCA MFT sites. An Invoice Voucher form (A-19) will be provided to each Contractor indicating the amount due to, or due from, the Contractor.
- 5.5.5.2.1 To convey agreement with the final calculations, the Contractor shall sign and return an electronic copy of the Invoice Voucher (A-19) form within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the final risk corridor documentation.
- 5.5.5.2.2 To convey disagreement with the final calculations, the Contractor may request a dispute resolution conference by submitting a written request to HCA within fifteen (15) calendar days of receipt of the final risk corridor documentation, in accordance with Subsection 2.14 of this Contract.
- 5.5.5.3 If HCA owes reimbursement to the Contractor, payment will be initiated via a gross adjustment in ProviderOne within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the signed Invoice Voucher (A-19).
- 5.5.5.4 If the Contractor owes a remittance to HCA, they can choose to either send payment via wire transfer or ask HCA to recoup the

amount due via a gross adjustment in ProviderOne. The Contractors that owe a remittance amount shall indicate the method of payment to HCA when they return the signed Invoice Voucher (A-19). If the Contractor chooses to pay via wire transfer, HCA financial services staff will provide the correct coding to use for the transfer of funds. Payment of the remittance amount owed is due within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the signed Invoice Voucher (A-19) form.

## 5.6 Recoupments

- 5.6.1 Unless mutually agreed by the parties in writing, HCA shall only recoup Premium payments and retroactively terminate enrollment for an individual Enrollee:
  - 5.6.1.1 With Duplicate Coverage as defined in this Contract.
  - 5.6.1.2 Who is deceased prior to the month of enrollment. Premium payments shall be recouped effective the first day of the month following the Enrollee's date of death.
  - 5.6.1.3 Who retroactively has their enrollment terminated consistent with this Contract.
  - 5.6.1.4 Who has been found ineligible for enrollment with the Contractor, provided HCA has notified the Contractor before the first day of the month for which the Premium was paid.
  - 5.6.1.5 Who is an inmate at a correctional facility in any full month of enrollment.
  - 5.6.1.6 Who is residing in an Institute for Mental Disease (IMD) for more than sixty (60) consecutive calendar days, and whose primary admission is not SUD.
  - 5.6.1.7 When an audit or review determines that payment or enrollment was made in error.
- 5.6.2 When HCA recoups Premium payments and retroactively terminates enrollment for an individual Enrollee, the Contractor's submitted encounter record(s) for the terminated Enrollee for the affected member month(s) are no longer valid. When this occurs, the Contractor:
  - 5.6.2.1 Shall void the invalid encounters;
  - 5.6.2.2 May recoup payments made to Providers.
    - 5.6.2.2.1 If the Contractor recoups said payments:
      - 5.6.2.2.1.1 The Contractor must issue proper notice to the Provider indicating the reason for the recoupment.
      - 5.6.2.2.1.2 The Contractor's issuance of the notice must be in a timely manner to ensure the Provider has the ability to bill the

recouped claim(s) to another payer or government entity, if appropriate.

5.6.2.2.1.3 The Contractor's Providers may submit appropriate claims for payment to HCA through its FFS program, with the Contractor's notice of recoupment, if the Enrollee was eligible for Covered Services.

5.6.3 Retroactive recoupments are determined on an individual Enrollee basis, and not on a family basis. Recouping Premiums for one family member does not necessarily mean there will be recoupments taken for other family members.

## **5.7 Delivery Case Rate Payment**

5.7.1 A one-time payment shall be made to the Contractor for labor and delivery expenses for AH Family, SCHIP and AHAC Enrollees enrolled with the Contractor during the month of delivery. The Delivery Case Rate shall only be paid to the Contractor if the Contractor has incurred and paid direct costs for labor and delivery based on encounter data received and accepted by HCA. AHBD, DDA and COPEs Enrollees are not eligible for these payments. Delivery includes both live and stillbirths, but does not include miscarriage, induced abortion, or other fetal demise not requiring labor and delivery to terminate the pregnancy.

5.7.2 HCA shall not pay the Delivery Case Rate payment for Enrollees who have third-party insurance that HCA determines qualifies as Comparable Coverage.

5.7.3 Upon request, HCA will provide the Contractor with a list of coverage type codes that HCA considers qualifying as Comparable Coverage.

## **5.8 High-Cost Infant Risk Pool (HIRP)**

5.8.1 High-cost infant hospital claims for AH Family Child Enrollees will be included in a High-Cost Infant Risk Pool (HIRP).

5.8.1.1 HIRP Funding Development.

5.8.1.1.1 Base experience data used in the development of the monthly Managed Care capitation rates for the AH-IMC program will include HIRP cases. HIRP experience will remain in the monthly capitation rate benefit cost and paid to Contractor.

5.8.1.1.2 Total funding included in HIRP will be equal to the projected inpatient hospital per-member per-month (IP PMPM) amount within the monthly capitation rates for AH Family Child Enrollees under age 1 multiplied by infant premium counts within these rate cells. The HIRP will be developed and distributed on a statewide basis, however the PMPM will vary by region based on historical experience.

5.8.1.1.3 Using the identification criteria outlined below, a PMPM amount for qualifying high-cost infant cases will be developed as part of the annual capitation rate development analysis. For the HIRP, the PMPM



amount will use the same base period experience data as was used for rate development with adjustments applied to project for the Contract Year.

- 5.8.2 HIRP Experience Identification. Qualifying infant hospital costs will be identified based on the following criteria.
- 5.8.2.1 Infants must be enrolled in the Integrated Managed Care Medicaid program in the AH Family Child eligibility category effective the date of birth or in the month within which the hospital admission occurred in order for hospital claims to be considered in the HIRP distribution. Infants who incur hospital claims but do not become enrolled in AH Family Child Integrated Managed Care under the terms of this Contract will not qualify for inclusion in HIRP, even if their claims are covered by Medicaid.
  - 5.8.2.2 Infant hospital claims must be tied to an enrolled infant Client ID meeting the covered population criteria and must be accepted as a complete encounter into HCA's ProviderOne, meeting the treatment identification rules below. Professional or ancillary claims, defined as any service billed separately from the inpatient stay, will be excluded from the HIRP or settlement calculation.
  - 5.8.2.3 The HIRP methodology, including technical specifications for identifying qualifying encounters, will be included in a HIRP policy memorandum from HCA's designated actuary. The criteria used for developing the projected HIRP PMPM and the actual HIRP experience to calculate the settlement will be applied consistently to each data period.
- 5.8.3 HIRP Settlement.
- 5.8.3.1 Distribution of the HIRP funding will be calculated concurrent with the annual risk corridor calculation, in the final quarter of the calendar year following the Contract Year, with data submitted and into ProviderOne by September 30 of the calculation year. Actuarial adjustments to encounter experience may be made to account for incurred but not reported (IBNR) based on generally accepted actuarial practices and principles. Additional adjustment may be included at the discretion of HCA and its designated actuary for encounter data submitted into but rejected by ProviderOne.
  - 5.8.3.2 The funding within the HIRP will be distributed to each AH-IMC contracted MCO based upon a percentage of the pool attributed to each MCO that will be determined by repricing all eligible encounters to HCA's FFS reimbursement rates.
  - 5.8.3.3 Using the repriced claims data, the percentage of the HIRP attributed to each MCO will be the total repriced claim cost for each MCO as a percentage of the total repriced claims across all MCOs during the year. These percentages will be applied to the total HIRP amount, as described in the HIRP Development Section, above.

## 5.9 WISe payment

- 5.9.1 A separate monthly case rate payment will be made through ProviderOne for Enrollees in the WISe program as defined in this Contract and further described in Subsection 17.1 of this Contract. A single monthly case rate payment will be paid to the Contractor only for months with qualifying encounters that meet the criteria as outlined in the Encounter Data Reporting Guide.

## **5.10 Community Based-Health Support (CBHS) Services**

- 5.10.1 HCA shall reimburse the Contractor for qualifying expenditures for Supportive Supervision based on encounters submitted through the ProviderOne billing system in accordance with the CBHS billing guides. Each Supportive Supervision Provider is entitled to payment for qualifying encounters as outlined in the State Plan pursuant to Section 1915(i). The Contractor shall ensure the use of supporting documentation as required by the CBHS services billing guide.
- 5.10.2 A case rate for Supportive Supervision will be paid to the Contractor through ProviderOne based on qualifying encounters that meet criteria and at the tiered rate payment as outlined in the CBHS billing guide. The tiered rate payment will be paid to the Contractor as outlined in the CBHS billing guide and in subsection 5.24.21 of this Contract.
- 5.10.3 The Contractor will use the HCA-approved 1915(i) claims submission template to process claims received from contracted Providers to support encounters.
- 5.10.4 The Contractor shall submit a CBHS Service Authorization report via HCA MFT site. The report is due on the first Friday of each month containing the following information from the previous month:
  - 5.10.4.1 The name of each Subcontractor receiving CBHS services;
  - 5.10.4.2 The type of facility (AFH, ALF, EACR, ARC);
  - 5.10.4.3 Total number of Enrollees receiving CBHS services; and
  - 5.10.4.4 Total number of authorizations per tier.

## **5.11 New Journeys**

- 5.11.1 A separate case or encounter rate up to the specified maximum payment will be made monthly through ProviderOne for Enrollees in New Journeys, which includes certain mental health Outpatient services under the rehabilitation services section of the State Plan. The actual services delivered to New Journeys client(s) will vary depending upon their individual needs and treatment plan. The case rate or encounter paid to the Contractor will vary depending on the length of the enrollment in the program, as well as intensity of services. A single monthly case rate or encounter payment up to the specified maximum will be paid to the Contractor only for months with qualifying encounters that meet the criteria as outlined in the Encounter Data Reporting Guide.

## **5.12 Targeted Service Enhancements**

- 5.12.1 The Hospital Safety Net Program (HSNP) provides additional funding via multiple directed payment programs. The Provider Access Payment (PAP), Inpatient Directed Payment (IDP), and the Outpatient Directed Payment (ODP) are directed payments.
  - 5.12.1.1 PAP Program, IDP Program, and ODP Program – State Directed

Payment methodology.

5.12.1.1.1 The PAP, IDP, and ODP programs were developed to provide additional funding to critical professional, inpatient, and outpatient Providers, respectively. HCA will base the proposed minimum fee schedule payments on the Average Commercial Rate (ACR), with appropriate trending factors.

5.12.1.1.2 On a quarterly basis, HCA will do a retrospective review of the Providers' accepted professional, inpatient, and outpatient encounter data to compare Managed Care payments versus the ACR at the service line level. HCA will aggregate, by Provider, the total difference between the Managed Care payment and the ACR. HCA will pay the Contractor the total amount of the total difference for the PAP, IDP, and ODP eligible Providers.

5.12.1.1.2.1 On a quarterly basis, the Contractor shall pay the Participating Providers the specific directed payment amounts as provided by HCA based on the Provider's individual utilization, within thirty (30) calendar days of the Contractor's receipt of the enhancement payment from HCA.

5.12.1.1.3 On a yearly basis, PAP, IDP, and ODP payments for the calendar year will be reconciled with mature encounter data to ensure Participating Providers PAP, IDP, and ODP Provider's payments do not exceed the respective programs allowable amounts. HCA will calculate and provide to the Contractor, the specific directed payment amounts to be provided to the PAP, IDP, and ODP Participating Providers.

5.12.1.1.3.1 On a yearly basis, the Contractor will pay the Participating Providers, the yearly reconciliation-specific directed payment amounts per Provider as provided by HCA, within thirty (30) calendar days of the Contractor's receipt of the enhancement payment from HCA.

5.12.2 Hospital Safety Net Program (HSNP)

5.12.2.1 The HSNP program includes an assessment on certain nongovernmental Washington Medicaid prospective payment system hospitals and critical access hospitals, including an allowance for intergovernmental transfers for designated public hospitals. The HSNP is governed by chapter 74.60 RCW.

5.12.2.2 Payments to the Contractor shall be determined by HCA based on the Contractor's payments made to designated public hospitals for

Medicaid inpatient and outpatient services.

- 5.12.2.3 For each calendar year so long as none of the conditions stated in RCW 74.60.150(2) have occurred, HCA shall make quarterly payments to the Contractor as specified in RCW 74.60.130 in a manner consistent with federal requirements for the purpose of directed payments. These directed payments, and hospital classifications, are outlined in RCW 74.60.130(1) (a) through (e).
- 5.12.2.4 HCA shall direct payments from the Contractor to hospitals, and the payments shall support access to hospital services and quality improvement of hospital services.
- 5.12.2.5 The initial payment following satisfaction of the conditions in RCW 74.60.150(1) must include all amounts due from January 1, 2025, to the end of the calendar month during which the conditions in RCW 74.60.150(1) are satisfied. Subsequent payments shall be made quarterly.
- 5.12.2.6 HCA may delay payments under RCW 74.60.130 if the collection of hospital assessments under RCW 74.60.050 is delayed.
- 5.12.2.7 The Contractor must make payments to the hospitals within twenty-one (21) calendar days of receiving the full directed payment from HCA.
- 5.12.2.8 The Contractor must pay the entire amount of the directed payments, as directed by HCA, less an allowance for Premium taxes the Contractor is required to pay under Title 48 RCW.
- 5.12.2.9 These payments do not reduce the amounts that otherwise would be paid to the Contractor, provided that such payments are consistent with actuarial certification and enrollment.
- 5.12.2.10 Any delegation of an organization's obligations under agreements with HCA does not relieve the organization of its obligations under RCW 74.60.130 and related Contract provisions.
- 5.12.2.11 If funds cannot be paid to hospitals or used to pay for services in accordance with chapter 74.60 RCW, the Contractor shall return the funds to HCA.
- 5.12.2.12 If the Contractor is legally obligated to repay the state or federal government amounts distributed to hospitals under chapter 74.60 RCW, it may recoup the amount it is obligated to repay from individual hospitals under the Medicaid program by not more than the amount of overpayment each hospital received.
- 5.12.2.13 No hospital or MCO may use the payments under chapter 74.60 RCW to gain advantage in negotiations.
- 5.12.2.14 The Contractor shall agree to comply with any requests for information or similar data requirements imposed by HCA for

purposes of obtaining supporting documentation necessary to claim federal funds or to obtain federal approvals; and shall agree to participate in and provide requested data associated with payment arrangement quality strategy goals and objectives identified by the approved program.

### **5.13 HCA Non-contracted Drugs**

5.13.1 The Prescription Drugs included in Exhibit I, HCA Non-contracted Drugs and Exhibit J, Administrative Services Only (ASO) Non-contracted Drugs are excluded from the Premium payments described in subsection 5.2 of this Contract for the AH Family Adult, AH Family Child, Apple Health State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Apple Health Blind Disabled (AHBD), Apple Health Community Options Program Entry System (COPEs), Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) and Apple Health Adult Coverage (AHAC), and Apple Health Expansion (AHE) populations when not administered in an inpatient setting, except when indicated on Exhibit I, HCA Non-contracted Drugs.

### **5.14 Apple Health ASO Non-contracted Drug List Payment**

5.14.1 The cost of all outpatient pharmacy products included on the ASO Non-contracted Drugs list included in Exhibit J and described in subsection 17.4.3.17 of this Contract, are excluded from the monthly Premium payments described in Subsection 5.2 of this Contract for the AH Family Adult, AH Family Child, SCHIP, AHBD, COPEs, DDA and AHAC populations.

5.14.2 The Contractor shall continue to administer the ASO Non-contracted pharmacy products in the outpatient Prescription Drug program as described in subsection 17.4.3.17 of this Contract and submit paid encounters for pharmacy products in the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Batch format as required in Subsection 5.16.

5.14.3 HCA shall reimburse the Contractor for the expenditures for outpatient Prescription Drugs on the ASO Non-contracted drugs listed in Exhibit J of this Contract.

5.14.3.1 The Contractor shall be reimbursed for qualifying accepted NCPDP pharmacy encounters including an administrative fee in the amount shown on Exhibit A by generating a service-based enhancement (SBE) payment for encounters for pharmacy products on the ASO Non-contracted Drugs listed in Exhibit J of this Contract.

### **5.15 Prospective or Retrospective Premium Adjustments**

5.15.1 At its sole discretion, if HCA determines as a result of data errors or inadequacies, policy changes beyond the control of the Contractor, or other causes there are material errors or omissions in the development of the rates, HCA may make prospective and/or retrospective modifications to the rates, as necessary and approved by CMS. If HCA determines that it will adjust the rates paid to the Contractor, HCA will provide the Contractor with the underlying data related to the change. The Contractor will have thirty (30) calendar days to review and comment on the underlying data provided by HCA prior to HCA's implementation of the rate change. At the explicit written approval of HCA and CMS, the Contractor can elect to make a lump sum or similar arrangement for payment in lieu of modifications to the rate.

## 5.16 Encounter Data

5.16.1 For purposes of this Subsection:

5.16.1.1 “Encounter” means a single Health Care Service or a period of examination or treatment.

5.16.1.2 “Encounter Data” means records Health Care Services submitted as electronic data files created by the Contractor’s system in the standard 837 format and the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Batch format.

5.16.1.3 “Encounter Record” means the number of service lines or products submitted as line items in the standard 837 format or the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) Batch format.

5.16.1.4 “Duplicate Encounter” means multiple Encounters where all fields are alike except for the ProviderOne Transaction Control Numbers (TCNs) and the Contractors Claim Submitter’s Identifier or Transaction Reference Number.

5.16.2 The Contractor shall submit and maintain accurate, timely, and complete Encounter Data to facilitate appropriate rate development and development of enhanced payment amounts that are dependent upon accurate and complete Encounter Data. The Contractor shall comply with all of the following:

5.16.2.1 Designate a person dedicated to work collaboratively with HCA on quality control and review of Encounter Data submitted to HCA.

5.16.2.2 Submit to HCA complete, accurate, and timely data for all services for which the Contractor has incurred any financial liability, whether directly or through Subcontracts or other arrangements in compliance with current Encounter submission guidelines as published by HCA and that adhere to the following data quality standards:

5.16.2.2.1 Encounter Data must be submitted to HCA at a minimum monthly, and no later than thirty (30) calendar days from the end of the month in which the Contractor paid the financial liability;

5.16.2.2.2 Submitted Encounters and Encounter Records shall have all fields required and found on standard healthcare claim billing forms or in electronic healthcare claim formats to support proper adjudication of an encounter. The Contractor shall submit to HCA, without alteration, omission, or splitting, all available claim data in its entirety from the Provider’s original claim submission to the Contractor;

5.16.2.2.3 Submitted Encounters and Encounter Records must pass all HCA ProviderOne system edits with a disposition of accept and listed in the Encounter Data Reporting Guide or sent out in communications from HCA to the Contractor; and

- 5.16.2.2.4 Submitted Encounters or Encounter Records must not be a duplicate of a previously submitted and accepted Encounter or Encounter Record unless submitted as an adjustment or void per HIPAA Transaction Standards.
- 5.16.2.3 The data quality standards listed within this Contract and incorporated by reference into this Contract. The Contractor shall make changes or corrections to any systems, processes, or data transmission formats as needed to comply with HCA's data quality standards as defined and subsequently amended.
- 5.16.3 For dates of service beginning January 1, 2025, the Contractor must conduct an annual audit for the previous calendar year of the accuracy, truthfulness, and completeness of the Encounter Data submitted by, or on behalf of, the Contractor, which will align with the following requirements:
  - 5.16.3.1 The Contractor shall submit the Audited Encounter Data Report annually to HCA via MC-Track no later than June 5.
  - 5.16.3.2 The retrospective review must compare accepted and rejected Encounters to the claims paid by, or on behalf of, the Contractor for all dates of service within the calendar year.
  - 5.16.3.3 The report shall address all discrepancies between the accepted or rejected Encounters to the claims paid by, or on behalf of, the Contractor, and provide a summary of measures implemented to mitigate future discrepancies.
- 5.16.4 The Contractor must report the paid date, paid unit, and paid amount for each encounter. Paid amount shall not be utilized in the consideration of a Contractor's assignment percentage.
- 5.16.5 For Home Health Care services, the Contractor must receive and report EVV data elements as outlined in the HCA 837 Encounter Data Companion Guide.
- 5.16.6 HCA shall perform Encounter Data quality reviews to ensure receipt of complete and accurate Encounter Data for program administration and rate-setting.
- 5.16.7 The Contractor must certify the accuracy and completeness of all Encounter Data concurrently with each file upload (42 C.F.R. § 438.606). The certification must affirm that:
  - 5.16.7.1 The Contractor has reported to HCA for the month of (indicate month and year) all paid claims for all claim types;
  - 5.16.7.2 The Contractor has reviewed the claims data for the month of submission; and
  - 5.16.7.3 The Contractor's chief executive officer, chief financial officer, or an individual who has delegated authority to sign for, and who reports directly to, the Contractor's chief executive officer or chief financial officer attest that based on best knowledge, information, and belief as of the date indicated, all information submitted to HCA in the submission is accurate, complete, truthful, and they hereby certify that no material fact has been omitted from the certification and

submission.

- 5.16.7.3.1 The Contractor shall submit this certification via MC-Track using the Daily Encounter Upload Notification template. The certification is to be submitted whenever Encounter Data files are submitted in ProviderOne.
- 5.16.8 The Contractor shall submit a signed Monthly Certification Letter, a template is available through MC-Track. This letter must include a list of all submitted Encounter Data files and is due within five (5) Business Days from the end of each month. The purpose of this letter is to certify that, based on the best information, knowledge, and belief, the data, documentation, and information submitted is accurate, complete, and truthful in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.606 and this Contract.
- 5.16.9 The Contractor must validate the accuracy and completeness of all Encounter Data for both physical Health Care Services and Behavioral Health Care Services compared to the year-to-date general ledger of paid claims.
  - 5.16.9.1 Within sixty (60) calendar days of the end of each calendar quarter, the Contractor shall provide aggregate totals of all Encounter Data submitted and accepted within required timing in subsection 5.16.2.2 of this Section during that quarter using the Apple Health - Integrated Managed Care Quarterly Encounter/General Ledger Reconciliation (Form D), available through MC-Track, and shall reconcile the cumulative Encounter Data submitted and accepted for the quarter and Contract Year with the general ledger paid claims for the quarter. The Contractor shall provide justification for any discrepancies. HCA will approve or reject the discrepancy justifications and notify the Contractor of the decision one hundred twenty (120) calendar days of the end of each calendar quarter.
  - 5.16.9.2 The Contractor's Encounter Data submitted and accepted on Form D will be validated against submitted and accepted data captured within HCA's ProviderOne System and must be within 1 percent of what HCA captured.
    - 5.16.9.2.1 If the Contractor's Encounter Data submitted and accepted on Form D is not within 1 percent of the submitted and accepted Encounter Data captured within HCA's ProviderOne System, HCA will provide the Contractor with a list of ProviderOne TCNs and associated Contractor's Transaction Reference Numbers. The Contractor must explain the difference in the Encounter Data provided by HCA with the Encounter Data submitted and accepted on Form D for that quarter. HCA will approve or reject the Contractor's explanation. If approved, the reconciliation process will use the submitted and accepted Encounter Data on the Contractor's Form D. If rejected, the reconciliation process will use the submitted and accepted Encounter Data captured within HCA's ProviderOne System.



- 5.16.9.3 Following the completion of the quarterly validation process described in subsections 5.16.9.1 through 5.16.9.2 of this Section, HCA may charge the Contractor \$25,000 for nonperformance if the Contractor fails to demonstrate that the Encounter Data submitted and accepted within required timing reconciles to the general ledger amounts within 1 percent. HCA shall notify the Contractor in writing thirty (30) calendar days before deducting the amount from the next batch payment to the Contractor.
  
- 5.16.10 HCA collects and uses this data for many reasons such as: Audits, investigations, identifications of Improper Payments and other Program Integrity activities, federal reporting (42 C.F.R. § 438.242(b)(1)), rate-setting and risk adjustment, service verification, Managed Care quality improvement program, utilization patterns and access to care; HCA hospital rate-setting; pharmacy rebates and research studies. Pharmacy Encounters submitted by the Contractor that are rejected due to the pharmacy Provider not being enrolled with HCA as a Medicaid Provider will not be included in the data used for setting the rates.
  
- 5.16.11 Additional detail can be found in the Encounter Data Reporting Guide and Service Encounter Reporting Instructions (SERI) Guide published by HCA and incorporated by reference into this Contract:
  - 5.16.11.1 HCA may change the Encounter Data Reporting Guide and SERI Guide with ninety (90) calendar days' written notice to the Contractor. The SERI Guide can be found at:  
<https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/service-encounter-reporting-instructions-seri>.
  
  - 5.16.11.2 The Encounter Data Reporting Guide and SERI Guide may be changed with less than ninety (90) calendar days' notice by mutual agreement of the Contractor and HCA.
  
  - 5.16.11.3 The Contractor shall, upon receipt of such notice from HCA, provide notice of changes to Subcontractors.

## **5.17 Retroactive Premium Payments for Enrollee Categorical Changes**

- 5.17.1 Enrollees may have retroactive changes in their eligibility category. With the exception of the Recoupment categories listed in Subsection 5.6, such changes will only affect Premium payments prospectively.

## **5.18 Renegotiation of, or Changes in Rates**

- 5.18.1 The rates set forth herein shall be subject to renegotiation during the contract period only if HCA, in its sole judgment, determines that it is necessary due to a change in federal or state law or other material changes, beyond the Contractor's control, which would justify such a renegotiation. If HCA, in its sole judgment, determines there is a change in benefits during the term of this Contract that will have a material impact on the Contractor costs, HCA may change rates to allow for the benefit change. In addition, the rates as set forth in this Contract shall be subject to prospective or retrospective adjustment in a de minimus amount if HCA, in its sole discretion, determines that the adjustment is necessary for appropriate operations of the program. Any such adjustment shall fall within the percentage specified in 42 C.F.R. 438.7(c)(3).

## **5.19 Reinsurance/Risk Protection**

5.19.1 The Contractor may obtain reinsurance for coverage of Enrollees provided that the Contractor remains ultimately liable to HCA for the services rendered.

## **5.20 Provider Payment Reform**

5.20.1 The Contractor shall collaborate and cooperate with HCA to implement cost-effective payment reform models. The Contractor will provide in a timely manner any information necessary to support HCA's analyses of Provider payment.

## **5.21 Improving Data Quality**

5.21.1 HCA is committed to ensuring alignment between payment structures and service delivery. This includes an emphasis on improving encounter data quality such that sufficient information exists to understand the utilization of services being provided. Contracting arrangements that are not connected to the underlying utilization of services being provided and that lack sufficient encounter data to validate the utilization of services being delivered are inconsistent with this goal.

5.21.1.1 The Contractor shall evaluate current contracting efforts, rate structures, and payment methodologies that do not support this goal and actively work on moving towards strategic alignment which supports a Provider reimbursement framework based on past and current utilization of services.

## **5.22 Experience Data Reporting**

5.22.1 The Contractor shall annually provide information regarding its cost experience related to the provision of the services required under this Contract. HCA requires this information in order to be able to set actuarially sound Managed Care rates. The Contractor shall provide the cost experience information to HCA and its designated actuary based on the requirements in this Section.

5.22.2 HCA or its designated actuary, by March 5 of each calendar year, will provide instructions the Contractor must follow concerning the timing, content, format and medium for reporting cost experience information. The instructions will address the reporting requirements, including for the categories of information identified in the subsections below, and will define the prospective rating period, if relevant. This information will be used for annual rate development, risk corridor and HIRP calculations.

5.22.2.1 The Contractor must submit all report modules and attestations through the secure file transfer portal (SFTP) of HCA's designated actuary, with an email to HCA and HCA's designated actuary confirming completion of the submission for the reports identified in subsection 5.22.3 through 5.22.18. The Contractor must also submit a signed PDF of all attestations for each module to HCA through MC-Track.

5.22.2.1.1 All reporting must be submitted by May 1 of each year unless a different date is specified in the subsections below or in further instructions from HCA or its designated actuary.

5.22.2.1.2 The reporting period for all reports is January 1 through December 31 of the prior two (2) calendar

years, unless otherwise specified in the subsections below or by further instructions from HCA or its designated actuary.

<b>Experience Data Reporting Modules</b>	
All report modules and attestations are due May 1 of each year unless a different date is specified in this Contract or in further instructions from HCA or its designated actuary.	
Issues to Impact Rate Development Narrative	VBP Incentives and Provider Incentive Payment Details. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft due by May 15 of the current calendar year.</li> <li>• Final version by July 14 of the current calendar year.</li> </ul>
Administrative Expenses	Sub-capitation Summary and Arrangement Details
Summary Enrollment Data	Pharmacy Benefit Management
Claim Lag Triangles	Value-added Benefits (VAB), or Benefits Limit Extension
Non-Lag Summary	In-lieu of Services
Considerations for BH Data	Third-party Liability Information
	Financial Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft due by May 22 of the current calendar year.</li> <li>• Final version due by July 15 of the current calendar year.</li> </ul>
BH Non-claims (annual)	Sub-capitation non-FFS Payment Detail Files
BH ICN Payments (annual)	Financial Reconciliation
BH Program Changes	Quality of Reported Information
Provider Reimbursement Data	
State Directed Payments	Non-participating and out-of-state Provider encounters rejected from ProviderOne. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary version of the claims annually by May 15 of the current calendar year;</li> <li>• Final version by July 14 of the current calendar year.</li> </ul>
BH Quarterly Request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BH Non-claims (quarterly)</li> <li>• BH ICN Non-claims (quarterly)</li> <li>• Reports due no later than August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1 of each year.</li> </ul>	Health Homes

5.22.3 Issues to Impact Rate Development Narrative.

5.22.3.1 The Contractor shall submit a narrative addressing any issues with a potential impact to rate development, for the purpose of assisting in the timely development of actuarially sound rates.

5.22.3.2 The Contractor shall submit the narrative related to any issues or changes that impact any portion of the prospective rating period.

5.22.3.3 Examples of the issues that the narrative must address include, but

are not limited to, capitation rate-setting, risk corridor calculations, and emerging experience analysis.

5.22.4 Administrative Expenses.

5.22.4.1 The Contractor shall submit administrative expense summary reports. The Contractor must include a summary that lists any changes that are expected to impact any portion of the prospective rating period and an explanation as to why those changes are expected.

5.22.5 Summary Enrollment Data.

5.22.5.1 The Contractor shall submit the narrative related to any issues or changes that impact any portion of the prospective rating period.

5.22.6 Annual encounter experience summary.

5.22.6.1 The Contractor shall submit annual encounter experience summary for the reporting period. Additionally, annual encounter experience summary must be reported from January through March of the current calendar year.

5.22.6.1.1 Claim Lag Triangles: A claim lag triangle is a method of summarizing paid claims by both incurred and paid month to demonstrate historical completion patterns. The claim lag summaries include actual paid claims and an estimate of ultimate incurred claim volume by the MCO, by population and high-level service category.

5.22.6.1.2 Non-Lag Summary: A non-lag summary includes summarized MCO revenues, benefit cost expenses, non-benefit cost expenses, and membership by incurred month.

5.22.7 Annual Behavioral Health (BH) experience information.

5.22.7.1 The Contractor shall submit the annual Behavioral Health experience information for the reporting period. Additional annual BH experience information must be reported from January through March of the current calendar year.

5.22.7.1.1 Considerations for reviewing BH Data;

5.22.7.1.2 BH Non-claims Provider Payments;

5.22.7.1.3 BH Integrated Care Network Payments; and

5.22.7.1.4 BH Program Change.

5.22.8 Provider contracting information.

5.22.8.1 The Contractor must provide the following contracting information:

5.22.8.1.1 FFS Provider Reimbursement Data;

5.22.8.1.2 VBP Incentives and Provider Incentive Payment Details;

- 5.22.8.1.2.1 A draft of the VBP Incentives and Provider Incentive Details shall be submitted by May 15 of the current calendar year, and the final version shall be submitted by July 14 of the current calendar year;
- 5.22.8.1.3 Sub-capitation Summary and Arrangement Details; and
- 5.22.8.1.4 Pharmacy Benefit Management.
- 5.22.8.2 In addition, the Contractor must provide a narrative explaining any changes in Provider contracting, including, but not limited to, professional, hospital, and pharmacy reimbursement rates and payment methodology expected to impact any portion of the prospective rating period.
- 5.22.9 Extended service coverage information.
  - 5.22.9.1 The Contractor must submit the following extended services coverage information:
    - 5.22.9.1.1 Value-added Benefits (VAB), or Benefits Limit Extension; and
    - 5.22.9.1.2 In-lieu of Services.
- 5.22.10 Third-party Liability Information.
  - 5.22.10.1 The Contractor shall submit third-party liability cost avoidance and recovery information. In addition to the reporting period described above, the Contractor shall provide reporting for January through March of the current calendar year.
- 5.22.11 Financial Statements.
  - 5.22.11.1 To be addressed in instructions to be provided by HCA's designated actuary.
  - 5.22.11.2 A draft of the Financial statement information shall be submitted by May 22 of each calendar year, and the final version shall be submitted by July 15 of the current calendar year.
- 5.22.12 Sub-capitation non-FFS Payment Detail Files.
  - 5.22.12.1 The Sub-capitation non-FFS Payment Detail Files initial filing submission will include two years of payment history for ongoing Provider payment tracking. The reporting period shall include payments and/or transactions made during the previous month from the current calendar month and the submission must be made annually.
  - 5.22.12.2 The recurring file submission for the Sub-capitation non-FFS Payment Details report will include monthly payment history for ongoing Provider payment tracking. The reporting period shall include payments and/or transactions made during the previous month from the current calendar month and the submission must be

made annually.

5.22.13 Quality of Reported Information.

5.22.13.1 Financial Reconciliation; and

5.22.13.2 Quality of Reported Information.

5.22.14 Non-participating and out-of-state Provider encounters rejected from ProviderOne.

5.22.14.1 The Contractor shall submit the Non-participating and out-of-state Provider claims from the reporting period according to the following schedule:

5.22.14.1.1 The Contractor shall submit a preliminary version of the claims annually by May 15 of the current calendar year and a final version by July 14 of the current calendar year.

5.22.15 State-Directed Payments

5.22.15.1 Instructions will be provided by HCA's designated actuary.

5.22.16 Health Homes

5.22.16.1 Instructions will be provided by HCA's designated actuary.

5.22.17 BH Quarterly Request

5.22.17.1 Instructions will be provided by HCA's designated actuary.

5.22.17.2 The Contractor shall submit BH information quarterly: August 1, November 1, February 1, and May 1 of each year.

5.22.18 Information Outside of the Experience Data Reporting Scope.

5.22.18.1 Information that the Contractor sends to HCA or HCA's designated actuary that is outside of the experience data reporting scope will be handled with full confidentiality and be discarded as HCA, or HCA's designated actuary, deems appropriate.

5.22.19 Additional Data Requests from the Contractor.

5.22.19.1 HCA or its designated actuary may require additional information from the Contractor if HCA determines such information is needed for setting actuarially sound rates.

5.22.20 Failure to Submit or Inadequate Experience Data Reporting.

5.22.20.1 If the Contractor fails to submit or submits inadequate experience data that results in harm to the rate-setting process, HCA, in its sole discretion, may assess sanctions, impose liquidated damages, or require the Contractor to submit a corrective action plan.

5.22.21 Termination.

5.22.21.1 Upon termination of this Contract, the Contractor shall ensure that

experience data reporting is complete and shall certify that any electronic or paper copies collected or maintained in connection with this Contract have been removed, confidentially secured and, if needed, destroyed.

## **5.23 Payments to Hospitals**

5.23.1 Payments must be made to hospitals subject to the Hospital Safety Net Program in accordance with chapter 74.60 RCW as follows:

5.23.1.1 HCA will provide information to the Contractor to facilitate its payments to the hospitals subject to the Hospital Safety Net Program.

5.23.2 The Contractor will pay all hospitals for services delivered under the Inpatient and Outpatient service categories at rates no less than those published by HCA for its FFS program, including the Administrative Day rate which is applicable through the date of discharge, regardless of the level of service being provided.

5.23.3 Administrative Day Rate Criteria

5.23.3.1 The Contractor shall not impose additional criteria to that outlined in WAC 182-550-4550 to determine eligibility for Administrative Days, and shall provide payment to any hospital for allowable Medically Necessary services performed during an Enrollee's hospital stay for which the Contractor is the payor of the hospital stay, if the hospital stay meets the following requirements:

5.23.3.1.1 Does not meet the criteria for acute inpatient level of care as determined by the Contractor; and

5.23.3.1.2 Meets the criteria for discharge, as determined by the Contractor, and is not discharged because appropriate placement is not available.

5.23.3.2 The Contractor shall adopt the rules established by HCA, and published in the Inpatient Hospital Services Billing Guide, identifying which allowable Medically Necessary services performed during the hospital stay are included in the payments under this subsection and which services may be billed by and paid to the hospital separately by the Contractor. Allowable Medically Necessary services may include, but are not limited to pharmacy services, pharmaceuticals, hemodialysis, laboratory charges, and x-rays.

5.23.3.3 The requirements described under this subsection do not alter the requirements for inpatient care billing or payment.

5.23.4 Fourteen-Day Readmission Review Program

5.23.4.1 The Contractor shall conduct review of inpatient admissions that occur within fourteen (14) calendar days of a prior inpatient admission to determine if that readmission is Medically Necessary. Readmission deemed not Medically Necessary shall not be reimbursed.

5.23.4.2 The Contractor shall conduct post-pay review of inpatient admissions that occur within fourteen (14) calendar days of a prior

inpatient admission to determine if that readmission was potentially preventable. The readmission must be clinically related to the prior admission and avoidable.

- 5.23.4.2.1 The Contractor shall consider a readmission to be avoidable if there is a reasonable expectation it could have been prevented by the Provider through one or more of the following actions:
  - 5.23.4.2.1.1 Providing quality care in the prior admission. A specific quality concern, identified and documented during the first admission which then resulted in the readmission, must be identified;
  - 5.23.4.2.1.2 Completing adequate discharge planning with the prior admission;
  - 5.23.4.2.1.3 Implementing adequate post-discharge follow-up of the prior admission; or
  - 5.23.4.2.1.4 Coordinating between inpatient and outpatient health care teams to provide required care post discharge of the prior admission.
- 5.23.4.3 The Contractor shall not classify a readmission as avoidable or within the Provider's ability to affect, if the readmission is:
  - 5.23.4.3.1 At a Critical Access Hospital (CAH);
  - 5.23.4.3.2 Unrelated to conditions or care from the prior admission;
  - 5.23.4.3.3 A planned readmission or necessary for repetitive treatments such as cancer chemotherapy, transfusions for chronic anemia, burn therapy, dialysis, or other planned inpatient treatment documented in the record or as indicated using patient discharge status "81"-planned readmission;
  - 5.23.4.3.4 A planned therapeutic or procedural admissions following diagnostic admissions, when the therapeutic treatment clinically could not occur during the same case;
  - 5.23.4.3.5 A same-day planned admission to a different hospital unit for continuing care (can include mental health/SUD transfers, rehab transfers, etc. which may be technically coded as discharge/admission for billing reasons);
  - 5.23.4.3.6 An admission for required treatments for cancer including treatment-related toxicities, or care for advanced-stage cancer;
  - 5.23.4.3.7 End of life and hospice care;
  - 5.23.4.3.8 Obstetrical readmissions for birth after an antepartum



- admission;
  - 5.23.4.3.9 Admissions with a primary diagnosis of mental health or SUD issue;
  - 5.23.4.3.10 Neonatal readmissions;
  - 5.23.4.3.11 Transplant readmissions within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of transplant;
  - 5.23.4.3.12 Readmissions when the index admission occurred in a different hospital system;
  - 5.23.4.3.13 To complete care for an Enrollee who left Against Medical Advice from a prior admission;
  - 5.23.4.3.14 Due to Enrollee non-adherence despite appropriate discharge planning and supports. This also includes cases where the recommended discharge plan was refused by the Enrollee, and a less appropriate alternative plan was made to accommodate Enrollee preferences; this must be clearly documented in the record; or
  - 5.23.4.3.15 Because the Contractor did not fulfill its responsibility for post discharge services that would have prevented the readmission.
- 5.23.4.4 The Contractor shall work with its Providers to assure they understand their role and take the following actions to prevent the occurrence of a readmission within fourteen (14) calendar days of a prior admission:
- 5.23.4.4.1 Create a discharge summary including summary of diagnoses, care provided, medication list, and follow-up plan;
  - 5.23.4.4.2 Determine the Enrollee's needs to support a safe discharge and write orders accordingly;
  - 5.23.4.4.3 Ensure the discharge summary is sent to the PCP or follow-up Provider;
  - 5.23.4.4.4 Provide all required prescriptions and educate the Enrollee about appropriate use of the medication(s);
  - 5.23.4.4.5 Provide written discharge instructions, accompanied by an explanation, to the Client and family/guardian;
  - 5.23.4.4.6 Provide appropriate contact telephone numbers to Enrollee or family/guardian to call for discharge related questions; and
  - 5.23.4.4.7 Document clearly in a readable format the content of discussion with the Contractor (call, fax, etc.).
- 5.23.4.5 The Contractor shall share responsibility with its Providers to successfully manage the discharge to prevent a readmission. The Contractor shall coordinate with the Provider to remove any barriers the Provider may face in implementing the discharge plan and the elements of care.

- 5.23.4.6 In addition to the services required in the Transitional Services section of this Contract, the Contractor shall:
  - 5.23.4.6.1 Resolve any barriers to implementing ordered services;
  - 5.23.4.6.2 Ensure a follow-up appointment is scheduled according to the discharge instructions (typically seven (7) calendar days);
  - 5.23.4.6.3 Educate the Enrollee about the importance of attending the follow-up appointment, and provide assistance to the Enrollee in getting to the appointment, including helping with transportation arrangements;
  - 5.23.4.6.4 Assure implementation of Medical Equipment and supply orders, and the Enrollee is given appropriate education on use;
  - 5.23.4.6.5 Assess the need for and arrange, as indicated, an in-home safety assessment with appropriate follow up as needed;
  - 5.23.4.6.6 Assess and address relevant financial and social needs of the Enrollee;
  - 5.23.4.6.7 Respond timely to implement any changes required in the discharge plan to sustain a successful discharge; and
  - 5.23.4.6.8 Provide case management services, as needed, to prevent readmission.
- 5.23.4.7 If a readmission occurs because of the Contractor's failure to fulfill its responsibilities, or a component of its shared responsibilities, the Contractor shall not deny payment for the readmission.
- 5.23.4.8 The Contractor shall use the template letters created with HCA to support this program.
- 5.23.4.9 The Contractor must provide a first and second level re-review to the hospital or physician if the Contractor has deemed the Provider failed to provide the level of care described above and was responsible for the readmission.
  - 5.23.4.9.1 After exhausting the Contractor's first and second level re-review process, the hospital may request HCA to conduct a review if a dispute between the Contractor and the Provider still exists about payment and assignment of responsibility. The Contractor shall appeal to HCA for a "Potentially Preventable" case review when the Contractor and the hospital or attending physician are unable to agree on assignment of responsibility for the readmission and the Provider continues to dispute the Contractor's determination.

- 5.23.4.9.2 The Contractor and the hospital or attending physician will each present a written summary of their position and supporting clinical documentation to HCA. The Contractor shall collect the information and request submitted by the hospital or physician as well as the Contractor's information to HCA within fourteen (14) calendar days of the hospital's request. HCA shall convene an internal panel to review the documents and make a final assignment of responsibility.
- 5.23.4.10 The Contractor shall respond within fourteen (14) calendar days to any request from HCA for readmission review information and data required in response to a concern for a pattern of inappropriate adjudication presented to HCA by a hospital.
- 5.23.4.11 The Contractor shall submit a quarterly report, due thirty (30) calendar days after the end of each quarter (January, April, July, and October) and a comprehensive annual report for the previous year, by January 31 of each year. The report must include:
  - 5.23.4.11.1 Total number of patients readmitted to any hospital within fourteen (14) days of discharge from a prior Hospitalization (regardless of preventability);
  - 5.23.4.11.2 Number of readmissions reviewed by the Contractor for determination of Provider Potentially Preventable Readmission (PPPR) status;
  - 5.23.4.11.3 Number of readmissions identified as PPPR with recoupment requested from the hospital;
  - 5.23.4.11.4 For each readmission identified in subsection 5.23.4.11.3 above:
    - 5.23.4.11.4.1 Recouped amount;
    - 5.23.4.11.4.2 Hospital;
    - 5.23.4.11.4.3 Primary and secondary diagnosis of admission; and
    - 5.23.4.11.4.4 Rationale for denial (brief narrative description of what criteria were used to determine that the readmission was preventable and how the case met these criteria).
  - 5.23.4.11.5 Number of cases contested by hospitals, how these were handled, and outcome of dispute; and
  - 5.23.4.11.6 Estimated Contractor staffing time for PPPR process.
- 5.23.5 Treatment of Inpatient Hospital Claims for Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) Hospitals.
  - 5.23.5.1 Because HCA can leverage additional federal funds for FFS inpatient claims at CPE facilities, these expenditures were carved out of the Premium payments for the blind and disabled populations

moved from FFS to Apple Health Managed Care. HCA will separately identify the Enrollees subject to the carve-out. If an Enrollee's eligibility category changes to AHBD while he or she is an inpatient at a CPE hospital:

- 5.23.5.1.1 The Contractor is responsible for the claim when the AHBD eligibility does not cover the entire Hospitalization.
- 5.23.5.1.2 HCA is responsible for the inpatient claim when the Enrollee's AHBD eligibility covers the entire Hospitalization.
- 5.23.5.2 While Premiums are net of CPE inpatient hospital claims, the Contractor does remain at risk for these FFS claims if they exceed expectations. CPE inpatient hospital expenditure benchmarks will be computed on a per-member per-month (PMPM) basis, and will vary by category, age, gender and region.
- 5.23.5.3 After the end of each calendar year, HCA will compute aggregate CPE hospital FFS expenditures attributable to the Contractor, based upon actual enrollment. Actual CPE hospital expenditures for all Contractor enrolled member months will be compared to the Contractor specific benchmarks that take into account changes in utilization and risk. If actual expenditures exceed the established benchmarks, the Contractor will reimburse HCA for the amount of the excess. HCA will not make payments to any MCO if expenditures are below benchmark amounts.
- 5.23.5.4 The following is a list of CPE Hospitals:
  - 5.23.5.4.1 University of Washington Medical Center;
  - 5.23.5.4.2 Harborview Medical Center;
  - 5.23.5.4.3 Cascade Valley Hospital;
  - 5.23.5.4.4 Evergreen Hospital and Medical Center;
  - 5.23.5.4.5 Olympic Medical Center;
  - 5.23.5.4.6 Samaritan Hospital – Moses Lake;
  - 5.23.5.4.7 Skagit County Hospital District #2 – Island;
  - 5.23.5.4.8 Skagit Valley Hospital;
  - 5.23.5.4.9 Valley General Hospital – Monroe; and
  - 5.23.5.4.10 Valley Medical Center – Renton.
- 5.23.5.5 The Contractor shall authorize inpatient services at CPE hospitals. HCA shall honor the Contractor's authorizations for the Contractor's provision of services related to inpatient claims.
- 5.23.5.6 The Contractor shall conduct quarterly audits of CPE hospital payments to confirm Contractor authorization of CPE hospital stays. The Contractor shall provide a quarterly report to HCA of all CPE hospital stays not authorized by the Contractor, including the

recommended payment amount of CPE hospital recoupments. The Contractor shall submit its quarterly reports to HCA within thirty (30) Business Days of receiving the quarterly payment reports from HCA.

## **5.24 Non-Hospital Payments**

- 5.24.1 The enhanced rates described in Subsection 5.24 only apply to eligible services delivered by Providers that are not either (i) already paid at an enhanced rate or (ii) eligible for supplemental payments (e.g., FQHC/RHC, FQHC licensed as BHA, Tribal Facilities, Tribal FQHC, PAP/ODP, Physician Services for Trauma Care).
- 5.24.2 The Contractor shall ensure that Subcontractors comply with applicable payment directives described in Subsection 5.24.
- 5.24.3 The Contractor shall pay the following HCPCS codes for all Freestanding Birthing or Childbirth Centers licensed by the DOH, at a rate no less than those published by HCA for its FFS Planned Home Births & Births in Birth Centers fee schedule: facility fee (59409-SU) and home birth kits (S8415).
- 5.24.4 The Contractor shall pay all Secure Withdrawal Management and Stabilization Facilities licensed and certified by DOH as defined in subsection 1.265 of this Contract a facility fee at a rate no less than those published by HCA for its FFS SUD program.
- 5.24.5 The Contractor shall pay Providers that provide Behavioral Health services to patients in primary care settings at a rate no less than those published by HCA for its FFS mental health and psychology Services. The Contractor shall also pay Providers that provide the following services at a rate no less than those published by HCA for its FFS Physicians Services: 96156, 96158, 96159, 96164, 96165, 96167, 96168, 96170, and 96171. The Contractor shall also pay Providers that provide the following services at a rate no less than those published by HCA for its FFS specialized mental health services: H0004, H0023, H0036, H2015. Refer to Exhibit L, Behavioral Health vs. Physical Health Capitation Rate Components for additional information about services included in the physical health component of capitation rates.
- 5.24.6 The Contractor shall maintain the Provider reimbursement rate increase of 162 percent for the services included on the Sexual and Reproductive Health Program (SRHP) Enhanced Family Planning fee schedule published by HCA for clinics designated as Publicly Funded Sexual and Reproductive Health Clinics by the DOH and identified on the DOH website here: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/SexualandReproductiveHealth/ClinicLocations>.
- 5.24.7 The Contractor shall maintain Provider reimbursement rates previously increased by 15 percent for Providers that deliver contracted Behavioral Health services as described in subsections 9.13.1, 9.13.2, 17.1.2, 17.1.4.3, 17.1.4.4, 17.1.4.6, 17.1.14, 17.1.16, and Opiate Treatment Program services as described in subsections 17.1.15 of this Contract.
- 5.24.8 The Contractor shall ensure Provider reimbursement rates for children (aged 0-20) pays no less than the rates included on the Enhanced Pediatric fee schedule published by HCA.
- 5.24.9 The Contractor shall ensure Provider reimbursement rates for adults (aged 21 and older) pays no less than the rates included on the Enhanced Adult Primary

Care fee schedule published by HCA.

- 5.24.10 The Contractor shall ensure Provider reimbursement rates for in-home Private Duty Nursing agencies pays no less than the amounts listed on the fee schedule published by HCA.
- 5.24.11 The Contractor shall ensure the daily rate paid to Providers who are qualified under WAC 182-551-3200 to deliver nursing services to Enrollees in the MICP in medically fragile group homes pays no less than the amounts listed on the fee schedule published by HCA.
- 5.24.12 The Contractor shall ensure Provider reimbursement rates for Home Health services pays no less than the amounts listed on the Home Health fee schedule published by HCA.
- 5.24.13 The Contractor shall ensure Provider reimbursement rates for Applied Behavioral Analysis services pays no less than those published by HCA on the Applied Behavioral Analysis fee schedule.
- 5.24.14 The Contractor shall ensure Provider reimbursement rates for Developmental Screening procedure codes 96110, 96127, 96160 and 96161 pays no less than those published by HCA in the EPSDT, Mental Health and Psychology, and Physician-Related/Professional Services fee schedule.
- 5.24.15 The Contractor shall ensure the Provider reimbursement rate for G0136 (Assessment of Social Determinant of Health) pays no less than that published by HCA in the following fee schedules: Family Planning, EPSDT, Apple Health (Medicaid) audio-only procedure codes, Neurodevelopmental Centers, Physician-related services, OPPS, and planned home birth and births in birth centers.
- 5.24.16 The Contractor shall ensure Provider reimbursement rates for Kidney Dialysis services for revenue codes 0821 (when billed with procedure code 90999), 0831, 0841 and 0851 are no less than those published by HCA in the Kidney Centers fee schedule.
- 5.24.17 The Contractor shall ensure Provider reimbursement rates for Pediatric Palliative Care services billed with revenue code 0659 are no less than those published by HCA in the Hospice fee schedule.
- 5.24.18 The Contractor shall ensure Provider reimbursement rates for Newborn Screening services required by the DOH (HCPCS Code S3620) are no less than those published by DOH.
- 5.24.19 The Contractor shall ensure Provider reimbursement rates for Professional Services required by Laws of 2023, Chapter 475, Section 211(72) ([Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5187](#)) are no less than the rates for CPT codes 59000-59871 range published by HCA in the Physician-Related/Professional Services fee schedule.
- 5.24.20 Effective January 1, 2025, the Contractor shall increase the rate by 7 percent for existing services delivered by Programs for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) teams.
- 5.24.21 Effective January 1, 2025, the Contractor shall ensure that Provider reimbursement rates for Community Based-Health Support (CBHS) services are no less than the amounts listed on the CBHS fee schedule published by HCA.

## **5.25 Payment for Services by Non-participating Providers**

- 5.25.1 The Contractor shall limit payment for Emergency Services furnished by any Provider who does not have a contract with the Contractor to the amount that would be paid for the services if they were provided under HCA's, Medicaid FFS program (Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Public Law No. 109-171, Section 6085).
- 5.25.2 Except as provided herein for Emergency Services, the Contractor shall coordinate with and pay a Non-participating Provider that provides a service to Enrollees under this Contract no more than the lowest amount paid for that service under the Contractor's contracts with similar Providers in the state, including Behavioral Health agencies in accordance with RCW 71.24.618. For IHS, Tribal 638 Facilities, Tribal FQHCs, and Tribal Organizations, this includes the IHS encounter rate (42 C.F.R. § 438.14(c)). For the purposes of this subsection, "contracts with similar Providers in the state" means the Contractor's contracts with similar Providers to provide services under the Managed Care program when the payment is for services received by a Managed Care Enrollee.
- 5.25.3 The Contractor shall track and record all payments to Participating Providers and Non-participating Providers in a manner that allows for the reporting to HCA the number, amount, and percentage of claims paid to Participating Providers and Non-participating Providers separately. The Contractor shall identify the type of Providers and subspecialty according to specifications provided by HCA. The Contractor shall also track, document and report to HCA any known attempt by Non-participating Providers to balance bill Enrollees.
- 5.25.4 The Contractor shall provide annual reports to HCA for the preceding SFY July 1 through June 30. The reports shall indicate the proportion of services provided by the Contractor's Participating Providers and Non-participating Providers, by county, and including hospital-based Physician Services in a format provided by HCA. The Contractor shall submit the report to HCA no later than August 15 of each year, or as required by HCA.

## **5.26 Data Certification Requirements**

- 5.26.1 Any information and/or data required by this Contract and submitted to HCA shall be certified by the Contractor as follows (42 C.F.R. § 438.242(b)(1) and (2) and § 438.600 through § 438.606):
- 5.26.1.1 Source of certification: The information and/or data shall be certified by one of the following:
- 5.26.1.1.1 The Contractor's chief executive officer.
  - 5.26.1.1.2 The Contractor's chief financial officer.
  - 5.26.1.1.3 An individual who has delegated authority to sign for, and who reports directly to, the Contractor's chief executive officer or chief financial officer.
- 5.26.1.2 Content of certification: The Contractor's certification shall attest, based on best knowledge, information, and belief, to the accuracy, completeness and truthfulness of the information and/or data.
- 5.26.1.3 Content of certification: The Contractor's certification shall attest, based on best knowledge, information, and belief, to the accuracy, completeness and truthfulness of the information and/or data.

- 5.26.1.4 Timing of certification: The Contractor shall submit the certification concurrently with the certified information and/or data.
- 5.26.1.5 HCA will identify the specific data that requires certification.
- 5.26.1.6 Certification applies to Medicaid and file submissions.
- 5.26.1.7 The Contractor must provide training and technical assistance to Subcontractors in order to ensure compliance with provisions of this Contract.

## 5.27 Sanctions

- 5.27.1 HCA may impose sanctions if the Contractor fails to meet one or more of its obligations under this Contract, a CAP, or applicable law, including but not limited to submitting reports, documents, data, or any other information that is inaccurate, incomplete, untruthful, or untimely. HCA will consider the Contractor's failure in this regard as default. The Contractor will be in default, and HCA may impose reasonable sanctions.
  - 5.27.1.1 Sanctions are distinct from liquidated damages and are not mutually exclusive.
  - 5.27.1.2 Sanctions are intended as a penalty for a default, whereas liquidated damages are intended as a remedy for noncompliance.
- 5.27.2 HCA may base its determination regarding the Contractor's default on its obligations under this Contract or applicable law on findings from onsite surveys, Enrollee or other complaints, financial status, or from any source.
- 5.27.3 HCA shall notify the Contractor in writing of any default by the Contractor. The notice will advise the Contractor of the basis of the determination of a default, if a cure period is being allowed, if a CAP will be required, if any sanctions are being imposed, and of the dispute resolution process.
- 5.27.4 Before imposing sanctions due to Contractor default, HCA may, in its sole discretion, provide a reasonable cure period and impose a CAP on the Contractor.
  - 5.27.4.1 HCA may (i) require the Contractor to devise a CAP to be approved by HCA or (ii) impose a CAP devised by HCA.
- 5.27.5 If HCA does not provide a cure period, or the Contractor fails to cure the default after the allowed cure period, HCA may impose intermediate sanctions, monetary sanctions, and/or liquidated damages;
  - 5.27.5.1 Additionally, until the Contractor cures the default, or any resulting dispute is resolved in the Contractor's favor, HCA may (i) withhold up to 5 percent of its scheduled payments to the Contractor, and/or (ii) suspend or terminate client assignments or re-enrollments.
- 5.27.6 HCA, CMS, or the HHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG) may impose intermediate sanctions in accordance with applicable law, including but not limited to 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.700, 438.702, 438.704, against the Contractor, without a cure period, for:
  - 5.27.6.1 Failing to provide Medically Necessary services that the Contractor



is required to provide, under law or under this Contract, to an Enrollee covered under this Contract.

- 5.27.6.2 Imposing on Enrollees Premiums or charges that are in excess of the Premiums or charges permitted under law or under this Contract.
  - 5.27.6.3 Acting to discriminate against Enrollees on the basis of their health status or need for Health Care Services. This includes termination of enrollment or refusal to reenroll an Enrollee, except as permitted under law or under this Contract, or any practice that would reasonably be expected to discourage enrollment by Enrollees whose medical condition or history indicates probable need for substantial future medical services.
  - 5.27.6.4 Misrepresenting or falsifying information that it furnishes to CMS or HCA.
  - 5.27.6.5 Misrepresenting or falsifying information that it furnishes to Enrollee, Potential Enrollee, or any of its Subcontractors.
  - 5.27.6.6 Failing to comply with the requirements for Physician Incentive Plans.
  - 5.27.6.7 Distributing directly or indirectly through any agent or independent contractor, Marketing Materials that have not been approved by HCA or that contain false or materially misleading information.
  - 5.27.6.8 Violating any of the other requirements of Sections 1903(m) or 1932 of the Social Security Act, and any implemented regulations.
- 5.27.7 Intermediate sanctions (42 C.F.R. § 438.702) include:
- 5.27.7.1 Civil monetary sanctions in the following amounts:
    - 5.27.7.1.1 A maximum of \$25,000 for each determination of failure to provide services; distribution of Marketing Materials that have not been approved by HCA, or that contain false or misleading information, misrepresentation or false statements to Enrollees, Potential Enrollees or Providers; failure to comply with Physician Incentive Plan requirements; or marketing violations.
    - 5.27.7.1.2 A maximum of \$100,000 for each determination of discrimination and for each misrepresentation or false statements by the Contractor to CMS or HCA.
    - 5.27.7.1.3 A maximum of \$15,000 for each Potential Enrollee HCA determines was not enrolled because of a discriminatory practice subject to the \$100,000 overall limit.
    - 5.27.7.1.4 A maximum of \$25,000 or double the amount of the charges, whichever is greater, for charges to Enrollees that are not allowed under Managed Care.

HCA will deduct from the penalty the amount charged and return it to the Enrollee.

- 5.27.7.2 Appointment of temporary management for the Contractor as provided in 42 C.F.R. § 438.706. HCA will only impose temporary management if it finds that the Contractor has repeatedly failed to meet substantive requirements in Sections 1903(m) or 1932 of the Social Security Act. Temporary management will be imposed in accordance with RCW 48.44.033 or other applicable laws.
- 5.27.7.3 Suspension of all new enrollments, including default enrollment, after the effective date of the sanction. HCA shall notify current Enrollees of the sanctions and that they may terminate enrollment at any time.
- 5.27.7.4 Suspension of payment for Enrollees enrolled after the effective date of the sanction and until CMS is satisfied that the reason for imposition of the sanction no longer exists and is not likely to recur.
- 5.27.8 HCA may impose other monetary sanctions if the Contractor defaults on any of its obligations under this Contract, a CAP, or applicable law or regulations [See 42 C.F.R. § 438.702(b)]. The amount of monetary sanction HCA may impose is up to \$100,000 per occurrence per day, or the amount specified in the Contract, a CAP, law, or regulation.
- 5.27.9 The Contractor may request a dispute resolution as described in the Disputes section of this Contract if the Contractor disagrees with HCA's determination.

## **5.28 Payment to FQHCs/RHCs**

- 5.28.1 Each FQHC and RHC is entitled to its full cost-based encounter rate for each qualifying encounter as outlined in HCA's Medicaid State Plan and in accordance with Section 1902(bb) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396a(bb)). The full encounter rate shall be at least equal to the Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate specific to each FQHC and RHC and applies to clinics reimbursed under either the APM or the PPS rate methodology.
  - 5.28.1.1 At no time will the Contractor be at risk for or have any claim to FQHC/RHC enhancements or the T1015 differential portions of RHC SBE payments.
  - 5.28.1.2 HCA will publish encounter and enhancement rates for each FQHC/RHC at least quarterly. The rate files will be published to: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/prior-authorization-claims-and-billing/provider-billing-guides-and-fee-schedules> according to the following schedule: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. Any rate changes that occur during the quarter will be included in the next publication and will specify the rate effective date.
- 5.28.2 HCA will pay the Contractor a lump sum monthly amount intended to provide funding to supplement the Contractor's payment to each of its contracted FQHCs, and those RHCs not receiving their full encounter rate through MCOs. The lump sum monthly amount paid to the Contractor ensures that each FQHC/RHC receives its entire, specific encounter rate for each qualifying

encounter. This monthly amount paid to the Contractor in a lump sum and subsequently disbursed to each FQHC/RHC as directed by HCA is called an enhancement payment.

5.28.2.1 The lump sum payment to the Contractor for its contracted FQHC/RHCs will continue to be based on the prior month's client assignments. The total amount of the enhancement payment to be made to each Contractor will be based on the Contractor's correct and timely reporting and submission of client assignment roster files to HCA on a monthly basis. For purposes of this Section, the "client assignment roster file" is the electronic file submitted monthly to MC-Track by the Contractor to HCA. The client assignment roster file is intended to identify the FQHC/RHC to which a Managed Care Enrollee has been assigned by the Contractor. This file is specific to client assignment and the resulting per-client enhancement payment only, and is a separate and distinct process from encounter claim submission. It is this per-client enhancement payment that is aggregated by FQHC/RHC and paid to the Contractor for disbursement to the individual FQHC/RHC. The amount due to each FQHC/RHC will be provided to the Contractor by HCA.

5.28.2.1.1 The Contractor shall submit its Enrollee assignment roster files for the current month of enrollments, and any retroactive enrollments and/or disenrollments, to HCA no later than the 10th of the month for the current month. HCA will pay to the Contractor a lump sum enhancement payment in the following month.

5.28.2.1.2 Rejected rosters resulting in errors from the Enrollee assignment roster files will be sent by HCA to the Contractor by the 15th of the month in which the roster was submitted. Corrections will be submitted by the Contractor to MC-Track no later than the 20th of the same month. Any Enrollee assignment roster file data received after the 20th of the month will be included in the next payment cycle for HCA's payment to the Contractor.

5.28.2.1.3 Using correctly submitted client assignment roster files and corrected error files, HCA will base the total enhancement payment due to the Contractor on the number of successfully loaded client records multiplied by the specific enhancement rate of each contracted FQHC/RHC. Thus, payment due to each Contractor will be the aggregated amount of all enhancement payments for each contracted FQHC/RHC.

5.28.2.1.4 For the previous calendar year, the Contractor shall submit a final roster submission, including any retroactive adjustments, by June 10 of the current year. This file shall not include rosters which have been successfully submitted by the Contractor and accepted by HCA in previously submitted client assignment roster files.

- 5.28.2.2 HCA will provide the Contractor with the monthly enhancement payment funds separately from the monthly Premium payments.
  - 5.28.2.2.1 These supplemental payments will include the load for the 2 percent Premium tax as shown on Exhibit A, Rates, AHFQHC and A-AHRHC of this Contract. The Premium tax is retained by the Contractor and is not paid to the FQHC/RHC.
  - 5.28.2.2.2 The enhancement payments will be calculated separately and apart from the risk-based capitation payments made to the Contractor by HCA and at no time will the Contractor be at risk for or have any claim to the enhancement payments.
- 5.28.3 To ensure that each FQHC/RHC receives its entire encounter rate for each qualifying encounter, the Contractor shall pay each contracted FQHC/RHC in one of the following ways:
  - 5.28.3.1 The Contractor shall pay the specific monthly enhancement payment amount provided by HCA to the FQHC/RHC, in addition to payment of claims for services made at standard rates and/or capitations to the FQHC/RHC by the Contractor. The Contractor shall ensure the entire amount of the enhancement payment is paid to each FQHC/RHC as prescribed by HCA within thirty (30) calendar days of the Contractor's receipt of the enhancement payment from HCA. If the Contractor becomes aware of an inability to make a timely enhancement payment to an FQHC/RHC, the Contractor shall notify HCA at [FQHCRHC@hca.wa.gov](mailto:FQHCRHC@hca.wa.gov) within three (3) Business Days.
  - 5.28.3.2 For all RHCs receiving their encounter rate through MCOs, the Contractor must ensure the full RHC encounter rate is paid for all encounter-eligible services as defined in HCA's "Rural Health Clinic Billing Guide." Medicaid-certified RHCs are approved by HCA and are reflected by billing NPI in the "Rural Health Clinic Rate Sheet". RHC billing NPIs and encounter rates are published at least quarterly in the RHC encounter rates sheet, at: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers/claims-and-billing/professional-rates-and-billing-guides>.
    - 5.28.3.2.1 The Contractor shall be reimbursed for the T1015 portion of encounter eligible claims via a SBE payment. This SBE payment will be generated through ProviderOne after the Contractor submits claims for eligible encounters.
    - 5.28.3.2.2 The Contractor must ensure RHC(s) encounter rate reimbursement reflects any rate adjustments. Adjustments will be reflected on the RHC encounter rate sheet, and within thirty (30) calendar days of any updates, the Contractor must ensure RHC encounter rate adjustments are applied retroactively to the effective date.
    - 5.28.3.2.3 The Contractor shall ensure RHCs under this

payment methodology receive their full encounter payment for each qualifying global maternity visit.


- 5.28.3.3 To generate SBE payments, the Contractor shall require that all RHC encounter eligible claims be billed with the RHC billing taxonomy (261QR1300X), as outlined in the RHC Billing Guide. The Contractor shall make changes or corrections to any systems or processes, as needed, to comply with HCA's guidelines for billing RHC encounter claims.
- 5.28.3.4 To ensure alignment with state and federal requirements outlined in subsection 5.28.1, HCA reserves the right to review payment arrangements between the Contractor and those RHCs receiving their full encounter rate through MCOs. HCA may require modifications to payment arrangements between the Contractor and RHCs if they are found to be out of compliance with state or federal statutes or rules.
- 5.28.4 For all RHCs receiving their full encounter rate through MCOs, HCA will perform an annual claim review with the Contractor. Annual claim reviews will ensure that each participating RHC received its full encounter rate for each qualifying claim and that MCOs are not put at risk for, or have any right to, the T1015 SBE portion of the claim. HCA will notify the Contractor of any discrepancies found in the annual claim review.
  - 5.28.4.1 Claims included in the RHC annual claim review between the Contractor and HCA will include:
    - 5.28.4.1.1 An eligible RHC encounter service as outlined in the RHC Billing Guide (found at: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers/claims-and-billing/professional-rates-and-billing-guides#>);
    - 5.28.4.1.2 A T1015 procedure code; and
    - 5.28.4.1.3 A certified RHC Billing NPI (participating NPIs will be shared by HCA with MCOs at least annually).
  - 5.28.4.2 HCA will base RHC annual claim review findings on the Contractor's timely submission of encounter data, as specified in Subsection 5.16 of this Contract.
  - 5.28.4.3 Following HCA's notification of RHC annual claim review results, the Contractor shall have thirty (30) calendar days to review and respond to the outcome and provide justification for any discrepancies or findings. The Contractor will address any findings outlined by HCA including any instances in which an RHC was not paid appropriately. Following the review period, the Contractor shall

work with the RHC(s) to make any necessary claim adjustments or payments as designated by HCA within the next sixty (60) calendar days.

- 5.28.5 For RHCs receiving their full encounter rate through MCOs, the Contractor shall provide the following deliverable:
- 5.28.5.1 The Contractor shall submit a completed RHC T1015 99405 Error File to MC-Track with dates of service in the previous calendar year (January 1 through December 31) by June 15 of each year. The purpose of this error file is to inform HCA of the negative T1015 amounts which will be used during the RHC encounter data review process to ensure the Contractor is paid appropriately.
- 5.28.6 The Contractor shall ensure it has sufficiently trained staff to handle calls and/or inquiries from FQHC/RHC Providers regarding the reimbursement process, client assignment, and to resolve any claims issues.
- 5.28.7 In accordance with WAC 182-549-1450(7) and 182-548-1450(7), FQHCs and those RHCs who reconcile Managed Care encounter payments directly with HCA must report Managed Care payments to HCA in their annual reconciliation. The Contractor will submit annual paid amounts by billing NPI for each FQHC and those RHCs that do not receive their full encounter rate through MCOs. The Contractor must submit all Managed Care payments made to each FQHC/RHC, including payments made under claim based, sub-capitation, quality, or risk-based payment arrangements. The payments reported by the Contractor to HCA must also include pharmacy and Care Coordination payments.
- 5.28.7.1 FQHC and RHC billing NPIs are published at least quarterly and are available at: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers/claims-and-billing/professional-rates-and-billing-guides>.
- 5.28.7.2 On or before August 30 of each year, the Contractor shall submit to HCA the FQHC/RHC Paid Amount report, indicating the total amount paid for services provided during the previous calendar year for each FQHC and those RHCs identified by HCA.
- 5.28.7.2.1 HCA will perform an initial review of the submitted FQHC/RHC Paid Amount report for completeness and provide feedback and/or noted discrepancies within sixty (60) calendar days. The Contractor shall have thirty (30) calendar days to respond to questions and discrepancies noted by HCA in the initial review.
- 5.28.7.2.2 Upon receipt of each FQHC/RHC's annual reconciliation, HCA will perform a final review of the FQHC/RHC Paid Amount report submitted by the Contractor. If a further review of the FQHC/RHC Paid Amount report data is required, HCA will notify the Contractor. The Contractor shall have thirty (30) calendar days to respond to questions and discrepancies noted by HCA.

## 5.29 Contracting with FQHCs

- 5.29.1 The Contractor is required to contract with at least one FQHC in each RSA, if any FQHC makes such a request.

### **5.30 Payment of Physician Services for Trauma Care**

5.30.1 The Contractor shall pay Physician Services an enhancement for severe trauma care. If all criteria are met, the trauma enhancement must be at least 275 percent of the Contractor's standard rate for the service.

5.30.1.1 To qualify for the trauma care enhancement, a service must meet all of the following criteria:

5.30.1.1.1 The service must be provided by a physician or clinician;

5.30.1.1.2 The service must be hospital-based, with a billed place of service 21, 22, 23, 24, 51, 52, or 56;

5.30.1.1.3 The service must be provided in a DOH designated or recognized trauma service center; and

5.30.1.1.4 The Provider has indicated that the injury severity score (ISS) criteria has been met by billing with modifier ST in any position. The ISS must be:

5.30.1.1.4.1 Thirteen or greater for clients aged 15 and older;

5.30.1.1.4.2 Nine or greater for clients younger than age 15; or

5.30.1.1.4.3 Zero or greater when the service is provided at a Level I, II, or III trauma service center when the trauma case is received as a transfer from another Facility.

5.30.1.2 Rehabilitation and surgical services provided within six months of the date of an injury that meets all criteria in subsection 5.30.1 may also receive the enhancement rate if all of the following criteria are met:

5.30.1.2.1 The follow-up procedures are directly related to the qualifying traumatic injury;

5.30.1.2.2 The follow-up procedures were planned during the initial acute episode of care, i.e., the inpatient stay; and

5.30.1.2.3 The plan for the follow-up procedure(s) is clearly documented in the medical record of the client's initial Hospitalization for the traumatic injury.

5.30.1.3 Exemptions. The following services are never subject to trauma care enhancements:

5.30.1.3.1 Laboratory and pathology services; or

5.30.1.3.2 Technical component (TC) only charges.

### **5.31 Nonpayment for Provider Preventable Conditions**

5.31.1 The Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations concerning Provider Preventable Conditions (PPCs), including WAC 182-502-0022. The



Contractor shall deny or recover payments to healthcare professionals and inpatient hospitals for care related to the treatment of the consequences of Healthcare Acquired Conditions (HCAC) and Other Provider Preventable Conditions (OPPC), also known as Serious Adverse Events.

5.31.1.1 The Contractor shall require all Providers to report PPC associated with claims for payment or Enrollee treatments for which payment would otherwise be made. (42 C.F.R § 434.6(a)(12).

### **5.32 Billing for Services Provided by Residents**

5.32.1 The Contractor shall allow teaching physicians to submit claims for primary care services provided by interns and residents under supervision of the teaching physician as described in HCA's -Physician-Related/Professional Services Billing Guide.

### **5.33 Enrollees Receiving Mental Health Treatment in an Institute for Mental Disease (IMD)**

5.33.1 If an Enrollee between the ages of 21 and 65 resides in a IMD facility for sixty (60) calendar days or fewer, the cost of their care may be paid with Medicaid funding provided under this Contract. When an Enrollee resides in a IMD facility for more than sixty (60) consecutive calendar days, the cost of their care cannot be paid with Medicaid funding received under this Contract.

5.33.2 HCA will recoup the Premium payments made under this Contract for each calendar month (from admission through discharge) encompassed by an IMD stay that is longer than sixty (60) calendar days. All services provided to the Enrollee during the ineligible calendar months under this Contract, including the cost of the IMD stay, will be reimbursed via the MCO Wraparound Contract with non-Medicaid funds.

5.33.3 In the month following the end of each calendar quarter, HCA will provide a report to the Contractor of all IMD long-stay periods of service (stays of more than sixty (60) calendar days) that occurred during the first quarter of the previous calendar year. For example, in April 2025, HCA will be providing data incurred during January through March 2024.

5.33.3.1 HCA will post the reports and instructions to the Contractor's MFT site during the reconciliation period, followed by an email notification to the Contractor.

5.33.3.2 The Contractor will have fifteen (15) calendar days following the date of the notification to review and comment on the underlying data provided by HCA.

5.33.3.3 HCA will recover the Premium payment for identified IMD long-stays within ten (10) Business Days of receiving feedback from the Contractor.

5.33.4 Once HCA recoups a Premium payment for an Enrollee in accordance with this Section, the Contractor must update its records to reflect the correct funding source for any payments made for Covered Services on behalf of the Enrollee during the impacted months of service.

5.33.5 Instructions for reimbursement of claims paid on behalf of these Enrollees are outlined in the Contractor's Wraparound contracts.

### **5.34 Payment for Supervision of Behavioral Health Providers**

5.34.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the capitation rate paid by HCA for BHA services includes funding, as an administrative component, which is intended to reimburse licensed Behavioral Health practitioners for their time supervising unlicensed practitioners. The Contractor will convey to the Providers in their contracts the inclusion of this service.

### **5.35 Medicaid Quality Improvement Program (MQIP)**

5.35.1 If HCA implements a Medicaid Quality Improvement Program (MQIP) in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.6(b)(2), the Contractor will be eligible to receive MQIP for the achievement of certain detailed milestones and metrics aligned with HCA's Quality Strategy. MQIP payments will be separate from and in addition to the capitation payments made to the Contractor under this Contract and will be specifically identified as the MQIP payment in any distribution to the Contractor. MQIP is not Premium revenue and will not be considered as such for purposes of calculating the Contractor's Medical Loss Ratio or Premium tax liability. Eligibility to participate in the MQIP is not linked to whether the Contractor is a public or private entity or whether the Contractor has provided an intergovernmental transfer to HCA.

5.35.2 To qualify for MQIP in each Contract Year, the Contractor must comply with HCA requirements described in subsection 5.35.3. The scope of performance milestones, metrics, and reporting deadlines will be included in the MQIP Milestone Performance and Reporting guide, and will align with the goals and objectives outlined in HCA's Medicaid Quality Strategy.

5.35.3 The Contractor will be eligible to receive MQIP payments by complying with all milestone submission and metric reporting deadlines. The scope of MQIP performance requirements, including timeline for submission of all milestones, and metrics, will be outlined in the MQIP Milestone Performance and Reporting guide available online at: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/mqip-metrics-milestones.pdf>. HCA may update this guide and will notify the Contractor thirty (30) calendar days prior to posting the revised guide online. The incentive arrangement for completed milestones and activities will be available only for each Contract Year identified by HCA, and the Contractor's total MQIP payment will be measured based on performance during the current Contract Year. The MQIP will not be renewed automatically, but HCA may include the MQIP or similar arrangements in subsequent Contract Years. HCA will notify the Contractor ninety (90) calendar days prior to the start of the Contract Year in the event the MQIP program will not be in effect for that Contract Year.

5.35.4 In no event will MQIP exceed 5 percent of total capitation revenue that the Contractor receives during the Contract Year.

### **5.36 Primary Care Expenditure Report**

5.36.1 HCA will develop the Primary Care Expenditure report utilizing input from HCA's Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) and School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) program medical carriers, and Medicaid MCOs.

5.36.2 The Contractor shall complete HCA's Primary Care Expenditure report annually, by the last Business Day of July. The reporting period is January 1 through December 31. The report is available through MC-Track.

### **5.37 Payments to Indian Health Care Providers**

- 5.37.1 The United States (including IHS), each Tribe, and each Tribal Organization, including IHCPs, have the right to recover from liable third parties, including the Contractor, notwithstanding network restrictions, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 1621e and 42 C.F.R. § 438.14(b)(2). The Contractor will pay IHS facilities and Tribal 638 Facilities, including Tribal FQHCs, in accordance and compliance with the Medicaid State Plan, the Tribal Health Program Billing Guide, and federal guidance, as follows:
- 5.37.1.1 The full IHS encounter rate for each qualifying outpatient service furnished to: (a) an AI/AN Enrollee by an IHS or Tribal 638 Facility, including a Tribal FQHC, and (b) a non-AI/AN Enrollee by a Tribal FQHC; provided that, for outpatient SUD treatment services, the amount will be the federal portion of the IHS encounter rate as provided in the Tribal Health Program Billing Guide.
  - 5.37.1.2 The full IHS inpatient hospital per diem rate for each day of a qualifying inpatient stay for an AI/AN Enrollee;
  - 5.37.1.3 The full enhanced per diem rate for each day of qualifying inpatient or residential Behavioral Health treatment for an AI/AN Enrollee, for which an enhanced rate has been authorized in the Medicaid State Plan;
  - 5.37.1.4 In the absence of a contracted rate, the amount the IHCP would receive if the qualifying services were provided in the Fee-for-Service Medicaid Program; or
  - 5.37.1.5 The Contractor shall only pay Tribal FQHCs in accordance with the Tribal FQHC APM.
- 5.37.2 The Contractor will pay all UIHPs in accordance with the terms of Subsection 5.28.
- 5.37.3 HCA will inform the Contractor of the amounts of the IHS encounter rate, the IHS inpatient hospital per diem rate, and any enhanced per diem rates authorized in the Medicaid State Plan and applicable to IHCPs. The rates will be provided in rate files consistent with federal guidance found at <https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/prior-authorization-claims-and-billing/provider-billing-guides-and-fee-schedules> under Tribal Health Program (which includes guidance for the Tribal FQHC program) and updated annually.
- 5.37.4 For each Contractor-paid, clean claim for qualifying encounters (as outlined in the ProviderOne Billing Guides and the Encounter Data Reporting Guide) for which the encounter submission has been accepted by HCA and for which the Contractor paid at a rate described in subsections 5.37.1.1, 5.37.1.2, or 5.37.1.3, HCA will reimburse the Contractor for the difference between (a) the amount paid and (b) the greater of the rate negotiated for the service by the Contractor and the IHS or Tribal 638 Facility (including Tribal FQHC) and the rate payable for the service in the Fee-for-Service Medicaid Program.
- 5.37.5 The Contractor will ensure it has trained staff to handle calls or inquiries from IHCPs and other Providers regarding the reimbursement process and how to ensure that claims for services furnished to AI/AN Enrollees are correctly processed.

### 5.38 Apple Health COVID19 Vaccine Administration and Payments

- 5.38.1 Consistent with 42 C.F.R. § 438.2 and 42 C.F.R. § 447.362, the costs for COVID19 vaccine administration are a covered Medicaid service for in-network and out-of-network Participating Providers for the duration of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) declaration unless otherwise notified by HCA.
- 5.38.2 Effective January 1, 2024, the costs for COVID19 vaccine administration are included in the Premium rates described in subsection 5.2.1 of this Contract for the AH Family Adult, AH Family Child, SCHIP, AHBD, COPES, DDA and AHAC populations.
- 5.38.3 The Contractor will administer the services provided to their Enrollees for COVID19 vaccine administration and submit paid encounters to HCA for vaccine administration in the format as required in Subsection 5.16 of this Contract.
- 5.38.4 The Contractor will pay all Providers that administer COVID19 vaccines to Enrollees at rates no less than those published by HCA for its FFS program.
- 5.38.5 The Contractor will support the education of its members and in-network Providers regarding COVID19 vaccine availability and treatment including but not limited to: coverage and reimbursement, information about vaccines available, the prohibition on any member charges for COVID19 vaccine and administration, and how to obtain additional information.
- 5.38.6 HCA will reimburse the Contractor for expenditures for COVID19 vaccine administration with dates of service beginning February 15, 2021, through December 31, 2023.
  - 5.38.6.1 The Contractor will be reimbursed for qualifying accepted encounters at the applicable HCA published FFS rate including an administrative fee of \$0.50 per encounter.
  - 5.38.6.2 During the first full week of each month from March 2021 forward, HCA will extract the encounter data submitted by the Contractor during the prior month with dates of service on or after February 15, 2021, for paid claims for COVID19 vaccine administration.
  - 5.38.6.3 The encounter data files that will be used as the source data for the reimbursements will be provided to the Contractor via HCA MFT sites for the encounters submitted by the Contractor. HCA will send notification to the Contractor via e-mail when the files have been posted to the MFT sites.
  - 5.38.6.4 The Contractor shall review the data files provided within five (5) Business Days of the date they receive notification of their availability. If the Contractor identifies any discrepancies between the Contractor's records and the data provided, the discrepancies shall be reported to HCA by the close of business on the fifth Business Day.
  - 5.38.6.5 If adjustments are made to the data files, HCA will provide a final version of the data files to the Contractor within five (5) Business Days.
  - 5.38.6.6 HCA will initiate payment via ProviderOne Gross Adjustment to the

Contractor for the total paid amount in each final version of the encounter data plus the applicable administrative fees within five (5) Business Days of the finalization of the encounter data file.

**5.39 Alignment in Administrative Requirements for Providers**

- 5.39.1 As the Contractor becomes aware of differences in FFS claim submission requirements for the Managed Care Covered Services that are also covered by the Fee-for-Service (FFS) Medicaid Program, the Contractor shall participate in a workgroup with HCA and other MCOs to achieve alignment on claim submission requirements, where possible.

## 6 ACCESS TO CARE AND PROVIDER NETWORK

### 6.1 Network Capacity

- 6.1.1 The Contractor shall maintain and monitor an appropriate and adequate Provider network, supported by written agreements, sufficient to provide adequate access to all services covered under this Contract for all Enrollees, including those with limited English proficiency or physical or mental disabilities (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(b)(1)).
- 6.1.2 On a quarterly basis, the Contractor shall provide documentation of its Provider network, including Critical Provider types and all contracted specialty Providers. Documentation shall be submitted no later than the 15th of the first month for the current reporting quarter. Reports are due: January 15 (January through March); April 15 (April through June); July 15 (July through September); and October 15 (October through December). Submitted documentation shall provide evidence that the Contractor has adequate Provider capacity to deliver services that meet the timeliness standards described in Subsection 6.11 to all Enrollees and shall ensure sufficient choice and number of community health centers (FQHCs/RHCs) and/or private Providers to allow Enrollees a choice of service systems or clinics. The quarterly documentation shall include:
- 6.1.2.1 The Combined Provider Submission report template, completed using the Data Definitions instructions, herein incorporated by reference.
- 6.1.2.2 Information regarding the Contractor's maintenance, monitoring and analysis of the network.
- 6.1.2.3 A narrative describing findings from a self-assessment of the current quarter's network; explanation of network changes since the prior quarterly submission; contracting activities, including any Material Provider network changes from the previous quarter; mitigation strategies to address gaps in the Contractor's ability to provide services within the identified appointment standard timelines, or loss of Providers; and a summary of substantial changes made as well as data validation efforts conducted to the online Provider directory during the quarter.
- 6.1.3 The Contractor shall have written policies and procedures for selection and retention of network Providers that, at a minimum, meet the requirements of 42 C.F.R. § 438.214.
- 6.1.4 In addition to the quarterly documentation required under this Subsection, the Contractor shall also submit updated Provider Network information within five (5) Business Days when requested by HCA or in the following circumstances:
- 6.1.4.1 At the time it enters into a Contract with HCA;
- 6.1.4.2 At any time there has been a change in the Contractor's network or operations that, in the sole judgment of HCA, would materially affect capacity or the Contractor's ability to provide services (42 C.F.R. § 438.207(b and c)), including:
- 6.1.4.2.1 Changes in services, benefits, geographic service area or payments; or

6.1.4.2.2 Enrollment of a new population with the Contractor.

- 6.1.5 Provider network information will be reviewed by HCA for:
  - 6.1.5.1 Accuracy and completeness, including verifying the quarterly Combined Provider Submission template is submitted in the proper format, as described in the Data Definition instructions;
  - 6.1.5.2 The need for HCA provision of technical assistance;
  - 6.1.5.3 Removal of Providers who no longer contract with the Contractor;
  - 6.1.5.4 The effect that the change(s) in the Provider network will have on the network's compliance with the requirements of this Section;
  - 6.1.5.5 The Contractor's compliance with encounter validation against network submissions; and
  - 6.1.5.6 The Contractor's compliance with NPI validation against network submissions.
- 6.1.6 The Contractor shall provide Contracted Services through Non-participating Providers, at a cost to the Enrollee that is no greater than if the Contracted Services were provided by Participating Providers (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(b)(5)), if its network of Participating Providers is insufficient to meet the medical needs of Enrollees in a manner consistent with this Contract. The Contractor shall adequately and timely cover these services out-of-network for as long as the Contractor's network is inadequate to provide them (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(b)(4)). This provision shall not be construed to require the Contractor to cover such services without authorization except as required for Emergency Services.
- 6.1.7 The Contractor may offer contracts to Providers in bordering states that allow Enrollees to access care when care is appropriate, available, and cost-effective.
- 6.1.8 Inaccurate or Incomplete Submissions: The documentation submitted by the Contractor must be accurate and complete.
  - 6.1.8.1 For each quarterly network submission that is not accurate, complete and submitted in the required format described in the Data Definitions instructions that accompany the Combined Provider Submission template, HCA may charge the Contractor \$50,000 for nonperformance. HCA may also charge the Contractor when a submission has an error rate of over 10 percent for encounter or NPI validation. HCA shall notify the Contractor in writing thirty (30) calendar days before deducting the amount from the next batch payment to the Contractor.
  - 6.1.8.2 If the submission must be returned to the Contractor for corrections, and the submission contained errors that reflect a material loss of Providers in a service area, the assignment of Enrollees to the Contractor may be suspended for that service area. The suspension of assignments, if taken, will continue until the quarter in which the Contractor submits an accurate submission for that service area.
- 6.1.9 Late Submissions: For each quarterly Network submission that is not submitted by the due date and does not have written approval from HCA prior to the due

date for the late submission, HCA may charge the Contractor \$1,000 for the first day, and an additional \$1,000 per day thereafter for non-performance. HCA will notify the Contractor in writing thirty (30) calendar days before deducting the amount from the next batch payment to the Contractor.

- 6.1.10 If the Contractor, in HCA's sole opinion, fails to maintain an adequate Network of Providers in any contracted service area, including Essential Behavioral Health Providers (EBHP) and all Critical Providers: PCPs, Hospitals, Pharmacies, individually licensed Mental Health Providers, youth and adult outpatient BHA Providers, Obstetrician/Gynecologist, Pediatricians, and high-volume specialties identified by the Contract, for two consecutive quarters, and after notification following the first quarter, HCA reserves the right to immediately terminate the Contractor's services for that service area.
- 6.1.11 The Contractor shall update and maintain the Contractor's Provider manual to include all relevant information about programs, services, and requirements.
- 6.1.12 The Contractor shall maintain an online Provider directory with a link on the front page of the Contractor's website that immediately directs users to the Contractor's online, searchable Provider directory. The Contractor shall make all information in the online Provider directory available on the Contractor's website in a machine-readable file and format as specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The Contractor shall also make copies of all Provider information in the online Provider directory available to Enrollees in paper form upon request. The Provider directory must be updated at least quarterly if the Contractor has a mobile-enabled electronic directory, or monthly, if the Contractor does not have a mobile-enabled, electronic Provider directory. The online Provider directory must meet the following requirements:
  - 6.1.12.1 Include information about available interpreter services, communication, and other language assistance services. Information must be provided for each of the Provider types covered under this Contract.
  - 6.1.12.2 Include a list of all clinics and primary and specialty Providers, including Behavioral Health Providers for Medicaid, including street addresses, telephone numbers, and URLs, service types, clinical specialty, and areas of expertise, as available.
  - 6.1.12.3 Include any in-network institutional affiliation of the Provider, such as hospitals where the Provider has admitting privileges, or Provider groups with which a Provider is a member.
  - 6.1.12.4 Include a description of each primary and specialty Provider's languages spoken, including American Sign Language, and if appropriate, a brief description of the Provider's skills or experiences that would support the cultural or linguistic needs of its Enrollees, e.g., "served in Peace Corps, Tanzania, speaks fluent Swahili."
  - 6.1.12.5 Include information about whether the Contractor's network Providers' office/facilities have accommodations for people with physical disabilities, including offices, exam room(s), and equipment.
  - 6.1.12.6 Indicate whether each primary and specialty Provider, including Behavioral Health Providers, is accepting new patients, separated



by pediatric/youth and adult populations. This includes search capability to locate Providers contracted to provide mental health services to children and youth who are accepting new patients (chapter 74.09 RCW).

- 6.1.12.7 Include a list of hospitals, pharmacies, and DME Providers.
- 6.1.12.8 Include Behavioral Health crisis contacts.
- 6.1.12.9 Include a specific description of any telemedicine services available from a listed Provider and at what facilities.
- 6.1.12.10 Be updated within thirty (30) calendar days of a change in the Contractor's Network, and when the Contractor receives updated information about Provider changes, or Providers who are no longer under contract with the Contractor. (42 C.F.R § 438.10(h)(3)). A report of all changes made to the directory must be logged and sent to HCA when requested.
- 6.1.12.11 Be available to Providers, Enrollees, family members, and other community stakeholders.
- 6.1.12.12 Have in place a process for Enrollees, Potential Enrollees, and other individuals to identify and report potential inaccurate, incomplete, or misleading information in the Contractor's directory. The Contractor shall provide a dedicated email address and either a form on the website or a telephone number so that errors can be reported directly through the website. Errors must be corrected within ten (10) Business Days.
- 6.1.13 The Contractor's program staff shall provide assistance to Enrollees and Potential Enrollees in conducting Provider searches based on office or facility location, clinical specialty, Provider discipline, Provider capacity, and available languages.
- 6.1.14 For each instance in which HCA finds inaccurate directory information, HCA may charge the Contractor \$1,000 per error for non-performance. HCA will notify the Contractor in writing thirty (30) calendar days before deducting the amount from the next batch payment to the Contractor.

## **6.2 Behavioral Health Network Analysis**

- 6.2.1 The Contractor shall incorporate the following requirements when developing its Behavioral Health network. The Contractor shall offer and maintain contracts to licensed facilities and entities as listed in subsection 6.2.1.3 as well as individually licensed Health Care Professionals. The Contractor shall:
  - 6.2.1.1 Have sufficient Behavioral Health Providers in its network to allow Enrollees a choice.
  - 6.2.1.2 Contract with licensed Behavioral Health Providers. Licensed Behavioral Health Providers include, but are not limited to, Health Care Professionals, licensed agencies or clinics, or non-licensed professionals operating under an agency-affiliated license. Meet the regional Behavioral Health Network Adequacy standards, adopted

per RCW 74.09.871, including:

	Mental Health Adult	Mental Health Youth	SUD Adult	SUD Youth
Outpatient	1 in 25 miles	1 in 25 miles	1 in 25 miles	1 in 25 miles
Residential	Presence of service within the network.	N/A	Presence of service within the network by ASAM level of care (3.1, 3.3, 3.5, and 3.7)	Presence of service within the network by ASAM level of care (3.1 and 3.5).
Inpatient	1 per region	1 per region	N/A	N/A
Crisis and Stabilization			N/A	N/A
Providers of Medication for Opioid Use Disorders (MOUD)	N/A	N/A	Prescribers of MOUD: Presence of service within network.  BHA Facilities providing MOUD (OTPs): Presence of service within network.	Prescribers of MOUD: Presence of service within network.  BHA Facilities providing MOUD (OTPs): Presence of service within network.
Specialty Care	PACT: 1 per region  New Journeys: Presence of service within network.  BHA Facility providing Medication Management: 1 per region.	WISe: 1 in-person provider per county.  BHA Facility providing Medication Management: 1 per region.	N/A	N/A

Other facility-based services	N/A	N/A	Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW): Presence of service within network.  Secure withdrawal management: Presence of service within network.	N/A
Other providers as determined by HCA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6.2.1.3 Establish and maintain contracts with Providers determined by HCA. The current list of Essential Behavioral Health Providers includes, but is not limited to the following services and Providers:

6.2.1.3.1 Certified SUD and mental health residential treatment Providers;

6.2.1.3.2 Licensed Behavioral Health Agencies, providing outpatient mental health services to youth and adults;

6.2.1.3.3 Licensed Behavioral Health agencies, providing outpatient SUD services to youth and adults;

6.2.1.3.4 Providers currently prescribing buprenorphine;

6.2.1.3.5 Licensed and certified Opioid Treatment Program (formerly referred to as Methadone Treatment programs or Opiate Substitution Treatment);

6.2.1.3.6 Licensed and certified free-standing facilities, hospitals, or psychiatric inpatient facilities that provide evaluation and treatment, including Freestanding Evaluation and Treatment Facilities;

6.2.1.3.7 Licensed and certified withdrawal management facilities (for acute and subacute), including Secure Withdrawal Management and Stabilization Facilities;

6.2.1.3.8 Licensed Behavioral Health Agencies certified to provide crisis Stabilization Services; and

6.2.1.3.9 DBHR-Recognized Wraparound and Intensive Services (WISe) Providers.

6.2.1.4 Ensure sufficient Provider capacity to meet the statewide need for WISe services. Continue work with the independent workforce development collaborative to ensure compliance with the WISe workforce development plan.

- 6.2.1.5 Provide evaluations and/or Medically Necessary Behavioral Health services in the Enrollee's residence, when the Enrollee's health care needs require an onsite service, including Enrollees who have been discharged from a state hospital or similar treatment facility to a placement such as an adult family home, assisted living facility, or Skilled Nursing Facility.
- 6.2.1.6 Collaborate with HCA to use data to inform the development of:
  - 6.2.1.6.1 Community-based alternatives for crisis stabilization, such as mobile crisis or crisis residential and respite beds; and
  - 6.2.1.6.2 Community-based, recovery-oriented services and Research- and Evidence-Based Practices including, but not limited to, certified Peer Support counselors.
- 6.2.1.7 Contract with an adequate number of Behavioral Health Providers that offer urgent and non-urgent same day, evening, and weekend services.
- 6.2.2 The Contractor, in partnership with Essential Behavioral Health Providers, must develop and implement plans for improving access to timely and clinically appropriate treatment for Enrollees with Behavioral Health needs, including individuals with current or prior criminal justice involvement.
  - 6.2.2.1 Contract with Integrated Care Providers to promote and advance bi-directional physical and Behavioral Health clinical integration as an essential Provider type. The Contractor will work with HCA to define and report this network submission Provider category.

### **6.3 Service Delivery Network**

- 6.3.1 In establishing, maintaining, monitoring, and reporting of its network, the Contractor must consider the following (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(b)):
  - 6.3.1.1 Expected enrollment for each service area in which the Contractor offers services under this Contract.
  - 6.3.1.2 Adequate access to all services covered under this Contract.
  - 6.3.1.3 The expected utilization of services, taking into consideration the characteristics and health care needs of the population represented by the Contractor's Enrollees and Potential Enrollees.
    - 6.3.1.3.1 The Contractor shall consider expected utilization by children, TAY, adults, and older adults with Behavioral Health conditions based upon national and state prevalence data.
  - 6.3.1.4 The number and types (in terms of licensure training, experience, and specialization) of Providers required to furnish the Contracted Services.
    - 6.3.1.4.1 This shall include Behavioral Health Providers by agency type.

- 6.3.1.5 The number of network Providers who are not accepting new Enrollees or who have placed a limit, or given the Contractor notice of the intent to limit their acceptance of Enrollees.
- 6.3.1.6 The geographic location of Providers and Enrollees, considering distance, travel time, the means of transportation ordinarily used by Enrollees or Potential Enrollees, and whether the location provides physical access for the Contractor's Enrollees with disabilities.
- 6.3.1.7 The cultural, racial/ethnic composition and language needs of Enrollees and the ability of network Providers to communicate with Limited English Proficient enrollees in their preferred language.
- 6.3.1.8 The ability of network Providers to ensure physical access, reasonable accommodations, culturally competent communications, and accessible equipment for Enrollees with physical or mental disabilities.
- 6.3.1.9 The availability of triage lines or screening systems, as well as the use of telemedicine, e-visit, and other evolving and innovative technological solutions.
- 6.3.1.10 With respect to a Behavioral Health network, the anticipated needs of special populations including, but not limited to:
  - 6.3.1.10.1 TAY with Behavioral Health needs;
  - 6.3.1.10.2 Children and Youth with Serious Emotional Disturbances;
  - 6.3.1.10.3 Adults with Serious Mental Illness;
  - 6.3.1.10.4 Adults and TAY identified with first episode psychosis;
  - 6.3.1.10.5 Cross-system involved children and Youth;
  - 6.3.1.10.6 Individuals with co-occurring Behavioral Health conditions;
  - 6.3.1.10.7 Individuals with Behavioral Health/Individuals with developmental disabilities in need of Behavioral Health services;
  - 6.3.1.10.8 Individuals with a MH condition or a SUD and co-occurring chronic physical health condition;
  - 6.3.1.10.9 Individuals with a SUD in need of medications to treat opioid use disorder;
  - 6.3.1.10.10 Homeless individuals;
  - 6.3.1.10.11 Individuals transitioning from state operated psychiatric facilities and other inpatient and residential settings;
  - 6.3.1.10.12 Individuals with Behavioral Health conditions transitioning from jail/prison/courts;

- 6.3.1.10.13 Individuals in permanent supported housing or other types of community housing; and
- 6.3.1.10.14 Individuals who self-identify as having specialized cultural, ethnic, linguistic, disability, Pregnant and Parenting Women, or age-related needs.

**6.4 Unavailable Detention Facilities Records**

- 6.4.1 The Contractor shall coordinate with the Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (BH-ASO) to engage an Enrollee in appropriate treatment services following a notification from a DCR that an Enrollee met ITA detention criteria and there were no beds available in an Evaluation and Treatment Facility, Secure Withdrawal Management and Stabilization facility, psychiatric unit, or under a single bed certification, and the DCR was not able to arrange for a less restrictive alternative for the Enrollee.
  - 6.4.1.1 The Contractor shall develop a plan for engaging the Enrollee in appropriate treatment services for which the person is eligible.
  - 6.4.1.2 The Contractor shall report to HCA within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the notification from HCA, the plan and attempts made to engage the person in treatment, including involuntary treatment.

**6.5 Hours of Operation for Network Providers**

- 6.5.1 The Contractor must require that network Providers offer hours of operation for Enrollees that are no less than the hours of operation offered to any other patient (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(c)(1)(iii)).

**6.6 24/7 Availability**

- 6.6.1 The Contractor shall have the following services available on a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week, 365 days a year basis by a toll-free telephone number. These services may be provided directly by the Contractor or may be delegated to Subcontractors (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(c)(1)(iii)).
  - 6.6.1.1 Medical and Behavioral Health advice for Enrollees from licensed Health Care Professionals.
  - 6.6.1.2 Triage concerning the emergent, urgent, or routine nature of medical and Behavioral Health conditions by licensed Health Care Professionals.
  - 6.6.1.3 Authorization of urgent and Emergency Services, including emergency care and services provided outside the Contractor's service area.
  - 6.6.1.4 The toll-free line staff must be able to make a warm handoff to the regional crisis line.
  - 6.6.1.5 The Contractor shall either cover Emergency Fills without authorization, or guarantee authorization and payment after the fact, for any Emergency Fill dispensed by a contracted pharmacy.
    - 6.6.1.5.1 The Contractor shall post the Emergency Fill policy on its website to be visible and easy to access for

## 6.7 Customer Service

- 6.7.1 The Contractor shall provide adequate staff to provide customer service representation at a minimum from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, year-round and shall provide customer service on all dates that are recognized as workdays for state employees. HCA may authorize exceptions to this requirement if the Contractor provides HCA with written assurance that its Providers will accept enrollment information from HCA. A single toll-free number shall be provided at the expense of the Contractor.
- 6.7.1.1 The Contractor shall report by December 1 of each year its scheduled non-Business Days for the upcoming calendar year.
- 6.7.1.2 The Contractor must notify HCA via [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov) five (5) Business Days in advance of any non-scheduled closure during scheduled Business Days, except in the case when advanced notification is not possible due to emergency conditions.
- 6.7.1.3 The Contractor and its subcontracted Pharmacy Benefit Manager, Provider help desks, authorization lines, and Enrollee customer service centers, if any, shall comply with the following customer service performance standards:
- 6.7.1.3.1 Telephone abandonment rate – standard is less than 5 percent.
- 6.7.1.3.2 Telephone response time - average speed of answer within thirty (30) seconds.
- 6.7.1.4 The Contractor shall staff its call center with a sufficient number of trained customer service representatives to answer the phones. Staff shall be able to access information regarding Behavioral Health service requirements and benefits; facilitate navigation of the eligibility systems to access Medicaid benefits and state-funded services; refer for needed Behavioral Health services; distinguish between a benefit inquiry, third party insurance issue, Appeal or Grievance for IMC or BHSO/D-SNP services; and resolve and triage Grievances and Appeals.
- 6.7.1.5 The Contractor shall submit its customer service policies and procedures to HCA for review at least ninety (90) calendar days before implementation. Customer service policies and procedures shall address the following:
- 6.7.1.5.1 Information on the array of Medicaid covered physical and Behavioral Health services including where and how to access them.
- 6.7.1.5.2 Authorization requirements.
- 6.7.1.5.3 Requirements for responding promptly to family members and supporting linkages to other service systems including, but not limited to: state only and federal block grant funded Behavioral Health services, law enforcement, criminal justice system, or

social services.

6.7.1.5.4 Assisting and triaging Enrollees, who may be in crisis, with access to qualified clinicians, without placing the Enrollee on hold. The qualified clinician shall assess the crisis and warm transfer the call to the BH-ASO or its designated crisis Provider(s), call 911, refer the individual for services, refer the individual to his or her Provider, or resolve the crisis over the telephone as appropriate.

6.7.1.5.5 Information on the array of Medicare and Medicaid covered Behavioral Health services, including how to access them to support dual-eligible Enrollees.

6.7.1.6 The Contractor shall train customer service representatives on revised policies and procedures. The training shall incorporate the state's vision, mission, system goals, and operating principles for Integrated Managed Care programs and services.

## **6.8 Availability of Services**

6.8.1 The Contractor shall have contracts in place with all Subcontractors that meet state standards for access, taking into account the urgency of the need for services (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(b) and (c)). The Contractor shall ensure:

6.8.1.1 Network Providers offer access comparable to that offered to commercial Enrollees or, if the Contractor serves only Medicaid Enrollees, comparable to Medicaid FFS.

6.8.1.2 Mechanisms are established to ensure compliance by Providers.

6.8.1.3 Providers are monitored regularly to determine compliance.

6.8.1.4 Corrective action is initiated and documented if there is a failure to comply.

## **6.9 Appointment Standards**

6.9.1 The Contractor shall comply with appointment standards that are no longer than the following (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(c)(1)(i)). Nothing in this Section prohibits the Contractor from conducting assessments in alternate settings, such as the Enrollee's home or within an institutional setting:

6.9.1.1 Transitional Health Care Services by a PCP shall be available for clinical assessment and care planning within seven (7) calendar days of discharge from inpatient or institutional care for physical or Behavioral Health disorders or discharge from a SUD treatment program.

6.9.1.2 Transitional Health Care Services by a home care nurse, home care registered counselor, a Mental Health Professional, or other Behavioral Health professional within seven (7) calendar days of discharge from inpatient or institutional care for physical or Behavioral Health disorders, or discharge from a SUD treatment program, if ordered by the Enrollee's PCP, or as part of the discharge plan.



- 6.9.1.3 Non-symptomatic (i.e., preventive care) office visits shall be available from the Enrollee's PCP or another Provider within thirty (30) calendar days. A non-symptomatic visit may include, but is not limited to, well/preventive care such as physical examinations, annual gynecological examinations, or child and adult immunizations.
- 6.9.1.4 Non-urgent, symptomatic (i.e., routine care) office visits, shall be available from the Enrollee's PCP or another Provider within ten (10) calendar days, including Behavioral Health services from a Behavioral Health Provider. A non-urgent, symptomatic visit is associated with the presentation of medical signs not requiring immediate attention.
- 6.9.1.5 Urgent, symptomatic office visits shall be available from the Enrollee's PCP, Behavioral Health or another Provider within 24 hours. An urgent, symptomatic visit is associated with the presentation of medical or Behavioral Health signs that require immediate attention but are not emergent.
- 6.9.1.6 Emergency Services shall be available 24 hours per day, seven (7) days per week.
- 6.9.1.7 Second opinion appointments described in subsection 16.2.1 must occur within thirty (30) calendar days of the request unless the Enrollee requests a postponement of the second opinion to a date later than thirty (30) calendar days.
- 6.9.1.8 The Contractor shall provide a quarterly Behavioral Health Capacity Report to show how access to Behavioral Health services is being maintained. The Contractor shall submit the Behavioral Health Capacity report to MC-Track on the last Business Day of the month following the end of each quarter. The report must address:
  - 6.9.1.8.1 What the Contractor is doing to actively monitor appointment wait times;
  - 6.9.1.8.2 What the Contractor is doing to mitigate appointment times exceeding standards listed in subsections 9.5 and 16.1.4 of this Contract; and
  - 6.9.1.8.3 What plans the Contractor will utilize to mitigate timeliness and capacity challenges.
- 6.9.1.9 Failure to meet appointment standards may, at HCA's sole discretion, result in withholding of payments, assignments and/or re-enrollments as described in the Sanctions subsection of this Contract.

## 6.10 Provider Database

- 6.10.1 The Contractor shall have, maintain and provide to HCA upon request an up-to-date database of its Provider network. In populating its database, the Contractor shall obtain the following information: the identity, location, languages spoken (when this information is supplied by the Provider), qualifications, practice

restrictions, and availability of all current contracted Providers, including specialty Providers (42 C.F.R. § 438.242(b)(1)).

## **6.11 Provider Network - Distance and Drive Time Standards**

6.11.1 The Contractor's network of Providers shall meet the distance and drive time standards in this subsection in every service area. HCA will designate a zip code in a service area as urban or non-urban for purposes of measurement. HCA will provide to the Contractor a list of service areas, zip codes and their designation. The Contractor's ability to receive enrollment and/or assignment is based on the assignment provisions in this Contract. "Rural area" is defined as any area other than "urban area" as defined in 42 C.F.R. § 412.62(f)(1)(ii).

### **6.11.2 Distance Standards**

#### **6.11.2.1 PCP**

6.11.2.1.1 Urban: 2 within 10 miles.

6.11.2.1.2 Non-urban: 1 within 25 miles.

#### **6.11.2.2 Obstetrics (including non-emergent birthing services)**

6.11.2.2.1 Urban: 2 within 10 miles.

6.11.2.2.2 Non-urban: 1 within 25 miles.

#### **6.11.2.3 Pediatrician or Family Practice Physician Qualified to Provide Pediatric Services**

6.11.2.3.1 Urban: 2 within 10 miles.

6.11.2.3.2 Non-urban: 1 within 25 miles.

#### **6.11.2.4 Hospital**

6.11.2.4.1 Urban/Non-urban: 1 within 25 miles.

#### **6.11.2.5 Pharmacy**

6.11.2.5.1 Urban: 1 within 10 miles.

6.11.2.5.2 Non-urban: 1 within 25 miles.

#### **6.11.2.6 Mental Health Professionals and SUDPs**

6.11.2.6.1 Urban/non-urban: 1 within 25 miles.

#### **6.11.2.7 Outpatient Behavioral Health Agency Providers**

6.11.2.7.1 Urban/non-urban: 1 within 25 miles.

### **6.11.3 Drive Time Standards**

The Contractor must ensure that when Enrollees travel to service sites, the drive time to the closest Provider of the service the Enrollee is seeking is within a standard of not more than:

6.11.3.1 In Urban Areas, a thirty-minute drive from the Enrollee's primary residence to the service site or the service sites are accessible by public transportation with the total trip, including transfers, not to

exceed ninety minutes each way;

- 6.11.3.2 Non-urban Areas, a sixty-minute drive from the Enrollee's primary residence to the service site.

These travel standards do not apply under exceptional circumstances (e.g., inclement weather, hazardous road conditions due to accidents or road construction, public transportation shortages or delayed ferry service).

- 6.11.4 HCA may, at its sole discretion, grant exceptions to the distance and drive time standards. HCA's approval of an exception shall be in writing. The Contractor shall request an exception in writing, using the HCA-approved exception request form and shall provide evidence to support the request. If the closest Provider of the type subject to the standards in this Section is beyond the distance standard applicable to the zip code, the distance standard defaults to the distance to that Provider. The closest Provider may be a Provider not participating with the Contractor.

## **6.12 Assignment of Enrollees**

- 6.12.1 HCA has the sole and exclusive right to determine the methodology and procedures by which Enrollees are assigned to the Contractor or reassigned to any other Apple Health - Integrated Managed Care Organization (MCO).
- 6.12.2 HCA may adjust the methodology or procedures at any time during the term of this Contract if, in its sole discretion, it determines that any such adjustment would be in the best interests of HCA or Enrollees.
- 6.12.3 HCA will count New Individuals, Family Connects, and Plan Reconnects as part of an MCO's enrollment in all service areas.
- 6.12.4 Reassignment of Enrollees
  - 6.12.4.1 HCA may, at its sole discretion, reassign Enrollees to the Contractor and an individual may choose to voluntarily enroll with the Contractor if the Contractor is eligible to receive enrollment in the individual's service area, consistent with this Subsection.
- 6.12.5 Assignment of New Individuals
  - 6.12.5.1 The number of New Individuals assigned to the Contractor and to all other MCOs depends on (a) the number of MCOs eligible to receive assignments in a service area; (b) the number of New Individuals eligible for assignment in a service area; and (c) the performance of the Contractor and all other MCOs on the Clinical Performance Measures and the Administrative Measures described in this Section.
    - 6.12.5.1.1 HCA will not assign any New Individuals who do not choose a plan to an MCO that has a total statewide market share of 40 percent or more of members who are enrolled in AH-IMC, in accordance with WAC 182-538-060(8)(e)(ii).
  - 6.12.5.2 HCA will assign New Individuals to an eligible MCO in the individual's service area. Once assigned, HCA will notify the Enrollee of his or her assignment and provide information on how

the individual can change enrollment to another MCO available in the service area, if any. The effective date of enrollment will be consistent with the enrollment provisions of this Contract.

6.12.6 Service area assignment process:

6.12.6.1 HCA, in its sole discretion, shall determine whether the Contractor’s Provider network meets the required capacity for the Critical Provider types (hospital, mental health Providers, outpatient BHA Providers, primary care, pharmacy, obstetrical, and pediatricians).

6.12.6.1.1 To receive New Individual assignments and voluntary enrollments in a service area, the Contractor must attain a Capacity Threshold as described in this Subsection.

6.12.6.1.2 If at any time during the term of this Contract the Contractor’s Provider network no longer meets the minimum Capacity Threshold in any service area, HCA may, in its sole discretion, reassign all Enrollees covered by the Contractor to another MCO in the service area.

6.12.6.1.2.1 Upon HCA’s request, the Contractor shall provide a list of current Enrollees and their assigned PCP.

6.12.6.1.2.2 The Contractor shall assist HCA in the orderly transition of Enrollees to another MCO, consistent with the Care Coordination and Transitional Healthcare Services provisions of this Contract.

6.12.6.1.3 HCA recognizes that a full complement of Critical Provider types may not be available in a service area; therefore, HCA may, at its sole discretion, make exceptions to Network Adequacy standards to provide coverage for that service area.

6.12.6.1.4 The levels of service area participation are described in the following table:

<b>Capacity Threshold</b>	<b>Assignment of New Individuals and/or Voluntary Enrollment</b>	<b>Family Connects or Plan Reconnects</b>
80% or more in all seven Provider types	Assignment and voluntary enrollment	Yes
Between 60% to 80% in any Critical Provider types	No assignment, voluntary enrollment only	Yes
Below 60% in	No assignment or	None

any of the Critical Provider types	voluntary enrollment	
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- 6.12.6.2 Enrollments for each month covered by this Contract will be set by HCA based on the performances of the Contractor and all other MCOs under the Clinical Performance Measures and the Administrative Measure described in this Section.
- 6.12.6.3 HCA will calculate the Contractor's assignment percentages of New Individuals for January and July of each Contract Year based on a normed and weighted average of two Clinical Performance measures and one Administrative Measure.

- 6.12.6.3.1 Clinical Performance Measures: The Contractor's reported HEDIS® Clinical Performance measures for the previous Contract Year.

- 6.12.6.3.1.1 Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP).

- 6.12.6.3.1.2 Chlamydia Screening in Women (CHL) Total.

- 6.12.6.3.2 Administrative Measure (Initial Health Screen): The Contractor shall submit quarterly reports of its performance on completing Initial Health Screen on all New Individual, Family Connect, and Plan Reconnect Enrollees. Assignments will be based on the September and March submissions as described in Subsection 6.12.7.

6.12.7 Administrative Measure (Initial Health Screen) calculation:

- 6.12.7.1 The Contractor shall calculate and report its performance on completing the Initial Health Screen on all New Individual, Family Connect and Plan Reconnect Enrollees on a quarterly basis.

- 6.12.7.2 To calculate the quarterly screening performance:

- 6.12.7.2.1 The numerator is the total number of New Individuals, Family Connects, and Plan Reconnects that have received an Initial Health Screen.

- 6.12.7.2.1.1 Contact with the Enrollee must be completed in order to include in the total number of screenings.

- 6.12.7.2.1.2 Enrollees with a Health Home designation are exempt from the initial health screening.

- 6.12.7.2.1.3 Enrollees with Children with Special Health Care needs indicator are exempt from the initial health screening.

- 6.12.7.2.2 The denominator is the total number of New Individuals, Family Connects, and Plan Reconnects.

6.12.7.2.3 The Contractor shall report its screening performance numerator, denominator and rate (expressed as a percentage) according to the following schedule:

6.12.7.2.3.1 January, February and March – Submitted June 15 of each Contract Year;

6.12.7.2.3.2 April, May and June – Submitted September 15 of each Contract Year;

6.12.7.2.3.3 July, August and September – Submitted December 15 of each Contract Year;

6.12.7.2.3.4 October, November and December – Submitted March 15 of each Contract Year.

### **6.13 Distance Standards for High-Volume Specialty Care Providers**

6.13.1 The Contractor shall establish, analyze and meet measurable distance standards for high-volume, specialty care Providers, subject to HCA approval. At a minimum, the Contractor shall establish, analyze and meet distance standards for cardiologists, dermatologists, oncologists, ophthalmologists, orthopedic surgeons, general surgery, gastroenterologists, pulmonologists, neurologists, endocrinologists, otolaryngologists, Behavioral Health professionals with prescribing authority and Specialists in physical medicine, and rehabilitation.

6.13.2 The Contractor shall ensure pediatric Specialists are noted on this list. The Contractor shall analyze performance against standards at minimum, annually and provide a report to HCA upon request detailing the outcomes of this analysis along with the Contractor's analysis of PCPs.

### **6.14 Standards for the Ratio of Primary Care and Specialty Providers to Enrollees**

6.14.1 The Contractor shall establish and meet measurable standards for the ratio of both PCPs and high-volume specialty care Providers to Enrollees. The Contractor shall analyze performance against standards at minimum, annually.

### **6.15 Access to Specialty Care**

6.15.1 The Contractor shall provide all Medically Necessary contracted specialty care for Enrollees in a service area, such as services an Enrollee may need to support Gender Affirming Care and Care Coordination to secure out-of-network services. If an Enrollee needs specialty care from a type of Specialist who is not available within the Contractor's Provider network, or who is not available to provide the Medically Necessary services required by the Enrollee within the timeframe described in this Contract, the Contractor shall arrange for the necessary services with the nearest qualified Specialist outside the Contractor's Provider network, who is willing to see the Enrollee.

6.15.2 The Contractor shall maintain, and make readily available to Providers, up-to-date information on the Contractor's available network of specialty Providers and shall provide any required assistance in obtaining timely referral to specialty care for services necessary to assist Enrollees, including those with an eating disorder or a traumatic brain injury (TBI).

- 6.15.3 The Contractor shall ensure that they have contracts with at least one CBHS Provider in each RSA they are contracted to serve. If an Enrollee needs services from a residential facility that is not contracted to provide the Medically Appropriate services required by the Enrollee, the Contractor shall take all necessary steps to ensure the Enrollee is able to access the needed Medically Appropriate services.

## **6.16 Enrollees Residing in Rural Areas**

- 6.16.1 If an Enrollee resides in a Rural Area in which there is mandatory enrollment, the following requirements apply:
- 6.16.1.1 The Enrollee must have a choice of two PCPs when there is a single plan in the area (42 C.F.R. § 438.52(b)(2)(i));
  - 6.16.1.2 The Enrollee may seek care from a Non-participating Provider when the service or type of Provider (in terms of training, experience and specialization) is not available within the Contractor's network or when the service or type of Provider is available in the Contractor's Network, but an appointment with a Participating Provider cannot be scheduled to provide the service within the time frames listed in Subsection 6.9 of this Contract (42 C.F.R. § 438.52(b)(2)(ii)(A));
  - 6.16.1.3 The Enrollee may seek a service from a Non-participating Provider when the Enrollee's PCP or other Provider determines that the Enrollee needs related services that would subject the individual to unnecessary risk if received separately (for example, a cesarean section and a tubal ligation) and not all of the related services are available from a Participating Provider (42 C.F.R. § 438.52(b)(2)(ii)(D)); and
  - 6.16.1.4 The Enrollee may seek a service from a Non-participating Provider when the state determines that circumstances warrant out-of-network treatment (42 C.F.R. § 438.52(b)(2)(ii)(E)).

## **6.17 Order of Acceptance**

- 6.17.1 The Contractor shall provide care to all Enrollees who voluntarily choose the Contractor and all Enrollees assigned by HCA.
- 6.17.2 Enrollees will be accepted in the order in which they apply or are assigned.
- 6.17.3 HCA shall enroll all eligible clients with the MCO of their choice except as provided herein and unless HCA determines, in its sole judgment, that it is in HCA's best interest to withhold or limit enrollment with the Contractor.
- 6.17.4 HCA may suspend voluntary enrollment and/or assignments in any service area if, in its sole judgment, the Contractor's network is not adequate to meet the requirements of Section 6.11 Provider Network – Distance and Drive Time Standards, and Section 6.12 Assignment of Enrollees. The Contractor shall submit any information HCA requires to make a final decision on the suspension within thirty (30) calendar days of the Contractor's receipt of the request for information.
- 6.17.5 The Contractor may request in writing that HCA suspend voluntary enrollment and/or assignments in any service area. HCA will approve the temporary suspension when, in the sole judgment of HCA, it is in the best interest of HCA

and/or its clients. The Contractor shall submit any information HCA requires to make a final decision on this request.

- 6.17.6 The Contractor shall accept clients who are enrolled by HCA in accordance with this Contract and chapter 182-538 WAC.
- 6.17.7 No eligible client shall be refused enrollment or re-enrollment, be terminated from enrollment, or be discriminated against in any way because of health status, the existence of a pre-existing physical or behavioral condition, including pregnancy and/or Hospitalization, or the expectation of the need for frequent or high-cost care (42 C.F.R. § 438.3(d)).

## **6.18 Provider Network Changes**

- 6.18.1 The Contractor shall give HCA a minimum of ninety (90) calendar days' prior written notice, in accordance with the Notices provisions of the General Terms and Conditions Section of this Contract, for the loss of a Material Provider. The Contractor shall also notify HCA of any other changes that result in the Contractor being unable to meet access including a decrease in the number or frequency of a required service, employee strike or other work stoppage related to union activities, or any changes that results in the Contractor being unable to provide timely services. Notification about a closure/reduction must be made to HCA within five (5) Business Days of receiving the information.
  - 6.18.1.1 If a Subcontract is terminated in less than ninety (90) calendar days or a site closure occurs in less than ninety (90) calendar days, the Contractor shall notify HCA as soon as possible but no later than five (5) Business Days from receiving information about a closure/reduction and prior to any public announcement.
- 6.18.2 When a Subcontract is terminated, a site closes, or changes occur that result in the inability to provide timely services, the Contractor shall submit a Notification of Site Closure/Service Reduction plan to HCA through MC-Track that includes at a minimum:
  - 6.18.2.1 Name and NPI of terminating Provider;
  - 6.18.2.2 Date termination notice was received;
  - 6.18.2.3 Effective date of termination;
  - 6.18.2.4 Notification to the Ombuds;
  - 6.18.2.5 Individual notification plan;
  - 6.18.2.6 Plan for provision of uninterrupted services; and
  - 6.18.2.7 Any information released to the media.
- 6.18.3 The Contractor shall make a good faith effort to provide written notification to Enrollees affected by any Provider termination within fifteen (15) calendar days after receiving or issuing a Provider termination notice (42 C.F.R. § 438.10(f)(5)). Enrollee notices shall have prior approval of HCA.
- 6.18.4 If the Contractor fails to notify affected Enrollees of a Provider termination at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the effective date of termination, the Contractor shall allow affected Enrollees to continue to receive services from



the terminating Provider, at the Enrollees' option, and administer benefits for the lesser of a period ending the last day of the month in which sixty (60) calendar days elapses from the date the Contractor notifies Enrollees or the Enrollee's effective date of enrollment with another plan.

- 6.18.5 HCA reserves the right to reduce the Premium to recover any expenses incurred by HCA as a result of the withdrawal of a material Subcontractor from a service area. This reimbursable expense shall be in addition to any other provisions of this Contract.
- 6.18.6 HCA reserves the right to impose Sanctions, in accordance with the Sanctions section of this Contract, if the Contractor was notified by the terminating Provider in a timely manner and does not comply with the notification requirements of this Section.
  - 6.18.6.1 If the Contractor does not receive timely notification from the terminating Provider, the Contractor shall provide documentation of the date of notification along with the notice of loss of a Material Provider.

## **6.19 Network Submissions for Washington Healthplanfinder**

- 6.19.1 The Contractor shall maintain Provider Network data. The Contractor shall submit Provider Network data to the Health Benefit Exchange (HBE) in a format specified by HBE. The Provider Network data will support Enrollee plan selection and will include a Provider directory.
- 6.19.2 In addition to the Provider Network data and directory, the Contractor shall submit to public reporting of performance measure data such as HEDIS® and CAHPS® results. The data will be used by Enrollees to select an Apple Health - Integrated Managed Care contractor. HBE will develop a detailed implementation schedule to include specific dates for the Contractor submission of information.
- 6.19.3 In addition, the Contractor may be required to participate in testing of Provider Network and directory functionality.
- 6.19.4 The Provider Network and directory submissions required under this subsection are in addition to and do not supersede or replace any other Provider Network or Provider directory submissions or reports due to HCA under this Contract.

## **6.20 Enrollee PCP Assignment Files**

- 6.20.1 The Contractor shall submit its PCP assignment methodology in narrative form to HCA on an annual basis, no later than January 31, via MFT. The PCP assignment methodology will describe all of the logic and data elements that are used to make the assignment, and any manual processes or exceptions which may occur in the process.
- 6.20.2 The Contractor shall submit Enrollee PCP assignment files to HCA on a bi-annual basis, or within thirty (30) calendar days of a request by HCA. The Contractor shall submit the information to HCA via MFT, using the HCA Enrollee PCP Assignment report template.
- 6.20.3 Reporting for each calendar year shall follow the timeline below:
  - 6.20.3.1 PCP assignment methodology due by January 31;
  - 6.20.3.2 PCP assignments from January 1 – June 30, due by July 15;

- 6.20.3.3 PCP assignments for July 1 – December 31, due by January 15 of the following calendar year; and
- 6.20.3.4 PCP assignments for January 1 – December 31, due by August 15 of the following calendar year.
  - 6.20.3.4.1 This report shall capture all potential retrospective PCP assignment changes.

**6.21 SUD Access to Services**

- 6.21.1 The Contractor shall ensure services are not denied to any eligible Enrollee regardless of:
  - 6.21.1.1 The Enrollee’s drug(s) of choice.
  - 6.21.1.2 The fact an Enrollee is taking FDA-approved medically prescribed medications.
  - 6.21.1.3 The fact an Enrollee is using over-the-counter nicotine cessation medications or actively participating in a Nicotine Replacement Therapy regimen.
- 6.21.2 Enrollees cannot be required to relinquish custody of minor children in order to access residential SUD treatment services.
- 6.21.3 A pregnant person who is in need of medical stabilization and withdrawal management can be referred to the Substance Using Pregnant People (SUPP) program for admission, typically within twenty-four (24) hours.

**6.22 Pharmacy Network Management**

- 6.22.1 The Contractor is ultimately responsible for any acts or omissions of the Contractor’s PBM or subcontracted PBM that do not comply with this Contract. HCA may impose sanctions, liquidated damages, or both, against the Contractor for non-compliance, by the Contractor, the Contractor’s PBM, or subcontracted PBM, with the requirements of this Contract or engaging in acts or omissions prohibited by this Contract.
  - 6.22.1.1 Annually, no later than January 31, the Contractor shall submit via MC-Track a completed HCA PBM Subcontractor Attestation.
- 6.22.2 Annually by March 1, the Contractor shall provide HCA with non-redacted copies of all contracts, related to the administration of the Apple Health pharmacy benefits plan (42 C.F.R. § 438.230(c)(3)(ii)), between the Contractor and its PBM and between the Contractor’s PBM and its subcontracted PBM, as applicable. The Contractor shall submit the contracts to HCA through MC-Track.
- 6.22.3 Annually by March 1, the Contractor shall provide HCA with non-redacted copies of all contract templates and compensation exhibits (and any applicable amendments) between the Contractor, PBM, or subcontracted PBM, with any retail pharmacy, mail pharmacy, specialty pharmacy, Critical Access Pharmacy, pharmacy services administrative organization (PSAO), or any other pharmacy-related Subcontractor, that is participating as a network Provider in the Contractor’s, PBM’s, or subcontracted PBM’s pharmacy network. The Contractor shall submit the contracts to HCA through MC-Track.
  - 6.22.3.1 The Contractor shall submit to HCA any changes to any pharmacy

network contract at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to their effective dates. (42 C.F.R. § 438.230(c)(3)(ii)).

- 6.22.4 Annually by March 1, the Contractor shall submit pharmacy reimbursement rate methodologies (including reimbursement guarantees or other performance related incentives) to HCA via MC-Track. The Pharmacy Reimbursement Rate Methodology template is available through MC-Track.
  - 6.22.4.1 The Contractor shall submit any changes to the reimbursement methodologies to HCA at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date. The Contractor shall include the reason for any changes to the methodologies and contracted rates. This notification must be separate from the PBM contract submission. The Contractor shall provide notification to [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov) with 'pharmacy reimbursement rate methodologies' in the subject line of the email.
  - 6.22.4.2 The Contractor shall provide a quarterly report by the last business day of the month following the end of the quarter outlining the changes to the maximum allowable costs list.
- 6.22.5 The Contractor shall provide a quarterly report of claims paid to unenrolled pharmacies. The Contractor shall submit the report no more than forty-five (45) calendar days after the end of each quarter via MC-Track using the Claims Paid to Unenrolled Pharmacies template. This report will include identifying details of all pharmacy claims paid by the Contractor's PBM to pharmacies that were not enrolled as Medicaid Providers for the date of service submitted on each claim.
- 6.22.6 The Contractor shall ensure that all Subcontracts (i) include the requirements of this section and (ii) prohibit the PBM and subcontracted PBM's from engaging in conduct prohibited in this section.
- 6.22.7 The Contractor is responsible for any non-compliance with the requirements or prohibited conduct identified in this section, regardless of whether the non-compliance is by the Contractor, the PBM, or any Subcontractors of either the Contractor or their PBM.
- 6.22.8 With the exception of specialty pharmacies and mail order pharmacies, the Contractor is prohibited from preferring, steering, requiring, incentivizing, or otherwise encouraging a member to utilize the services of an Affiliate Pharmacy. The Contractor must also prohibit the PBM and the subcontracted PBM from engaging in this activity.
  - 6.22.8.1 The Contractor shall not require a specific specialty or mail order pharmacy when a Provider bills the Enrollee's MCO as the secondary payer.
  - 6.22.8.2 Annually, no later than January 31, the Contractor must provide HCA with a list of Specialty Drugs limited to Specialty Pharmacies for HCA approval.
- 6.22.9 The Contractor is prohibited from paying Affiliate Pharmacies more than it pays a pharmacy that is not an Affiliate Pharmacy for the same Prescription Drug product. The Contractor must also prohibit the PBM and subcontracted PBM from engaging in this activity.

- 6.22.10 The Contractor is prohibited from allowing or entering into a contract with the PBM or subcontracted PBM that allows the PBM or subcontracted PBM to charge the Contractor more than what was paid to the PSAO or network pharmacy that dispensed the Prescription Drug to the Enrollee. The purpose of this subsection is explicitly to prohibit the practice commonly known as “spread pricing.”
- 6.22.11 The Contractor is prohibited, and must prohibit their PBM or subcontracted PBM, from retroactively denying or reducing a payment made to a PSAO or participating pharmacy for services after adjudication of the claim, including direct and indirect remuneration, unless:
  - 6.22.11.1 Approved by HCA based on the original claim having been submitted fraudulently; or
  - 6.22.11.2 The denial or reduction is the result of a pharmacy audit conducted in accordance with RCW 19.340.040; or
  - 6.22.11.3 Liability for payment of a claim shifted to another payer, including, but not limited to, coordination of benefits or subrogation.
- 6.22.12 The Contractor is prohibited and must prohibit their PBM or subcontracted PBM from entering into guaranteed effective rate contracts for brand and generic drugs with pharmacies or pharmacy services administrative organizations. The Contractor is prohibited and must prohibit their PBM and subcontracted PBM from making retroactive adjustments to claims due to an effective rate guarantee for brand, generic and specialty drugs.
- 6.22.13 The Contractor shall require its PBM and subcontracted PBM to return to the Contractor all retroactive adjustments in payments made to PSAOs or participating pharmacies.
  - 6.22.13.1 The retroactive adjustment, including all forms of direct and indirect remuneration, must be returned to the Contractor within thirty (30) calendar days of the adjustment.
  - 6.22.13.2 Any retroactive adjustment to remittance to a pharmacy must be attributed to an individual claim and submitted to HCA as an adjusted encounter within thirty (30) calendar days of the adjustment.
- 6.22.14 The Contractor is prohibited, and must prohibit their PBM or subcontracted PBM, from causing or permitting the use of any advertisement, promotion, solicitation, representation, proposal, or offer that is untrue, deceptive, or misleading.
- 6.22.15 The Contractor is prohibited, and must prohibit their PBM, subcontracted PBM, and network pharmacies, from issuing Automatic Refills of prescriptions to their Enrollees.
- 6.22.16 The Contractor is prohibited, and must prohibit their PBM or subcontracted PBM, from charging a pharmacy or PSAO a fee related to:
  - 6.22.16.1 The adjudication of a claim;
  - 6.22.16.2 Credentialing, certification, accreditation, participation or enrollment in the Contractor’s or PBM’s network; or

6.22.16.3 Receiving and processing a claim.

- 6.22.17 The Contractor is prohibited, and must prohibit the PBM or subcontracted PBM, from requiring accreditation standards inconsistent with or more stringent than accreditation standards established by a national accreditation organization.
- 6.22.18 The Contractor shall have a process that meets the following requirements and shall require the PBM and subcontracted PBM to also follow these requirements with respect to network pharmacy Provider appeals for pharmacy claims, for brand or generic drugs, that allegedly were underpaid.
- 6.22.18.1 There shall be a process by which a network pharmacy may appeal its reimbursement for the drug ingredient portion of a Prescription Drug claim dispensed to an Enrollee. This requirement does not pertain to the dispensing fee portion of the pharmacy's payment.
- 6.22.18.2 A pharmacy may appeal the reimbursement amount for the drug if the pharmacy alleges that the reimbursement is less than the invoiced amount that the pharmacy paid to the supplier of the drug. The Contractor or its PBM may only require an invoice documenting actual acquisition cost relevant to the date the drug was dispensed.
- 6.22.18.3 The appeal of a Critical Access Pharmacy or a pharmacy that is licensed in Washington State, located in Washington State, and part of a corporate organization that has less than 15 retail outlets under its corporate umbrella within the state of Washington shall be upheld, if the pharmacy demonstrates it is unable to purchase the underpaid brand name drug or a therapeutically equivalent interchangeable product to the underpaid generic drug from the pharmacy's primary supplier and secondary supplier when available at the Contractor's or PBM's list price, even if the claim was paid at the contracted reimbursement rate.
- 6.22.18.4 The appeals process shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following components:
- 6.22.18.4.1 There shall be a telephone number, posted on the website of the Contractor/PBM/subcontracted PBM, at which the network pharmacy may contact and speak with an individual who is responsible for processing the appeals.
- 6.22.18.4.2 The Contractor/PBM/subcontracted PBM will notify the pharmacy, in writing, of the outcome of the appeal within thirty (30) calendar days after the pharmacy submits the appeal.
- 6.22.18.4.3 If the appeal is denied, the notice shall include the reason for the denial and the national drug code of a drug that was purchased by other network pharmacies located in Washington at a price that is equal to or less than the predetermined reimbursement cost for the Prescription Drug claim that is subject to appeal.

6.22.18.4.4 If the appeal is upheld the Contractor/PBM/subcontracted PBM shall make a reasonable adjustment to the payment for ingredient costs, in addition to the standard dispensing fee, to the pharmacy on a date no later than one (1) Business Day after the determination of the appeal. Adjustments to payments for underpaid claims to a single pharmacy are not applicable to the remaining network pharmacy Providers, unless such Providers have successfully pursued the appeals process outlined in this section.

6.22.18.5 The Contractor shall submit a quarterly report of all appeals submitted by network pharmacies for underpaid claims. The Underpaid Pharmacy Appeals report template is available in MC-Track.

6.22.18.5.1 The quarterly report shall be submitted within forty-five (45) calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter.

#### 6.22.19 Critical Access Pharmacies

6.22.19.1 The Contractor must require its PBM or subcontracted PBM to provide fair and reasonable reimbursement to Critical Access Pharmacies, that is not below the Critical Access Pharmacy's cost, including a fair and reasonable dispensing fee that covers the pharmacy's cost of dispensing the prescription.

6.22.19.2 The Contractor must require their PBM or subcontracted PBM to include all Critical Access Pharmacies in their pharmacy networks.

6.22.19.3 The Contractor is prohibited and must prohibit their PBM or subcontracted PBM from requiring a Critical Access Pharmacy to, as a condition of participating in their Washington Medicaid Network, contract with any other lines of business managed by the Contractor, the Contractor's PBM, or subcontracted PBM.

6.22.19.4 The Contractor shall notify HCA of any changes to the reimbursement rate to a PASO or Critical Access Pharmacy, made by the Contractor, the Contractor's PBM, or subcontracted PBM, ninety (90) calendar days prior to the effective date of the change in reimbursement.

6.22.19.4.1 The Contractor is prohibited and must prohibit their PBM or subcontracted PBM from entering into pharmacy reimbursement rate based on effective rate pricing with Critical Access Pharmacies and PSAOs that contract on behalf of Critical Access Pharmacies.

6.22.19.4.2 The Contractor shall ensure that their contracted PBM or subcontracted PBM reimburses Critical Access Pharmacies at the highest available reimbursement rate or rural reimbursement rate, even if the Critical Access Pharmacy is located in an urban

setting.

- 6.22.19.4.3 The Contractor shall ensure that their PBM or subcontracted PBM has updated all impacted Critical Access Pharmacies and PSAOs contracts no later than January 1, 2025, with a retroactive effective date of July 1, 2024.
- 6.22.19.5 The Contractor shall notify HCA within thirty (30) calendar days if a Critical Access Pharmacy withdraws from the Network. The Contractor shall provide notification to [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov) with 'Critical Access Pharmacy withdrawal' in the subject line of the email.
- 6.22.19.6 The Contractor shall submit any proposed termination of a Critical Access Pharmacy from the Network to HCA for review and approval at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to sending termination notice to the pharmacy. The Contractor shall provide notification to [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov) with 'Critical Access Pharmacy termination' in the subject line of the email.

## 7 QUALITY ASSESSMENT AND PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT

### 7.1 Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Program

7.1.1 The Contractor shall have and maintain one quality assessment and performance improvement (QAPI) program for all services it furnishes to its Enrollees that meets the provisions of 42 C.F.R. § 438.330.

7.1.1.1 The Contractor shall define its QAPI program structure and processes and assign responsibility to appropriate individuals.

7.1.1.2 The QAPI program structure shall include the following elements:

7.1.1.2.1 Assessment of the Quality of Care received by Enrollees, as measured by HEDIS® and other quality performance measures;

7.1.1.2.2 Goals and interventions to improve the Quality of Care received, including primary care and Behavioral Health bi-directional clinical integration and the recommendations of the Washington Integrated Care Assessment (WA-ICA) Initiative;

7.1.1.2.3 Assessment of Health Equity, including identification of Health Disparities;

7.1.1.2.4 Service to a culturally and linguistically diverse membership, including recommendations from the Contractor's Tribal Liaison;

7.1.1.2.5 Service to members with complex health issues and special health care needs;

7.1.1.2.6 Patient safety initiatives and tracking of the critical incident management system;

7.1.1.2.7 Inclusion of Enrollee voice and experience, which may include consumer surveys, grievances, and feedback from Ombuds process;

7.1.1.2.8 Inclusion of Provider voice and experience, which may include feedback through involvement in Contractor committees, Provider complaints, Provider appeals and surveys;

7.1.1.2.9 Utilization of active and continuous quality improvement principles and strategies (e.g., root cause analysis, Lean, rapid-cycle process improvement);

7.1.1.2.10 Involvement of designated physician in the QI program, including involvement of designated Behavioral Health Provider;

7.1.1.2.11 A quality improvement committee that oversees the quality functions of the Contractor. The Quality Improvement Committee will:

7.1.1.2.11.1 Include practicing Provider participation;



- 7.1.1.2.11.2 Analyze and evaluate the results of QI activities including annual review of the results of performance measures, utilization data, and performance improvement;
- 7.1.1.2.11.3 Institute actions to address performance deficiencies, including policy recommendations; and
- 7.1.1.2.11.4 Ensure appropriate follow-up.
- 7.1.1.2.12 A written QAPI program description shall include the following:
  - 7.1.1.2.12.1 A listing of all quality-related committee(s);
  - 7.1.1.2.12.2 Descriptions of committee responsibilities and oversight;
  - 7.1.1.2.12.3 Contractor staff and practicing Provider committee participant titles;
  - 7.1.1.2.12.4 Meeting frequency;
  - 7.1.1.2.12.5 Maintenance of meeting minutes, signed and dated reflecting decisions made by each committee, as appropriate;
  - 7.1.1.2.12.6 All contractually required elements of the QAPI program structure as outlined above;
  - 7.1.1.2.12.7 Proposed methods to meet the requirements under this Contract to evaluate and report performance measure results in a manner that distinguishes individuals who have indicators of need of mental health and/or SUD treatment;
  - 7.1.1.2.12.8 Processes for monitoring, aggregating, and presenting information regarding physical and Behavioral Health Providers or Provider groups with at least 1,000 Enrollees, performance in a Provider Performance (PPP) format that encourages self-correction and includes, but is not limited to performance relative to:
    - 7.1.1.2.12.8.1 Adherence to applicable EBPs and practice guidelines;
    - 7.1.1.2.12.8.2 Appointment access standards; and

- 7.1.1.2.12.8.3 Utilization and quality metrics such as readmissions, average length of stay, and transitional Health Care Services to ambulatory services.
- 7.1.1.2.12.9 All contractually required elements as outlined with WISE Quality Plan requirements (WAC 182-501-0215).
- 7.1.1.2.13 A sufficient number of physical health and Behavioral Health staff members to completely implement all QAPI program requirements on a timely basis.
- 7.1.1.2.14 The Contractor shall participate in the single RSA Community Behavioral Health Advisory Board (CBHA).
- 7.1.1.2.15 The CBHA shall, at minimum, advise on the need for establishing a Behavioral Health Quality Management (QM) sub-committee. If the Community Advisory Board recommends a Behavioral Health QM subcommittee, the subcommittee shall:
  - 7.1.1.2.15.1 Include, in an advisory capacity, Enrollees, family members, Certified Peer Counselors, and Provider representatives.
  - 7.1.1.2.15.2 Maintain records of meetings documenting attendance by Enrollees, family members, and Providers, as well as committee's findings, recommendations, and actions.
  - 7.1.1.2.15.3 Include mechanisms to solicit feedback and recommendations from a CBHA and key stakeholders to improve Quality of Care and Enrollee outcomes.
  - 7.1.1.2.15.4 Provide quality improvement feedback to the CBHA, key stakeholders, and other interested parties defined by HCA. The Contractor shall document the activities and provide to HCA upon request.
- 7.1.1.2.16 An annual quality work plan is due March 1. The work plan shall contain:
  - 7.1.1.2.16.1 Goals and objectives for the year, including objectives for patient safety, serving a geographically, culturally and linguistically diverse membership, individuals with special health care

- needs, Health Equity, and health care utilization;
- 7.1.1.2.16.2 A plan to address the recommendations contained in the annual EQRO Technical Report which the Contractor has the ability to affect, e.g., HEDIS® measure performance, CAHPS® performance;
- 7.1.1.2.16.3 A plan to address any domains of care in the Apple Health Plan Report Card rating system performing below peer Medicaid MCOs measured by a rating that is one-star;
- 7.1.1.2.16.4 Timeframe to complete each activity;
- 7.1.1.2.16.5 Identification of a responsible person for each activity;
- 7.1.1.2.16.6 Mechanisms to assess the quality and appropriateness of care furnished to Enrollees with special health care needs as defined in HCA's Quality Strategy; and
- 7.1.1.2.16.7 Monitoring plans to assure implementation of the work plan, including at least quarterly documentation of the status of said goals and objectives.
- 7.1.1.2.17 An annual written QAPI Program Evaluation due July 15, of the overall reporting of the effectiveness of the Contractor's QAPI program. (42 C.F.R. § 438.330(c)(2)(i) and (ii)). The report shall reflect on required QI program structure and activities in the Work Plan and shall include at minimum:
  - 7.1.1.2.17.1 Analysis of and actions taken to improve Health Equity.
  - 7.1.1.2.17.2 Inclusion of consumer voice.
  - 7.1.1.2.17.3 Contractually required HEDIS® performance measure and utilization data pictorially displayed using charts and graphs, trended over time and compared against the Medicaid NCQA 90th percentile and Washington State average. Both clinical and non-clinical performance measures must be trended and evaluated in the MCO report.
  - 7.1.1.2.17.4 The Contractor's own performance within the Apple Health Plan Report

Card, including, at minimum, any domains of care in the rating system performing below peer Medicaid MCOs as measured by a rating that is one-star.

- 7.1.1.2.17.5 Accompanying written analysis of performance, including data comparisons to the Medicaid NCQA 90th percentile and Washington State average.
- 7.1.1.2.17.6 An analysis of actions taken to address the recommendations contained in the annual EQRO Technical Report which the Contractor has the ability to affect i.e., HEDIS® performance measure.
- 7.1.1.2.17.7 An evaluation of health outcomes following admission for Behavioral Health needs for Enrollees with co-occurring Behavioral Health and I/DD diagnoses.
- 7.1.1.2.17.8 Findings on quality and utilization measures and completed or planned interventions to address under or over-utilization patterns of care for physical and Behavioral Health (42 C.F.R. § 438.330(b)(3)). The following minimum measure set shall be reported on in the annual QAPI program evaluation about over and under-utilization:
  - 7.1.1.2.17.8.1 Preventable Hospitalizations, including readmissions;
  - 7.1.1.2.17.8.2 Avoidable emergency department visits;
  - 7.1.1.2.17.8.3 EPSDT or well-child care;
  - 7.1.1.2.17.8.4 Childhood and adolescent immunizations;
  - 7.1.1.2.17.8.5 Mental health treatment penetration;
  - 7.1.1.2.17.8.6 Prenatal and postpartum care; and
  - 7.1.1.2.17.8.7 Comprehensive Diabetes Care.

- 7.1.1.2.17.9 An evaluation of the impact of interventions, including any planned follow-up actions or interventions.
      - 7.1.1.2.17.10 A written assessment of the success of contractually required performance improvement projects.
- 7.1.1.3 The Contractor shall maintain a strategy to address public health emergencies as they emerge, supporting active and timely response in alignment with state agency initiatives. The strategy must include the creation of targeted plans to address specific public health emergencies as needed, including Provider and member education as appropriate.
  - 7.1.1.3.1 A strategic plan must be established for a COVID-19 response and include a focus on increasing Enrollee COVID-19 vaccination rates. The Contractor will participate in efforts to increase statewide efforts to improve COVID-19 vaccination rates and make progress in higher COVID-19 vaccination rates for Enrollees.
- 7.1.2 Upon request, the Contractor shall make available to Providers, Enrollees, or HCA, the QAPI program description, and information on the Contractor's progress towards meeting its quality plans and goals.
- 7.1.3 The Contractor shall provide evidence of oversight of delegated entities responsible for quality improvement. Oversight activities shall include evidence of:
  - 7.1.3.1 A delegation agreement with each delegated entity describing the responsibilities of the Contractor and delegated entity.
  - 7.1.3.2 Evaluation of the delegated organization prior to delegation.
  - 7.1.3.3 An annual evaluation of the delegated entity.
  - 7.1.3.4 Evaluation of regular delegated entity reports.
  - 7.1.3.5 Follow-up on issues out of compliance with delegated agreement or HCA Contract specifications.
- 7.1.4 The Contractor shall assess its own performance within the Apple Health Plan Report Card produced by HCA's contracted EQRO within the Contractor's QAPI program.
  - 7.1.4.1 The Apple Health Plan Report Card provides a rating system for Apple Health MCO performance across performance measures and CAHPS® across peer MCOs, is provided to Enrollees and prospective Enrollees, and is included in the EQR Technical Report. The rating system is a points-based method assigned based upon the Contractor's achievement of statistical significance for each individual HEDIS® and CAHPS® measure, compared with the state simple average for that measure as the benchmark.

- 7.1.4.2 HCA may impose sanctions under Subsection 5.27 of this Contract or require a corrective action plan under Subsection 2.9 of this Contract if, in the annual Apple Health Plan Report Card, the Contractor obtains a rating that is one-star in three or more domains in any given year.
- 7.1.4.3 HCA reserves the right to take action when the Contractor shows a pattern of performing below peer MCOs, exhibited by the Contractor's average annual performance being four or more ratings of one-star, as measured by the final Health Plan Report Card produced by HCA's contracted EQRO. HCA's actions may include, but are not limited to, (i) the requirement for the Contractor to submit a Corrective Action Plan; (ii) the imposition of sanctions; or (iii) decisions on the future of the contractual relationship of the parties, such as whether or not to end the contractual relationship.

## **7.2 Performance Improvement Projects**

- 7.2.1 The Contractor shall have an ongoing program of performance improvement projects (PIPs) that focus on clinical and non-clinical areas in alignment with CMS' EQR Protocols. PIPs identified by the Contractor are subject to review and approval of HCA including, but not limited to area of focus, design and implementation, and evaluation methodologies. The Contractor shall conduct the following PIPs:
  - 7.2.1.1 Two PIPs of the Contractor's choosing, one of which must be designed for AH-IMC Enrollees;
  - 7.2.1.2 One statewide PIP, called the MCO Collaborative BHSO/IMC PIP, conducted in partnership with peer MCOs and DOH designed to improve Behavioral Health care within Washington State. This PIP must be applicable to AH-IMC and BHSO Enrollees; and
  - 7.2.1.3 One statewide PIP, called the MCO Collaborative Health Equity PIP, conducted in partnership with peer MCOs and DOH, and designed to reduce a health disparity identified within a performance measure.
- 7.2.2 Each PIP shall be designed to achieve significant improvement, sustained over time, in health outcomes and Enrollee satisfaction and shall include the following elements:
  - 7.2.2.1 Measurement of performance using objective quality indicators.
  - 7.2.2.2 Implementation of interventions to achieve improvement in the access to and Quality of Care.
  - 7.2.2.3 Evaluation of the effectiveness of the interventions based on the performance measures.
  - 7.2.2.4 Planning and initiation of activities for increasing or sustaining improvement.
- 7.2.3 The Contractor shall report the status and results of all required performance improvement projects to HCA. (42. C.F.R. § 438.330(c)(3)).

- 7.2.3.1 The Contractor must submit current year PIP proposals to HCA annually upon request.
- 7.2.3.2 Each completed project shall be documented on a PIP Worksheet provided by HCA, in alignment with CMS protocol entitled “Conducting a Performance Improvement Project”.
- 7.2.4 The Contractor shall collaborate with peer Medicaid MCOs, DOH and other entities as appropriate to conduct the two statewide MCO Collaborative PIPs. These groups shall perform the following work for each PIP:
  - 7.2.4.1 MCO, DOH and HCA shall adhere to the roles and responsibilities as stipulated within the Washington State Collaborative Workgroup Charter, written and agreed to by MCO PIP Collaborative leadership and staff, HCA, and DOH.
  - 7.2.4.2 Provide adequate funding, resources and staff to plan, execute and evaluate the PIPs.
  - 7.2.4.3 Coordinate with existing state efforts.
  - 7.2.4.4 Define the target populations and scope of the PIP.
  - 7.2.4.5 Define intervention(s) used in the PIP. Interventions shall be robust and innovative in nature.
  - 7.2.4.6 Evaluate the success of interventions to improve performance using available Contractor data.
  - 7.2.4.7 Submit a PIP Worksheet annually, upon request, to HCA.
- 7.2.5 The Contractor shall provide financial support to the DOH to support and implement the ongoing MCO Collaborative PIP Workgroup, and other quality improvement efforts, as described in the following manner:
  - 7.2.5.1 The Contractor shall make semi-annual payments, due to DOH no later than the last Business Day of June and December, based on total Apple Health MCO enrollment as of December 1 of the previous year. The Contractor shall submit documentation in MC-Track evidencing the payment was made to DOH, by the last Business Day of June and December.
    - 7.2.5.1.1 If the Contractor’s combined statewide Medicaid Managed Care enrollment is less than 25,000, the Contractor shall make two payments of \$25,000 each to support the PIP.
    - 7.2.5.1.2 If the Contractor’s combined statewide Medicaid Managed Care enrollment is 25,000 or more but less than 100,000, the Contractor shall make two payments of \$50,000 each to support the PIP.
    - 7.2.5.1.3 If the Contractor’s combined statewide Medicaid Managed Care enrollment is 100,000 or greater, the Contractor shall make two payments of \$100,000

each to support the PIP.

- 7.2.6 CMS, in consultation with HCA and other stakeholders, including the Contractor, may specify performance measures and topics for performance improvement projects to be conducted as part of this Contract and AHMC.

### **7.3 Integrated Patient Record/Clinical Data Repository**

- 7.3.1 The Contractor shall collaborate with peer AH MCOs, HCA, and at the direction of HCA, the State HIE to design, establish and maintain a longitudinal integrated patient record for all Apple Health-Managed Care Enrollees assigned to the Contractor.
- 7.3.2 The integrated patient record will be housed in a Clinical Data Repository (CDR) using a service connected to the State HIE and set up by HCA. HCA will invest in the technical infrastructure necessary to set up, prepare, and source the CDR with patient demographic and other relevant services data for all Enrollees.
- 7.3.3 The integrated patient record has the capacity to bring together physical, dental, Behavioral Health, and social service data currently stored in disparate Provider EHR systems and other state and local data sources across the health care delivery system. HCA encourages transmission of interoperable documents to enable the efficient reuse of content by Providers and others.
- 7.3.4 The CDR will connect and leverage the power of information and federal, State, and private investments in EHR technology to enable Care Coordination and increased communication among Providers across multiple disciplines and organizations. This effort will provide access to data sets that are not broadly available to authorized clinicians, care teams, communities, plans, and purchasers that can be used to improve care.
- 7.3.5 The Contractor shall appoint a representative to provide input into the design and evaluation of the integrated patient record maintained in the CDR.
- 7.3.6 The Contractor shall pay the operational costs to maintain an integrated health record for each of its Enrollees as billed by the State HIE in two installments each year no later than January 31 and July 1.
  - 7.3.6.1 The Contractor shall pay a percentage of the operational costs to maintain an integrated health record for current and past Enrollees. The cost shall not exceed \$1.02 per year per covered life.
  - 7.3.6.2 HCA will use the most current Managed Care Market Share report, or other agreed upon total population report, to report the Contractor's total percentage of Enrollees to the State HIE.
  - 7.3.6.3 The State HIE will use the percentage of market share, multiplied by the total covered lives in the CDR, multiplied by a rate not to exceed \$1.02 per covered life to determine the Contractor's invoice. The State HIE will bill the Contractor for the maintenance of integrated health records each year on or around January 31, and July 1.
  - 7.3.6.4 The Contractor shall pay the State HIE in full by the due date indicated on the billings.
  - 7.3.6.5 If the Contractor fails to pay the State HIE within thirty (30) calendar days of the due date on the billing, HCA will withhold the amount due from the next available scheduled monthly AH-IMC Premium



payment to the Contractor.

- 7.3.6.6 Costs to the Contractor to connect to the HIE to access data are the responsibility of the Contractor.
- 7.3.6.7 Costs to the Subcontractors to program EHR systems or connect to the HIE are the responsibility of individual entities.
- 7.3.7 The Contractor shall coordinate with HCA and the State HIE efforts to facilitate readiness activities intended to prepare for the secure exchange of high value health information among Subcontractors identified by HCA through participation in communication and readiness activities organized by HCA and HIE.
- 7.3.8 The Contractor shall require subcontracted Providers with certified EHR systems submit automated exports of standard CCD/CCDA, or subsequent ONC-specified standard healthcare transactions, as specified by HCA and consistent with the design of the integrated patient record, from their EHR to the CDR via the HIE each time an Enrollee is seen. The Contractor will include contract language reflecting these expectations during contract activities with Subcontractors.
- 7.3.9 The Contractor shall participate in quality measurement activities related to the CDR.
  - 7.3.9.1 When a subcontracted Provider is required to participate in the CDR per subsection 7.3.8 above, the Contractor will require a clinical document to be submitted for a minimum of 80 percent of submitted claims and that a minimum of 85 percent of documents submitted by the subcontracted Provider be error free.
  - 7.3.9.2 The Contractor will provide a Provider Compliance report semi-annually to HCA by April 1 and October 1 detailing Provider compliance with subsections 7.3.8 and 7.3.9.1 above for the prior six-month period.
- 7.3.10 The Contractor shall participate in business process improvement activities related to the CDR.
  - 7.3.10.1 The Contractor will review Care Coordination processes that require the use of clinical documentation (e.g., creation, use and/or transmission of discharge summaries, care plans, medication lists, chart notes) and determine the opportunities and challenges for subcontracted Providers to submit this data to the CDR.
  - 7.3.10.2 The Contractor will provide a CDR - Care Coordination and Recommendation report annually to HCA by July 1 detailing how CDR data is being used to support Care Coordination, and provide recommendations for improvements to CDR services to enhance usability, including recommendations for expanding CDR content.
- 7.3.11 The Contractor shall participate in workgroups related to enhancing the use of and participation in CDR activities.

#### **7.4 Performance Measures**

- 7.4.1 The Contractor shall include the AH-IMC population in its annual submission to NCQA of NCQA and HCA-required HEDIS® measures according to directions provided by HCA's designated EQRO.
- 7.4.2 The Contractor shall report AH-IMC required HEDIS® measures using the current year HEDIS® Technical Specifications and official corrections published by NCQA, to NCQA and HCA annually, unless directed otherwise in writing by HCA. The Contractor shall use administrative, hybrid, stratified, and Electronic Data Systems (ECDS) data collection methods, as specified in the current HEDIS® Technical Specifications and required by HCA (42 C.F.R. § 438.240(b)(2)).
- 7.4.3 The Contractor shall collect and report no more than ten regional measures as "early warning indicators" following specifications provided by HCA. This shall include, but not be limited to Behavioral Health measures for children and adults.
- 7.4.4 Attachment 1, Performance Measures is the list of HCA-required HEDIS® performance measures to be submitted to NCQA and HCA. If "Hybrid", "ECDS" or "Race and Ethnicity Stratification (RES)" is noted in the "Notes" column of Attachment 1, the Contractor is contractually required to report using the noted methodology. If the Contractor is unable to report using this methodology, the Contractor is required to notify HCA within five (5) Business Days with the reason and submit a plan and timeline for returning to contractual compliance.
- 7.4.5 In addition to reporting all required HEDIS® data to NCQA, the Contractor will publicly report performance measure data including MCO name through the Quality Compass reporting mechanism, whether public reporting is required or not by NCQA.
- 7.4.6 No later than the date in June of each year as specified by the audit team, AH-IMC required HEDIS® measures shall be submitted electronically to HCA's contracted EQRO according to instructions provided by HCA or HCA's designated EQRO.
- 7.4.7 State performance measures shall be produced by HCA, in partnership with the DSHS/Research and Data Analysis Division (RDA), and delivered to the Contractor in reporting year 2025; for the data collection period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Populations included are all eligible Apple Health enrolled populations. See Attachment 1, Performance Measures for performance measures applicable to this section in Table 2 under state measures.
- 7.4.8 BHSO Performance Measures: Performance measures shall be produced by HCA, in partnership with the DSHS/Research and Data Analysis Division (RDA), and delivered to the Contractor annually reflecting performance in the prior calendar year data collection period. The measures will include only BHSO members. Performance measure validation will be performed annually. See Attachment 1, Performance Measures for performance measures applicable to this section in Table 2 under state measures marked BHSO.
- 7.4.9 The Contractor shall submit raw HEDIS® data to HCA electronically, no later than June 30 of each year. The Contractor shall submit the Raw HEDIS®/Member Level Data according to specifications provided by HCA.
- 7.4.10 All HEDIS® measures including the CAHPS® sample frame, shall be audited by a designated certified HEDIS® Compliance Auditor, a licensed organization

in accordance with methods and timelines described in the current HEDIS® Compliance Audit™ Standards, Policies and Procedures and CMS Validating Performance Measures Protocol found at <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/quality-of-care/index.html>. HCA will fund and the designated EQRO will conduct the audit.

- 7.4.11 The Contractor shall cooperate with HCA's designated EQRO to validate the Contractor's HEDIS® performance measures and CAHPS® sample frame.
  - 7.4.11.1 Data collected and the methods employed for HEDIS® validation may be supplemented by indicators and/or processes published in the CMS Validating Performance Measures protocol identified by HCA designated EQRO.
- 7.4.12 The Contractor shall create, maintain, and collect separate and unique data fields for Enrollee self-reported demographic data to the Contractor. At minimum, the following data fields shall be maintained by the Contractor: Enrollee name, address, email address, and ethnicity, race, and language markers.
- 7.4.13 The Contractor shall rotate HEDIS® measures only when allowed by NCQA and with HCA's advance written approval. The Contractor may request approval to rotate measures by making a written request to [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov). Any measures rotated by the Contractor without written permission from HCA shall be subject to the sanctions language described in this Contract.
- 7.4.14 WISE Performance Measures. The Contractor will meet or exceed each MCO's proportion of the state's WISE capacity and intensity requirements. HCA will monitor performance monthly using the Contractor's self-reported WISE performance measures within the WISE Plan Progress Report. RDA will validate the WISE performance measures on a quarterly and annual basis. Reporting of the WISE Service Intensity will be in collaboration with peer MCOs as agreed upon by HCA, the Contractor, and MCO peers.
  - 7.4.14.1 MCO-specific WISE Regional Caseload Targets. The Contractor will meet or exceed 85 percent of the Contractor's caseload target by RSA as determined by the RDA for the number of children and youth served by WISE in the month. HCA will provide WISE Regional Caseload Targets each fiscal year and MCO specific caseload targets by the end of March each year.
  - 7.4.14.2 WISE Service Intensity. The Contractor must maintain WISE Service Intensity at a monthly average of 10.5 hours for children and youth participating in WISE for each contracted RSA. No subcontracted Provider will have a monthly average below nine hours.

## 7.5 Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS®)

- 7.5.1 The Contractor shall conduct a CAHPS® survey of Apple Health Enrollees for the annual HEDIS® audit. The Contractor shall conduct a CAHPS® Adult survey, and a CAHPS® Child with Chronic Conditions survey annually.
- 7.5.1.1 The Contractor shall contract with an NCQA-certified HEDIS® survey vendor qualified to administer the CAHPS® survey and conduct the survey according to NCQA protocol. The Contractor shall submit the following information to HCA's designated EQRO:
- 7.5.1.1.1 The Contractor CAHPS® survey staff member contact, CAHPS® vendor name, and CAHPS® primary vendor contact annually by January.
- 7.5.1.1.2 Timeline for implementation of vendor tasks upon request.
- 7.5.1.2 The Contractor shall ensure the survey sample frame consists of all Apple Health members 18 to 64 years of age with Washington State addresses for the Adult Survey, and members 17 years and younger for the Child Survey. In administering the CAHPS®, the Contractor shall:
- 7.5.1.2.1 Submit the eligible sample frame file(s) for certification by a Certified HEDIS® Auditor contracted by HCA's designated EQRO, by the second Wednesday in January annually, or the date otherwise specified by the audit team.
- 7.5.1.2.2 Receive written notice of the sample frame file(s) compliance audit certification from the Certified HEDIS® Auditor contracted by HCA's designated EQRO by the January deadline listed in the NCQA HEDIS® Audit timeline.
- 7.5.1.2.3 The Certified HEDIS® Auditor contracted by HCA's EQRO shall review each MCO's questionnaire format, questions, and question placement, using the most recent HEDIS® version of the Medicaid CAHPS® survey, plus approved supplemental questions as determined by HCA.
- 7.5.1.2.4 HCA will add supplemental questions to the Contractor's survey as determined by HCA and approved by NCQA.
- 7.5.1.2.5 Conduct the mixed methodology (two questionnaires and two reminder postcards with telephone follow-up of at least three telephone attempts) for CAHPS® survey administration, available in English and Spanish.
- 7.5.1.2.6 Submit a copy of the final NCQA data submission report to HCA designated EQRO by the date in June each year as specified by HCA or HCA designated EQRO.

- 7.5.1.2.7 Submit annually, by the last Business Day of June, a copy of the data set according to current year NCQA/CAHPS® standards to:
  - 7.5.1.2.7.1 HCA designated EQRO or their designated Subcontractor;
  - 7.5.1.2.7.2 HCA via MC-Track template; and
  - 7.5.1.2.7.3 The CAHPS® Database.
- 7.5.1.3 The Contractor must submit annually to HCA a CAHPS® Analysis Report for each CAHPS® survey performed on Enrollees no later than the last Business Day of August.
- 7.5.2 The Contractor shall notify HCA in writing if the Contractor cannot conduct the CAHPS® survey because of limited total enrollment or sample size. The written statement shall provide enrollment and sample size data to support the Contractor's inability to meet the requirement.

## **7.6 NCQA Health Plan Accreditation**

- 7.6.1 The Contractor shall have and maintain NCQA accreditation at a level of "accredited," receiving a health plan rating of 2.5 stars or better. The Contractor must include their NCQA Health Plan Rating in their annual Quality Work Plan and QAPI Program Evaluation and steps they will be taking to improve their rating year over year. If the rating declines from the previous year, the Contractor will identify and explain the reasons for the decline and steps they are taking to resolve the issues.
- 7.6.2 The Contractor shall provide HCA with the results of the Contractor's NCQA accreditation reviews within thirty (30) calendar days of the finalized review, including accreditation status, survey type, level of accreditations, results of the review, HEDIS® and CAHPS® summary level data, recommended actions or improvements, corrective action plans and summaries of findings and expiration date of the accreditation (42 C.F.R. § 438.332(b)).
- 7.6.3 The Contractor shall notify HCA via [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov) of the date of its NCQA site visit within fifteen (15) calendar days of confirmation of the site visit by NCQA. The Contractor shall provide HCA with all written materials submitted to NCQA for purposes of the NCQA audit and allow HCA representative(s) to participate in the NCQA audit activities, including the site visit.
- 7.6.4 Achievement of provisional accreditation status shall require a corrective action plan within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the final NCQA report and may result in termination of the Contract in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Contract.
- 7.6.5 If the Contractor fails to obtain accreditation at a level of "accredited," receiving 2.5 stars or better within the timeframe described in this subsection or if the Contractor fails to maintain accreditation thereafter, the Contractor shall be considered in breach of this Contract. HCA shall terminate the Contract in accordance with the Termination for Default Subsection of this Contract.
- 7.6.6 The Contractor shall notify HCA via [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov) within thirty (30) calendar days of receiving any final accreditations, certifications or other recognitions (e.g., NCQA's Multicultural Health Care Distinction) for the Apple

Health line of business earned through NCQA or any other private independent accreditation review entity. The Contractor shall provide the name of recognition, date of recognition, and any applicable expiration. The Contractor shall also provide a copy of accreditation, certification, and/or recognition awarded when requested by the HCA.

## **7.7 External Quality Review (EQR)**

- 7.7.1 Validation Activities: The Contractor's quality program shall be examined using a series of required Validation procedures. The examination shall be implemented and conducted by HCA, its agent, or an EQRO.
- 7.7.2 The following required activities will be validated (42 C.F.R. § 438.358(b)(1)):
  - 7.7.2.1 Performance improvement projects.
  - 7.7.2.2 Performance measures.
  - 7.7.2.3 A monitoring review of standards established by HCA and included in this Contract to comply with 42 C.F.R. § 438.358(b)(1)(iii) and a comprehensive review conducted within the previous three (3) year period.
- 7.7.3 HCA reserves the right to include additional optional activities described in 42 C.F.R. § 438.358 if additional funding becomes available and as mutually negotiated between HCA and the Contractor.
- 7.7.4 The Contractor shall submit reports, findings, and other results obtained from a Medicare or private accreditation review (e.g., CMS, NCQA, eValue8, URAC, etc.) if requested by HCA. HCA may, at its sole discretion, use the accreditation review results in lieu of an assessment of compliance with any federal or state standards and the review conducted by HCA of those standards.
- 7.7.5 The Contractor shall submit to annual monitoring reviews by HCA and EQRO. The monitoring review process uses standards developed by HCA and methods and data collection tools and methods found in the CMS EQR MCO Protocol and assesses the Contractor's compliance with regulatory requirements and standards of the quality outcomes and timeliness of, and access to, services provided by Medicaid MCOs (42 C.F.R. § 438.358).
- 7.7.6 The Contractor shall, during an HCA annual monitoring review of the Contractor's compliance with Contract standards or upon request by HCA or its EQRO Contractor(s), provide evidence of how EQR findings, agency audits and contract monitoring activities, Enrollee Grievances, HEDIS® and CAHPS® results are used to identify and correct problems and to improve care and services to Enrollees.
- 7.7.7 The Contractor will provide data requested by the EQRO for purposes of completing the External Quality Review Annual Report (EQRAR). The EQRAR is a detailed technical report that describes how the data from all activities described in the EQR provisions of this Section and conducted in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.358 were aggregated and analyzed and conclusions drawn as to the quality, timeliness, and access to care furnished by the Contractor.
- 7.7.8 HCA will provide a copy of the EQRAR to the Contractor, through print or electronic media and to interested parties such as participating Health Care

Providers, Enrollees and Potential Enrollees of the Contractor, Enrollee advocacy groups, and members of the general public. HCA must make this information available in alternative formats for persons with sensory impairments, when requested.

- 7.7.9 If the Contractor has had an accreditation review or visit by NCQA or another accrediting body, the Contractor shall provide the complete report from that organization to HCA. If permitted by the accrediting body, the Contractor shall allow a state representative to accompany any accreditation review team during the site visit in an official observer status. The state representative shall be allowed to share information with HCA and DOH as needed to reduce duplicated work for both the Contractor and the State.

## **7.8 Provider Complaints and Appeals**

- 7.8.1 The Contractor shall have a system in place to process, track, and record Provider complaints and appeals. The Contractor shall accept, record, and process Provider complaints forwarded by HCA. The Contractor's Provider complaint and appeal process should include a quality improvement process. The Contractor shall provide a Provider Complaints and Appeals Report on Provider complaint and appeal data to HCA quarterly. The report is due by the last Business Day of the month following the end of the quarter. (42 C.F.R. § 438.66(c)(3)).
  - 7.8.1.1 The Contractor and Subcontractors will provide an alternative method for Providers to submit complaints in addition to U.S. mail.
- 7.8.2 The Contractor shall provide to HCA upon request information regarding denials of payments to Providers.

## **7.9 Critical Incident Management System**

- 7.9.1 The Contractor shall establish a Critical Incident Management System consistent with all applicable laws and shall include policies and procedures for identification of incidents, reporting protocols and oversight responsibilities. The Contractor shall designate a critical incident manager responsible for administering the Incident Management System and ensuring compliance with the requirements of this Section.
- 7.9.2 Individual Critical Incident Reporting
  - 7.9.2.1 The Contractor shall submit an individual Critical Incident report for the following incidents that occur:
    - 7.9.2.1.1 To an Enrollee, and occurred within a contracted Behavioral Health facility (inpatient psychiatric, Behavioral Health Agencies), FQHC, or by independent Behavioral Health Provider.
      - 7.9.2.1.1.1 Abuse, neglect, or sexual/financial exploitation perpetrated by staff;
      - 7.9.2.1.1.2 Physical or sexual assault perpetrated by another individual;
      - 7.9.2.1.1.3 Death; and
      - 7.9.2.1.1.4 Severely adverse medical outcome or death occurring within 72 hours of

transfer from a contracted behavioral facility to a medical treatment setting.

- 7.9.2.1.2 By an Enrollee, with a Behavioral Health diagnosis; or history of Behavioral Health treatment within the previous 365 days. Acts allegedly committed, to include:
  - 7.9.2.1.2.1 Homicide or attempted homicide;
  - 7.9.2.1.2.2 Arson;
  - 7.9.2.1.2.3 Assault or action resulting in serious bodily harm which has the potential to cause prolonged disability or death;
  - 7.9.2.1.2.4 Kidnapping; and
  - 7.9.2.1.2.5 Sexual assault.
- 7.9.2.1.3 Unauthorized leave from a Behavioral Health facility during an involuntary detention.
- 7.9.2.1.4 Any event involving an Enrollee that has attracted, or is likely to attract, media coverage. (Contractor shall include the link to the source of the media, as available).

7.9.2.2 The Contractor shall report critical incidents within one Business Day of becoming aware of the incident and shall report incidents that have occurred within the last thirty (30) calendar days, with the exception of incidents that have resulted in or are likely to attract media coverage. Media related incidents should be reported to HCA as soon as possible, not to exceed one Business Day.

- 7.9.2.2.1 The Contractor shall enter the initial report, follow-up, and actions taken into HCA Incident Reporting System <https://fortress.wa.gov/hca/ics/>, using the report template within the system.
- 7.9.2.2.2 If the system is unavailable the Contractor shall report Critical Incidents to [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov).
  - 7.9.2.2.2.1 HCA may ask for additional information as required for further research and reporting. The Contractor shall provide information within three (3) Business Days.
  - 7.9.2.2.2.2 Reporting this information to HCA does not discharge the Contractor from completing mandatory reporting requirements, such as notifying the DOH, law enforcement, Residential Care Services, and other protective services.

### 7.9.3 Population-Based Reporting

7.9.3.1 The Contractor shall submit a semi-annual report of all Critical



Incidents tracked during the previous six (6) months. The report shall include an analysis of the following incidents:

- 7.9.3.1.1 Incidents reported through HCA Incident Reporting System;
  - 7.9.3.1.2 Incidents posing a credible threat to Enrollee safety;
  - 7.9.3.1.3 Suicide and attempted suicide; and
  - 7.9.3.1.4 Poisonings/overdoses unintentional or intention unknown.
- 7.9.3.2 The following shall be addressed in the analysis:
- 7.9.3.2.1 How the incident reporting program has been structured and operationalized;
  - 7.9.3.2.2 The number and types of critical incidents and comparisons over time;
  - 7.9.3.2.3 Trends found in the population (i.e., regional differences, demographic groups, vulnerable populations, other as defined by Contractor);
  - 7.9.3.2.4 Actions taken by the Contractor to reduce incidents based on the analysis, and other actions taken and why;
  - 7.9.3.2.5 The Contractors evaluation of how effective their critical incident program has been over the reporting period and changes that will be made, as needed.
- 7.9.3.3 The report shall be submitted to MC-Track and is due no later than the last Business Day of January and July for the prior six (6) month period. The January report shall reflect incidents that occurred July through December and the July report shall reflect incidents that occurred January through June.
- 7.9.3.4 The Contractor shall also include a data file of all Critical Incidents from which the analysis is made using a template provided by HCA.

## **7.10 Mental Health Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs)**

- 7.10.1 The Contractor will promote the use of evidence-based medicine, Evidence-Based Practice, Research-Based Practice, and evidence-based health care (collectively “EBPs”), with a particular focus on increasing these practices for children and Youth receiving mental health treatment services as identified through legislative mandates. This includes:
- 7.10.1.1 Notify Providers to participate in approved EBP trainings as outlined in the Evidence-Based Practice Reporting Guide or as approved by the Evidence-Based Practice Institute.
  - 7.10.1.2 Cooperating and collaborating with HCA on the collection of data on EBPs to satisfy HCA requirements for increasing the use of EBPs and to satisfy RCW 43.20C.005.
  - 7.10.1.3 The Contractor shall:

- 7.10.1.3.1 Require the reporting of EBPs to Enrollees under 18 years of age;
  - 7.10.1.3.2 Provide instructional information to authorized mental health Providers on how to report EBPs consistent with the evidence-based Treatment Reporting Guide, SERI, and the MH Billing Guide, including the authorized Provider types to provide individual, group, or family treatment;
  - 7.10.1.3.3 Work closely with HCA to ensure complete and accurate reporting of EBPs;
  - 7.10.1.3.4 Take steps with Providers who are not reporting EBPs, to ensure Providers are compliant;
  - 7.10.1.3.5 Participate in HCA-sponsored EBP planning meetings; and
  - 7.10.1.3.6 Develop methods to collect and use data, including electronic health information.
- 7.10.2 The Contractor shall submit an annual plan to HCA via MC-Track outlining how the Contractor is supporting medical Providers reporting under the EBPs benchmark set by HCA to increase the use of culturally appropriate EBPs. The EBP Use and Reporting Support plan is due annually on the last day of March.

## 7.11 Practice Guidelines

- 7.11.1 The Contractor shall adopt physical and Behavioral Health practice guidelines known to be effective in improving health outcomes. Practice guidelines shall meet the following requirements (42 C.F.R. § 438.236):
- 7.11.1.1 Are based upon the following:
    - 7.11.1.1.1 Valid and reliable clinical scientific evidence;
    - 7.11.1.1.2 In the absence of scientific evidence, on professional standards; or
    - 7.11.1.1.3 In the absence of scientific evidence and professional standards, a consensus of Health Care Professionals in the particular field.
  - 7.11.2 The Contractor shall develop practice guidelines based on recognized sources such as the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) and the current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended immunization schedule published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as primary guideline sources. The Contractor may also adopt guidelines developed by recognized sources that develop or promote evidence-based clinical practice guidelines such as voluntary health organizations, National Institute of Health Centers, or the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). If the Contractor does not adopt guidelines from recognized sources, board-certified practitioners must participate in the development of the guidelines. The guidelines shall:
    - 7.11.2.1 Be age appropriate to address the special needs or considerations that are driven by age.
    - 7.11.2.2 Consider the needs of Enrollees and support client and family

involvement in care plans.

- 7.11.2.3 Be adopted in consultation with contracting Health Care Professionals within the state of Washington, or, when applicable, are adopted in consultation with the Behavioral Health professionals in the Contractor's contracted Network.
  - 7.11.2.4 Be reviewed and updated at least every two years and more often if national guidelines change during that time.
  - 7.11.2.5 Be disseminated to all affected Providers and, upon request, to HCA, Enrollees and Potential Enrollees (42 C.F.R. § 438.236(c)).
  - 7.11.2.6 Be distributed to affected Providers within sixty (60) calendar days of adoption or revision, identifying which specific guidelines are newly adopted or revised. If distributed via the Internet, notification of the availability of adopted or revised guidelines must be provided to Providers.
  - 7.11.2.7 Be the basis for and are consistent with decisions for utilization management, Enrollee education, coverage of services, and other areas to which the guidelines apply (42 C.F.R. § 438.236(d)).
- 7.11.3 The Contractor shall develop health promotion and preventive care educational materials for Enrollees using both print and electronic media. In developing these materials, the Contractor shall:
- 7.11.3.1 Conduct outreach to Enrollees to promote timely access to preventive care according to Contractor-established preventive care guidelines.
  - 7.11.3.2 Report on preventive care utilization through required performance measure reporting.
  - 7.11.3.3 In collaboration with peer MCOs, disaggregate data on at least one preventive care measure and examine the data for racial/ethnic disparities.
  - 7.11.3.4 In collaboration with peer MCOs, target interventions with known disparities in preventive care utilization and measure the impact of the interventions on utilization patterns.
  - 7.11.3.5 Prepare and disseminate all such materials consistently with the requirements of Subsections 3.6 and 3.7.
- 7.11.4 The Contractor shall include the behavioral health medical director in the evaluation of medications and other emerging technologies for the treatment of Behavioral Health conditions and related decisions. The Contractor shall also have a child psychiatrist available for consultation related to medications and other emerging technologies for the treatment of Behavioral Health conditions in children and adolescents.

## **7.12 Health Information Systems**

- 7.12.1 The Contractor shall maintain, and shall require subcontractors to maintain, a

health information system that complies with 42 C.F.R. § 438.242 and provides the information necessary to meet the Contractor's obligations under this Contract. The Contractor shall have in place mechanisms to verify the health information received from Subcontractors. The Contractor shall:

- 7.12.1.1 Collect, analyze, integrate, and report data. The system must provide information on areas, including, but not limited to, utilization, Grievance and Appeals, and terminations of enrollment for other than loss of Medicaid eligibility.
- 7.12.1.2 Ensure data received from Providers is accurate and complete by:
  - 7.12.1.2.1 Verifying the accuracy and timeliness of reported data;
  - 7.12.1.2.2 Screening the data for completeness, logic, and consistency; and
  - 7.12.1.2.3 Collecting service information on standardized formats to the extent feasible and appropriate.
- 7.12.1.3 Make all collected data available to HCA and CMS upon request.
- 7.12.1.4 Establish and maintain protocols to support timely and accurate data exchange with any Subcontractor that will perform any delegated Behavioral Health function under this Contract.
- 7.12.1.5 Establish and maintain web-based portals with appropriate security features that allow referrals, requests for Prior Authorizations, claims submission, and claims status updates for Behavioral Health services.
- 7.12.1.6 Have information systems that enable paperless submission, automated processing, and status updates for Prior Authorization and other UM related requests.
- 7.12.1.7 Establish and maintain data driven approaches to monitor requirements, by eligibility group when appropriate, including Behavioral Health Network Adequacy, crisis plans, Mental Health Advance Directives, and Behavioral Health specific reporting requirements for UM, QM, and financial management as well as administrative and clinical performance metrics.
- 7.12.1.8 Maintain Behavioral Health content on a website that meets the following minimum requirements:
  - 7.12.1.8.1 Public and secure access via multi-level portals (such as Providers and Enrollees) for providing web-based training, standard reporting, and data access as needed for the effective management and evaluation of the performance of the service delivery system as described under this Contract.
  - 7.12.1.8.2 The Contractor shall organize the website to allow for easy access of information by Enrollees, family members, Network Providers, stakeholders, and the

general public in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Contractor shall include on its website, at a minimum, the following information or links:

- 7.12.1.8.2.1 Hours of operations for the Contractor.
- 7.12.1.8.2.2 How to access Behavioral Health services, including crisis contact information and toll-free crisis telephone numbers.
- 7.12.1.8.2.3 Telecommunications device for the deaf/text telephone numbers.
- 7.12.1.8.2.4 Information on the right to choose a qualified Behavioral Health service Provider.
- 7.12.1.8.2.5 An overview of the range of Behavioral Health services being provided.
- 7.12.1.8.2.6 Access to behavioral health-medical integration tools and supports to support Provider integration initiatives.
- 7.12.1.8.2.7 Access to information for TAY.
- 7.12.1.8.2.8 A library for Providers and Enrollees that provides comprehensive information and practical recommendations related to mental illness, SUD and recovery, life events, and daily living skills.
- 7.12.1.8.2.9 Information regarding community forums, volunteer activities, and workgroups/committees that provide opportunities for Enrollees receiving Behavioral Health services, family members, Providers, and stakeholders to become involved.
- 7.12.1.8.2.10 Information regarding advocacy organizations, including how Enrollees and other family members may access advocacy services.
- 7.12.1.8.2.11 Opportunities, including surveys, for Behavioral Health Enrollees, family members, Network Providers, and other stakeholders to provide satisfaction/complaint feedback.

### **7.13 Community Behavioral Health Enhancement (CBHE) Funds**

- 7.13.1 The CBHE funding is intended to increase rates for Behavioral Health services provided by licensed and certified community Behavioral Health agencies. The Contractor must follow the previously submitted CBHE Communication Plan

(“Communication Plan”) that outlines how the portion of the funding received will strengthen the Behavioral Health community and assist in recruitment and retention. The Contractor shall submit a CBHE Communication Plan annually to MC-Track by June 15 for the next state fiscal year.

- 7.13.2 The Communication Plan must:
  - 7.13.2.1 Outline of how the portion of the funding received will strengthen the Behavioral Health Provider community workforce.
  - 7.13.2.2 How the Contractor will increase Provider capacity, including staff retention and service delivery.
  - 7.13.2.3 Timelines for implementation of all planned enhancement activities.
- 7.13.3 The Contractor will take the following steps to ensure Providers are receiving the appropriate amount of enhancement funds:
  - 7.13.3.1 Develop a Provider Communication Plan for the next state fiscal year;
  - 7.13.3.2 Notify your Providers of their rate increases in your Communication Plan;
  - 7.13.3.3 Operationalize your plan to deploy state fiscal year enhancement funds;
  - 7.13.3.4 Conduct quarterly reviews to ensure funds are being dispersed to Providers as outlined in your Communication Plan;
  - 7.13.3.5 The Contractor will notify HCA of any changes to the Provider Communication Plan within ten (10) Business Days of the changes. Submit updated Communication Plans to HCA via MC-Track.
- 7.13.4 The Contractor will submit a completed CBHE Quarterly Expenditure report clearly identifying the funding mechanisms used to disperse the funding and all expenditures on a quarterly basis using the CBHE Quarterly Expenditure report template provided.
  - 7.13.4.1 The CBHE Quarterly Expenditure report will be submitted to HCA via MC-Track by the last day of the month following the end of each quarterly reporting period. The reports are due by: July 31 (April-June); October 31 (July-September); January 31 (October-December); and April 30 (January-March).

#### **7.14 Clinical Data Repository (CDR)**

- 7.14.1 HCA shall develop, and the Contractor shall publish guidelines for participation in the CDR, along with the contacts and resources to support Provider organizations through the readiness activities.
- 7.14.2 The Contractor shall require that the subcontracted physical health Provider organizations send clinical information to the CDR after providing services to Enrollees.
- 7.14.3 The Contractor shall support and encourage subcontracted Behavioral Health Provider organizations to send clinical information to the CDR after providing

services to Enrollees. Support may include, but is not limited to, providing technical assistance resources to Providers.

- 7.14.4 Clinical information submitted to the CDR should be provided as a care summary using the C-CDA standard or other applicable transaction as specified by HCA.
- 7.14.5 If a Provider does not have an EHR certified to the 2014 or 2015 certification standards, these requirements do not apply.
- 7.14.6 If a Provider holds itself out as a SUD treatment Provider under 42 C.F.R. Part 2, these requirements do not apply.

#### **7.15 Data Submission to Collective Medical Technologies (CMT)**

- 7.15.1 The Contractor shall submit enrollment, encounter, and Provider data to Collective Medical Technologies on a monthly basis. The data will be used to improve the ability of Emergency Room physicians to make informed decisions about Enrollees, improve Care Coordination, and ensure Enrollee safety. HCA will provide a list of required data elements to ensure consistency.
- 7.15.2 The Contractor shall maintain a record of submission and record any errors or issues that occur during submission.
  - 7.15.2.1 The Contractor will report to HCA in a form and manner to be determined by HCA, within five (5) calendar days of any issues that prevent or delay submission of data to CMT. The report will include any actions the Contractor will take to resolve the issue, including any requests for HCA assistance.
  - 7.15.2.2 The Contractor will provide a summary report for each calendar year to HCA within thirty (30) Business Days upon request, showing confirmation of submission and any errors that occurred by month.

#### **7.16 Required Reporting for Admission, Discharge, and Transfer (ADT) Notifications**

- 7.16.1 The Contractor will require the use of interoperable Health Information Technology (HIT) to create and send admission/discharge/transfer notifications (ADTs) to Providers, Facilities, or practitioners on behalf of Enrollees admitted to Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals and Units that have access to HIT/EHRs.
- 7.16.2 The Contractor will require that it has access to or receive the ADTs for tracking and reporting of Enrollees who are placed, transferred, or discharged from Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals and Units.
  - 7.16.2.1 The Network Providers will create and exchange ADTs using the HL7 2.5.1 or later ADT message standard.
  - 7.16.2.2 Annually, the Contractor will submit the Facility ADT Notification report to HCA by March 31 for the previous calendar year. The report will be submitted to HCA through MC Track and must include:
    - 7.16.2.2.1 Name of each contracted community-based psychiatric hospital and psychiatric hospital unit participating in Medicaid;
    - 7.16.2.2.2 Name of community-based psychiatric hospital/unit without access to interoperable HIT/EHR;

7.16.2.2.2.1 Any current or future plans for each hospital/unit to acquire interoperable HIT/EHR and date of proposed implementation.

7.16.2.2.3 Name of community-based psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric hospital units participating in Medicaid that report ADTs;

7.16.2.2.4 The interoperable HIT vendor and product name and version number used to create and send ADTs;

7.16.2.2.5 Total number of admissions, discharges, and transfers to each the Inpatient Psychiatric hospital or unit;

7.16.2.2.6 Total number of ADTs created and sent by each Inpatient Psychiatric hospital or unit; and

7.16.2.2.7 Total number of unique Enrollees for whom ADTs were created and sent by the Inpatient Psychiatric hospital or unit.

## **7.17 Required Reporting for Behavioral Health Supplemental Data**

7.17.1 The Contractor is responsible for submitting and maintaining accurate, timely, and complete Behavioral Health supplemental data. The Contractor shall:

7.17.1.1 Designate a person dedicated to work collaboratively with HCA on quality control and review of Behavioral Health supplemental data submitted to HCA.

7.17.1.2 Report specific transactional data documenting Behavioral Health services collected by the Contractor and delivered to Enrollees during a specified reporting period.

7.17.1.3 Submit to HCA's BHDS complete, accurate, and timely supplemental data for Behavioral Health services for which the Contractor has collected for Enrollees, whether directly or through Subcontracts or other arrangements.

7.17.1.3.1 The Contractor's disclosure of individually identifiable information is authorized by law. This includes 42 C.F.R. § 2.53, authorizing disclosure of an Enrollee's records for purposes of Medicaid evaluation.

7.17.1.3.2 The Contractor must respond to requests from HCA for Behavioral Health information not previously reported in a timeframe determined by HCA that will allow for a timely response to inquiries from CMS, SAMHSA, the Legislature, and other parties.

## **7.18 Resources for Reporting Behavioral Health Supplemental Data**

7.18.1 The Contractor must comply with Behavioral Health supplemental data reporting requirements, including the requirements outlined in SERI and the Behavioral Health Data Guide (BHDG). The BHDG describes the content of the supplemental data for each transaction, requirements for frequency of reporting, required data fields, valid values for data fields, and timeliness reporting



guidelines.

- 7.18.1.1 The Contractor must implement changes within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of notification by HCA; changes will be documented in an updated version of the BHDG if applicable.
- 7.18.1.2 If shorter timelines for implementation of changes under this Section are required or necessitated by either a court order, agreement resulting from a lawsuit, or legislative action, HCA will provide written notice of the impending changes and specification for the changes as soon as they are available. The Contractor will implement the changes required by the timeline established in the court order, legal agreement, or legislative action.
- 7.18.1.3 The Contractor shall, upon receipt of updates to the BHDG from HCA, provide notice of changes or updates to Subcontractors.
- 7.18.2 The Contractor shall request technical assistance from HCA as needed, and HCA will respond within three (3) Business Days. Submit request to [mmishelp@hca.wa.gov](mailto:mmishelp@hca.wa.gov).
- 7.18.2.1 The Contractor must provide technical assistance as needed to any Subcontractors and Providers.
- 7.18.2.2 On a quarterly basis, the Contractor shall submit via MC-Track the BHDS Behavioral Health Agency Quarterly Submission Report, which will contain a list of subcontracted Behavioral Health Agencies that are required to submit supplemental data to BHDS as outlined in the BHDG. The report shall be submitted no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the months of January, April, July, and October.

## **7.19 Submission of Behavioral Health Supplemental Data**

- 7.19.1 The Contractor must submit Behavioral Health Supplemental Data about Enrollees to the BHDS within thirty (30) calendar days of collection or receipt from subcontracted Providers. Submissions must be in compliance with current submission guidelines as published by HCA. The Contractor shall submit supplemental data using the correct program and submitter identifiers as assigned by HCA.
  - 7.19.1.1 Supplemental data includes all specific transactions as outlined in the BHDG.
- 7.19.2 All reporting must be done via a flat file in the format and with acceptable data values as outlined in the BHDG.
- 7.19.3 The Contractor must certify the accuracy and completeness of all supplemental data concurrently with each file submission. The certification must affirm that:
  - 7.19.3.1 The Contractor has reported all collected supplemental data to HCA for the month being reported;
  - 7.19.3.2 The Contractor has reviewed the supplemental data for the month of submission; and
  - 7.19.3.3 The Contractor's chief executive officer, chief financial officer, or an

individual who has delegated authority to sign for, and who reports directly to, the Contractor's chief executive officer or chief financial officer must attest that based on best knowledge, information, and belief as of the date indicated, all information submitted to HCA in the submission is accurate, complete, and truthful, and they hereby certify that no material fact has been omitted from the certification and submission.

7.19.3.3.1 The Contractor shall submit this certification using the Daily Batch File Submission of Behavioral Health Supplemental Data, a template of which is available through MC-Track. This certification is to be submitted to MC-Track whenever supplemental data files are sent to the BHDS.

7.19.3.4 The Contractor shall submit a signed Monthly Certification of the Behavioral Health Supplemental Data Batch Submissions, a template of which is available in MC-Track. This certification must include a list of all submitted supplemental data batch files and is due within five (5) Business Days from the end of each month. The purpose of this certification is to affirm that, based on the best information, knowledge, and belief, the data, documentation, and information submitted is accurate, complete, and truthful in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.606 and this Contract.

## **7.20 Data Quality Standards and Error Correction for Behavioral Health Supplemental Data**

7.20.1 The submitted supplemental data shall adhere to the following data quality standards:

7.20.1.1 The data quality standards listed within this Contract and incorporated by reference into this Contract. The Contractor shall make changes or corrections to any systems, processes, or data transmission formats as needed to comply with HCA's data quality standards as defined and subsequently amended;

7.20.1.2 Submitted supplemental data shall include all transactions and shall have all fields required and outlined in the BHDG to support accurate data reporting and accurate matching with encounter data records submitted to the ProviderOne system;

7.20.1.3 Submitted supplemental data must pass all BHDS edits with a disposition of accept as listed in the BHDG or as sent out in communications from HCA to the Contractor; and

7.20.1.4 Submitted supplemental data must not contain transactions that are a duplicate of a previously submitted transaction unless submitted as a change or delete record to the existing record.

7.20.2 Upon receipt of data submitted, the BHDS generates error reports.

7.20.3 The Contractor must review each error report to assure that data submitted and rejected due to errors are corrected and resubmitted within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of rejection.

- 7.20.4 HCA shall perform supplemental transaction data quality reviews to ensure receipt of complete and accurate supplemental data for program administration and for matching supplemental transactions in the BHDS to encounters within the ProviderOne system.
- 7.20.4.1 Data quality shall be measured for each individual transaction as outlined in the BHDG. Error ratios that exceed 1 percent for each separate transaction may result in corrective actions up to and including sanctions.
- 7.20.4.2 Errors corrected as a result of error report review by the Contractor or as a result of an HCA data quality review must be submitted within sixty (60) calendar days from notification by HCA.
- 7.20.4.3 The Contractor shall, upon receipt of a data quality notice from HCA, inform Subcontractors about any changes needed to ensure correct reporting of services.
- 7.20.4.4 If the Contractor requires more than sixty (60) calendar days to make corrections and resubmit identified supplemental transactions, then written notice must be submitted by the Contractor to HCA including reason for delay and date of completion. The Contractor shall notify HCA at [mmishelp@hca.wa.gov](mailto:mmishelp@hca.wa.gov) or the specific email listed in the notification sent by HCA, and HCA will provide a final decision to the request in writing.

## **7.21 Technical Assistance**

- 7.21.1 The Contractor may request technical assistance for any matter pertaining to this Contract by contacting HCA.

## **7.22 Annual Diabetes Report**

- 7.22.1 The Contractor shall prepare an annual report on the prevalence of diabetes and utilization of diabetes education services among Contractor Enrollees. The report is due each year no later than the last Business Day of October and shall include data from the first Business Day of July of the previous calendar year through the last Business Day of June of the current calendar year.
- 7.22.2 The Annual Diabetes Report shall be no more than four pages in length, excluding attachments, and shall describe:
- 7.22.2.1 The geographic distribution of Enrollees with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes using the Enrollee's county of residence, rolled up into the *Healthier Washington* regional map found at: <http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/healthier-washington/accountable-communities-health-ach>.
- 7.22.2.2 A narrative description of how:
- 7.22.2.2.1 Enrollees are referred to diabetes education, and a description of any role that the plan plays in these referrals.
- 7.22.2.2.2 Diabetes education is promoted to Enrollees including links to diabetes educational materials.

- 7.22.2.2.3 Diabetes education Providers enroll with the Contractor (if interested in joining the Contractor's Network of Providers).
- 7.22.2.2.4 The financial toll or impact diabetes and its complications places on the diabetes prevention and diabetes control program, and the financial toll or impact diabetes and its complications on these programs in comparison to other chronic diseases and conditions.
- 7.22.2.3 A list of:
  - 7.22.2.3.1 Available diabetes education Providers, including name of diabetes educator, physical address, zip code, county and *Healthier Washington* region.
  - 7.22.2.3.2 Any potential gaps in the Network of diabetes educators and measures the Contractor may take to address gaps in Network Providers.
- 7.22.2.4 Use the Diabetes Report template in MC-Track for reporting specific diabetes data.

**7.23 Value-Based Purchasing: Paying for Value Survey**

- 7.23.1 Each year, the Contractor will complete all portions of HCA's annual Paying for Value Survey located in MC-Track, as appropriate, based on the Contractor's non-Apple Health contracting in Washington State. The Contractor's survey response is due at the end of the month following HCA's release of the survey (e.g., survey is released July 1, 2025, Contractor's response is due August 31, 2025).
- 7.23.2 If requested, the Contractor will engage in an interview with HCA about the Contractor's VBP activities on an annual basis. The interview may include a review of Contractor's Paying for Value Survey responses, identified barriers and risks to VBP adoption, opportunities for meaningful VBP advancement, and related topics.

## 8 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Contractor shall develop, implement, maintain, comply with, and monitor compliance with written policies and procedures related to all requirements of this Contract. The Contractor shall submit policies and procedures to HCA for review and approval in accordance with Subsection 8.2 of this Section, Assessment of Policies and Procedures. HCA may impose sanctions on the Contractor if the Contractor fails to comply with any of the required written policies and procedures.

### 8.1 Contractor's Policies and Procedures:

The Contractor's Policies and Procedures shall:

- 8.1.1 Direct and guide the Contractor's employees, Subcontractors, and any non-contracted Providers' compliance with all applicable federal, state, and contractual requirements;
- 8.1.2 Fully articulate the Contractor's understanding of the requirements;
- 8.1.3 Have an effective training plan related to the requirements and maintain records of the number of staff participating in training, including evidence of assessment of participant knowledge and satisfaction with the training;
- 8.1.4 Have an effective training plan related to the requirements and maintain records of the number of Providers who participate in training, including satisfaction with the training; and
- 8.1.5 Include monitoring of compliance, prompt response to detected non-compliance, and effective corrective action.

### 8.2 Assessment of Policies and Procedures

- 8.2.1 The Contractor will provide a list of its policies and procedures related to this Contract to HCA through MC-Track using the Self-Assessment of Policy and Procedures template. The Contractor will complete and submit the list:
  - 8.2.1.1 Annually no later than June 30 of each year;
  - 8.2.1.2 In response to any corrective action issued by the HCA; and
  - 8.2.1.3 Any time there is a new policy and procedure or a change to an existing policy and procedure.
- 8.2.2 The Contractor will submit copies of policies and procedures to HCA upon request.

## 9 SUBCONTRACTS

### 9.1 Contractor Remains Legally Responsible

9.1.1 Subcontracts, as defined herein, may be used by the Contractor for the provision of any service under this Contract. However, no Subcontract, or other agreement delegating any authority or performance of obligations under this Contract, shall terminate the Contractor's legal responsibility to HCA for any work performed under this Contract nor for oversight of any functions and/or responsibilities it delegates to any Subcontractor (42 C.F.R. § 434.6(c) and 438.230(b)).

9.1.1.1 The Contractor will submit to HCA for approval an HCA Self-Assessment form and any templates for an individual or entity to perform any duties or obligations that the Contractor is required to perform. Templates will also be submitted any time there is a substantive change to the template. The HCA Self-Assessment form and templates will be submitted to [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov). This includes each of the following, as applicable:

9.1.1.1.1 Agreement;

9.1.1.1.2 Contract;

9.1.1.1.3 Statement of Work (SOW) or Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement (MOU/MOA) outlining Contracted Services;

9.1.1.1.4 Amendment(s) to previously approved Subcontracts or delegated agreements;

9.1.1.1.5 Data sharing and security language, this language must be consistent with requirements found in Exhibit D; and

9.1.1.1.6 Exhibits.

9.1.1.2 Rates or payment amounts may be redacted from the contract template.

9.1.1.3 A Subcontract will not take effect prior to HCA's review and written approval of the template. If HCA does not provide approval or denial within forty-five (45) Business Days, the Contractor may move forward with executing the Subcontract.

9.1.1.4 Approval or denial shall be provided within forty-five (45) Business Days of the Contractor's submission to HCA. When denied, HCA will provide the deficiencies identified in the template in need of correction.

9.1.1.5 Value-added benefits that delegate or allow access or maintenance of records of client specific information consistent with Exhibit D must be submitted to HCA through the Subcontract process for approval prior to implementation.

### 9.2 Solvency Requirements for Subcontractors

9.2.1 For any Subcontractor at financial risk, as defined in the Substantial Financial

Risk provision, or of the Risk provision found in the Definitions section of this Contract, the Contractor shall establish, enforce, and monitor solvency requirements that provide assurance of the Subcontractor's ability to meet its obligations.

### **9.3 Provider Nondiscrimination**

- 9.3.1 The Contractor shall not discriminate, with respect to participation, reimbursement, or indemnification, against Providers practicing within their licensed scope of practice solely on the basis of the type of license or certification they hold (42 C.F.R. § 438.12(a)(1)).
- 9.3.2 If the Contractor declines to include individual or groups of Providers in its Network, it shall give the affected Providers written notice of the reason for its decision (42 C.F.R. § 438.12(a)(1)).
- 9.3.3 The Contractor's policies and procedures on Provider selection and retention shall not discriminate against particular Providers that serve high-risk populations or specialize in conditions that require costly treatment (42 C.F.R. § 438.214(c)).
- 9.3.4 Consistent with the Contractor's responsibilities to the Enrollees, this Section may not be construed to require the Contractor to:
  - 9.3.4.1 Contract with Providers beyond the number necessary to meet the needs of its Enrollees (42 C.F.R. § 438.12(b)(1)).
  - 9.3.4.2 Preclude the Contractor from using different reimbursement amounts for different specialties or for different Providers in the same specialty (42 C.F.R. § 438.12(b)(2)).
  - 9.3.4.3 Preclude the Contractor from establishing measures that are designed to maintain quality of services and control costs (42 C.F.R. § 438.12(b)(3)).

### **9.4 Required Provisions**

- 9.4.1 Subcontracts shall be in writing and be consistent with 42 C.F.R. § 434.6, § 438.230 and § 438.214, as applicable. All Subcontracts shall contain applicable provisions contained in Subsections 9.5 and 9.8 of this Contract and the following provisions:
  - 9.4.1.1 Identification of the parties of the Subcontract and their legal basis for operation in the state of Washington.
  - 9.4.1.2 A process for monitoring the Subcontractor's performance and a periodic schedule for formally evaluating performance, consistent with industry standards or state managed care laws and regulations.
  - 9.4.1.3 Procedures and specific criteria for terminating the Subcontract and for any other remedies the Contractor provides if HCA or the Contractor determines that the Subcontractor has not performed satisfactorily (42 C.F.R. §438.230(c)(1)(iii)).
  - 9.4.1.4 Identification of the services to be performed and reports to be provided by the Subcontractor and which of those services may be subcontracted by the Subcontractor. If the Contractor allows the

Subcontractor to further subcontract, all Subcontractor requirements contained in this Contract must be propagated downward into any other lower tiered Subcontracts.

- 9.4.1.5 Reimbursement rates and procedures for services provided under the Subcontract, including the use of the Contractor's own fee schedule for services provided by essential Behavioral Health Providers.
- 9.4.1.6 Release to the Contractor any information necessary to perform any of its obligations under this Contract.
- 9.4.1.7 The requirement to permit the state of Washington (including but not limited to HCA, MFCD, the state auditor, any designees of these entities) and federal agencies (including but not limited to CMS, the Government Accountability Office, the Office of Management and Budget, the HHS Office of the Inspector General, the Comptroller General, and their designees) to, at any time, access, inspect, audit, and evaluate any records or documents of the Contractor or its Subcontractors, and shall permit inspection of the premises, physical facilities, and equipment where Medicaid-related activities or work are conducted.
- 9.4.1.8 The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall forthwith produce all records, documents, or other data requested as part of such inspection, review, audit, investigation, monitoring, or evaluation identified in subsection 9.4.1.7. If the requesting agency asks for copies of records, documents, or other data, the Contractor and its Subcontractors shall make copies of records and shall deliver them to the requestor, within thirty (30) calendar days of request, or any shorter timeframe as authorized by law or court order. Copies of records and documents shall be made at no cost to the requesting agency. (42 C.F.R. § 455.21(a)(2); 42 C.F.R. § 431.107(b)(2)). The right for the parties named above to audit, access, and inspect under this Section exists for ten (10) years from the final date of the contract period or from the date of completion of any audit, whichever is later, or any other timeframe authorized by law. (42 C.F.R. § 438.3(h)).
- 9.4.1.9 The requirement to completely and accurately report encounter data and Behavioral Health Supplemental Transactions, and to certify the accuracy and completeness of all data submitted to the Contractor. The Contractor shall ensure that all Subcontractors required to report encounter data and Behavioral Health Supplemental Transactions have the capacity to submit all HCA-required data to enable the Contractor to meet the reporting requirements in the Encounter Data Guide and Behavioral Health Supplemental Transaction Data Guide published by HCA. Behavioral Health Supplemental Transactions related to services provided to Enrollees must be submitted within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of service or event.
- 9.4.1.10 The requirement to comply with the Program Integrity requirements



of this Contract and the Contractor's HCA-approved Program Integrity policies and procedures.

- 9.4.1.11 No assignment of a Subcontract shall take effect without HCA's written agreement.
- 9.4.1.12 The Subcontractor shall comply with the applicable state and federal statutes, rules, and regulations including, but not limited to, the laws identified in Subsection 2.6 of this Contract, 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(43), 42 U.S.C. § 1396d(r), 42 C.F.R. § 438.3(l), 42 C.F.R. § 438.208(b)(5), and 42 C.F.R. § 438.230(c)(2).
- 9.4.1.13 Subcontracts shall set forth and require the Subcontractor to comply with any term or condition of this Contract that is applicable to the services to be performed under the Subcontract (42 C.F.R. § 438.6).
- 9.4.1.14 The Contractor shall provide the following information regarding the Grievance and Appeal System to all Subcontractors (42 C.F.R. § 438.414 and 42 C.F.R. § 438.10(g)(1)):
  - 9.4.1.14.1 The toll-free numbers to file oral Grievances and Appeals.
  - 9.4.1.14.2 The availability of assistance in filing a Grievance or Appeal, including informing the Enrollee about Ombuds services and how to access these services.
  - 9.4.1.14.3 The Enrollee's right to request continuation of services during an appeal or hearing and, if the Contractor's Adverse Benefit Determination is upheld, that the Enrollee may be responsible to pay for the cost of the benefits received for the first sixty (60) calendar days after the appeal or hearing request was received.
  - 9.4.1.14.4 The Enrollee's right to file Grievances and Appeals and their requirements and timeframes for filing.
  - 9.4.1.14.5 The Enrollee's right to a hearing, how to obtain a hearing, and representation rules at a hearing.
  - 9.4.1.14.6 The Subcontractor may file a Grievance or request an adjudicative proceeding on behalf of an Enrollee in accordance with subsection 13.2.1.
- 9.4.1.15 The process for revoking delegation or imposing other sanctions if the Subcontractor's performance is inadequate.
- 9.4.1.16 A process to identify deficiencies and take corrective action for both the Contractor and Subcontractor.
- 9.4.1.17 The process whereby the Subcontractor evaluates and ensures that services furnished to individuals with special health care needs are appropriate to the Enrollee's needs.
- 9.4.1.18 Prior to delegation, the Contractor shall evaluate any prospective

Subcontractor's ability to perform the activities for which that Subcontractor is contracting, including the Subcontractor's ability to perform delegated activities described in the subcontracting document.

- 9.4.1.19 The requirement to refer potential allegations of Fraud to HCA or MFCD as described in the Fraud Referral Subsection of this Contract. (42 C.F.R § 455.23).

## **9.5 Health Care Provider Subcontracts**

- 9.5.1 The Contractor's Subcontracts, including those for facilities and pharmacy benefit management, shall also contain the following provisions:
  - 9.5.1.1 A quality improvement system consistent with the Contractor's obligations under Subsections 7.1, 7.2, and 7.4, tailored to the nature and type of services subcontracted, which affords quality control for the health care provided, including but not limited to the accessibility of Medically Necessary health care, and which provides for a free exchange of information with the Contractor to assist the Contractor in complying with the requirements of this Contract.
  - 9.5.1.2 A statement that primary care and specialty care Provider shall cooperate with Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI) activities required by Section 7 of this Contract.
  - 9.5.1.3 A means to keep records necessary to adequately document services provided to Enrollees for all delegated activities, including QAPI, Utilization Management, Enrollee Rights and Responsibilities, Health Homes, and Credentialing and Re-credentialing.
  - 9.5.1.4 A requirement that the Subcontractor comply with chapter 71.32 RCW (Mental Health Advance Directives).
  - 9.5.1.5 Delegated activities are documented and agreed upon between the Contractor and Subcontractor. The document must include:
    - 9.5.1.5.1 Assigned responsibilities.
    - 9.5.1.5.2 Delegated activities.
    - 9.5.1.5.3 A mechanism for evaluation.
    - 9.5.1.5.4 Corrective action policy and procedure.
  - 9.5.1.6 Subcontractor will maintain and share, as appropriate, Enrollee health record(s) in accordance with professional standards (42 C.F.R. § 438.208(b)(5)).
  - 9.5.1.7 Information about Enrollees, including their medical records, shall be kept confidential in a manner consistent with state and federal laws and regulations.
  - 9.5.1.8 An agreement that applicable Subcontractors will receive payment for the supervision of Behavioral Health Providers whose license or certification restricts them to working under supervision, effective

with the next Provider contracting period.

- 9.5.1.9 The Subcontractor accepts payment from the Contractor as payment in full. The Subcontractor shall not request payment from HCA or any Enrollee for Contracted Services performed under the Subcontract, and shall comply with WAC 182-502-0160 requirements applicable to Providers.
- 9.5.1.10 The Subcontractor agrees to hold harmless HCA and its employees, and all Enrollees served under the terms of this Contract, in the event of non-payment by the Contractor. The Subcontractor further agrees to indemnify and hold harmless HCA and its employees against all injuries, deaths, losses, damages, claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, costs, and expenses which may in any manner accrue against HCA or its employees through the intentional misconduct, recklessness, negligence, or omission of the Subcontractor, its agents, officers, employees or contractors (42 C.F.R. § 438.230(b)(2)).
- 9.5.1.11 If the Subcontract includes physician or Behavioral Health services, provisions for compliance with the Performance Improvement Project (PIP) requirements stated in this Contract.
- 9.5.1.12 If the Subcontract includes Physician Services, provisions that inform the Provider of any HCA-determined appeal rights to challenge the failure of the Contractor to cover a service (42 C.F.R. § 438.414 and 42 C.F.R. § 438.10(g)(1)(xi)).
- 9.5.1.13 A ninety (90) day termination notice provision.
- 9.5.1.14 A specific termination provision for termination with short notice when a Subcontractor is excluded from participation in the Medicaid program.
- 9.5.1.15 The Subcontractor agrees to comply with all relevant provisions of this Contract, including, but not limited to, the appointment wait time standards and the obligation to report accurately the information required for the Contractor's Provider directory and any changes thereto. The Subcontract must provide for regular monitoring of timely access and corrective action if the Subcontractor fails to comply with the appointment wait time standards (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(c)(1)).
- 9.5.1.16 A provision that informs the Provider of a reasonably accessible on-line location of the policies and procedures listed in Section 8 of this Contract.
- 9.5.1.17 A provision for ongoing monitoring and compliance review when the Contractor identifies deficiencies or areas requiring improvement and provide for corrective action.
  - 9.5.1.17.1 The Contractor shall ensure that Subcontractors have complied with data submission requirements

established by HCA for all services funded under the Contract.

- 9.5.1.17.2 The Contractor shall maintain written or electronic records of all Subcontractor monitoring activities and make them available to HCA upon request.
- 9.5.1.18 The Contractor shall document and confirm in writing all Single Case Agreements with Providers. The agreement shall include:
  - 9.5.1.18.1 The description of the services;
  - 9.5.1.18.2 The authorization period for the services, including the begin date and the end date for approved services;
  - 9.5.1.18.3 The rate of reimbursement for the service or reference to the Contractor's fee schedule or other plan documents that define payment; and
  - 9.5.1.18.4 Any other specifics of the negotiated rate.
- 9.5.1.19 The Contractor must supply documentation to the Subcontractor no later than five (5) Business Days following the signing of the agreement. Updates to the Single Case Agreement, must include all elements (begin date, end date, rate of care or reference to fee schedule, and any other specifics regarding the services or payment methods).
- 9.5.1.20 The Contractor shall maintain a record of the Single Case Agreements for a period of ten (10) years.
- 9.5.1.21 The Contractor shall provide a copy of the Health Care Provider Subcontract template and any contract samples upon request by HCA.
- 9.5.1.22 The Contractor shall include Exhibit G, Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Addendum for IHCPs, in every Subcontract with an IHCP.
- 9.5.1.23 The Contractor must ensure WISE Providers adhere to the WISE Manual and participate in all WISE-related quality activities.
  - 9.5.1.23.1 The Contractor shall ensure WISE Providers participate in a review of WISE services using the WISE Quality Improvement Review Tool (QIRT) at least once annually. This review could be conducted by internal WISE Provider staff, a peer WISE Provider, or by an external partner. The review may be a rotating modular or full QIRT review, with the expectation that a full review would be completed over the course of three (3) years.
    - 9.5.1.23.1.1 The state QIRT review, including reviews conducted by the state's EQRO, is in addition to this requirement. The state review does not

meet the requirements of the Contract for Providers to participate in a review.

9.5.1.23.2 WISe Providers must include information regarding WISe services on the Provider's website.

9.5.1.23.3 The Contractor shall ensure that WISe Provider staff conduct Child Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) screenings for children and youth referred for WISe services.

## **9.6 Subcontracts with Indian Health Care Providers**

- 9.6.1 The Contractor shall coordinate with and pay all IHCPs enrolled with HCA who provide a service to Enrollees under this Contract regardless of the IHCP's decision whether to Subcontract (42 C.F.R. § 438.14(c)(2)).
- 9.6.2 If, at any time during the term of this Contract, an IHCP submits a written request to the Contractor at the mailing address set forth on the cover page of this Contract indicating such IHCP's intent to enter into a subcontract with the Contractor, the Contractor must negotiate in good faith with the IHCP. The Contractor will offer and negotiate contracts in good faith to all IHCPs, including any tribal Care Coordination, transportation, or related services. To be offered in good faith, a Contractor must offer contract terms comparable to terms that it offers to a similarly situated non-IHCP Provider, except for terms that would not be applicable to an IHCP, such as by virtue of the types of services that an IHCP provides. The Contractor will provide verification of such offers upon request from HCA, and in order to verify compliance with this provision.
- 9.6.2.1 Any such Subcontract must include the Special Terms and Conditions set forth in the Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Addendum for Indian Health Care Providers (the IHCP Addendum) issued by CMS. To the extent that any provision set forth in the Subcontract between the Contractor and the IHCP conflicts with the provisions set forth in the IHCP Addendum, the provisions of the IHCP Addendum shall prevail.
- 9.6.2.2 The Subcontract must reference the IHCP's ability to submit complaints to the HCA for resolution and for the HCA to facilitate resolution directly with the Contractor.
- 9.6.3 Any Subcontracts with IHCP must be consistent with the laws and regulations that are applicable to the IHCP.
- 9.6.4 The Contractor will include reference in any contract between the Contractor and the IHCP to the Protocols for Coordination with Tribes and Non-Tribal IHCPs applicable to the Contractor's RSAs.

**9.7 Subcontracts with Community Behavioral Health Support (CBHS) Services – Supportive Supervision**

- 9.7.1 The Contractor shall use the HCA-approved contract template for Supportive Supervision.
- 9.7.2 The Contractor shall develop policies and procedures consistent with the HCA CBHS Billing and Program guide. Policies shall ensure the use of all required forms and templates.
- 9.7.3 The Contractor shall notify contracted CBHS Providers in writing a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the end of any contract, including Single Case Agreements.

**9.8 Health Care Provider Subcontracts Delegating Administrative Functions**

- 9.8.1 Subcontracts that delegate administrative functions under the terms of this Contract shall include the following additional provisions:
  - 9.8.1.1 For those Subcontractors at financial risk, that the Subcontractor shall maintain the Contractor's solvency requirements throughout the term of the Contract.
  - 9.8.1.2 Clear descriptions of any administrative functions delegated by the Contractor in the Subcontract. Administrative functions are any obligations of the Contractor under this Contract other than the direct provision of services to Enrollees and include, but are not limited to, utilization/medical management, claims processing, Behavioral Health Supplemental Transactions processing, Enrollee Grievances and Appeals, and the provision of data or information necessary to fulfill any of the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.
  - 9.8.1.3 How frequently and by what means the Contractor will monitor compliance with solvency requirements and Subcontractor performance related to any administrative function delegated in the Subcontract.
  - 9.8.1.4 Provisions for revoking delegation or imposing sanctions if the Subcontractor's performance is inadequate (42 C.F.R. § 438.230(c)(1)(iii)).
  - 9.8.1.5 Whether referrals for Enrollees will be restricted to Providers affiliated with the group and, if so, a description of those restrictions.
  - 9.8.1.6 Prior to delegation, an evaluation of the Subcontractor's ability to successfully perform and meet the requirements of this Contract for any delegated administrative function.
- 9.8.2 The Contractor shall submit a report of all current delegated entities, activities delegated, and the number of Enrollees assigned or serviced by the delegated entity to HCA by March 1 of each year applicable to this Contract and upon request by HCA.

**9.9 Administrative Functions with Subcontractors and Subsidiaries**

- 9.9.1 Essential Behavioral Health Administrative Functions may be subcontracted for a period of time as determined by HCA and the Contractor. The Contractor shall

achieve full integration of Essential Behavioral Health Administrative Functions according to a timeline agreed upon with HCA. No Subcontractor shall terminate the Contractor's legal responsibility to HCA for any work performed under this Contract nor for oversight of any functions and/or responsibilities it delegates to any Subcontractor.

- 9.9.2 Behavioral Health Subcontracts must require Subcontractors to hold all necessary licenses, certifications, and/or permits as required by law for the performance of the activity to be performed under this Contract.
  - 9.9.2.1 Subcontracts must require Subcontractors to notify the Contractor in the event of a change in status of any required license or certification.
- 9.9.3 GAIN-SS
  - 9.9.3.1 Subcontracts for the provision of Behavioral Health Services must require the use of the GAIN-SS and assessment process that includes use of the quadrant placement. In addition, the Subcontract must contain terms requiring corrective action if the Integrated Co-Occurring Disorder Screening and Assessment process is not implemented and maintained throughout the contract period of performance.
  - 9.9.3.2 If the results of the GAIN-SS are indicative of the presence of a co-occurring disorder, this information must be considered in the development of the treatment plan including appropriate referrals.

## **9.10 Health Homes**

- 9.10.1 The Contractor shall provide Health Home services to Enrollees who participate in the Health Home program in accordance with the terms of this Contract, including the terms described in Exhibit E, Health Homes.
- 9.10.2 The Contractor shall provide Health Home services as a qualified health home lead organization, or may delegate the Health Home services by contracting with other qualified Health Home lead organizations, to deliver health home services for Enrollees meeting the eligibility criteria for the Health Home program.
- 9.10.3 The Contractor shall Subcontract with community-based Care Coordination Organizations (CCOs) sufficient in quantity and type and may also provide Health Home services as a CCO.
- 9.10.4 Network Adequacy for a CCO network will be determined by evidence of signed Subcontracts with at least five of the CCOs described in subsection 9.10.5.
  - 9.10.4.1 At least two of the five Subcontracts must be with an organization that provides Behavioral Health services; and
  - 9.10.4.2 At least one of the five Subcontracts must be with an organization that provides long-term services and supports.
- 9.10.5 The following CCOs meet the requirement for "sufficiency" of a Health Home network:
  - 9.10.5.1 Federally Qualified Health Centers;

- 9.10.5.2 Area Agencies on Aging;
  - 9.10.5.3 Rural Health Clinics;
  - 9.10.5.4 Behavioral Health Agencies;
  - 9.10.5.5 Hospitals;
  - 9.10.5.6 Medical or specialty clinics;
  - 9.10.5.7 Pediatric clinics;
  - 9.10.5.8 Social Service organizations; and
  - 9.10.5.9 Tribes or tribal health clinics.
- 9.10.6 The Contractor must assign at least 35 percent of its Health Home Enrollee population to the subcontracted CCOs when providing Health Home services in each coverage area.
- 9.10.7 The Contractor shall achieve and maintain an average of at least 15 percent Health Home Monthly Engagement Rate based on the HCA monthly Health Home Enrollment and Engagement report for its Enrollees over each six-month reporting period.
- 9.10.7.1 On a semi-annual basis, HCA will compile a report on the Contractor's average engagement rate over the six-month reporting period based on the data collected during the reporting period.
    - 9.10.7.1.1 Engagement data reporting periods: January 1 through June 30 reported in October; and July 1 through December 31 reported in April.
  - 9.10.7.2 HCA will calculate the Contractor's monthly Health Home Engagement Rate using the HCA monthly Health Home Enrollment and Engagement Report. The Health Home Engagement Rate is determined by the number of Health Home encounters accepted in ProviderOne compared to the number of Enrollees with a current "HH" Indicator in ProviderOne during the reported month.
  - 9.10.7.3 In accordance with Section 5 of this Contract, HCA may impose sanctions if the Contractor does not meet the six-month average Health Home Monthly Engagement rate expectation, as reported in the HCA Semi-Annual Enrollment and Engagement report. The sanctions may be as follows:
    - 9.10.7.3.1 \$25,000 sanction for the first violation;
    - 9.10.7.3.2 \$50,000 sanction for the second violation; and
    - 9.10.7.3.3 \$100,000 sanction the third and subsequent violations.
- 9.10.8 The Contractor must notify and coordinate care and transitions with Medicare Advantage Health Plans for a dually eligible Enrollee who is engaged in the Health Home program. To meet this requirement, the Contractor must develop



and maintain a process to share Enrollee information with the Medicare Advantage Health Plan to ensure an Enrollee continues to receive Health Home services through the Medicare Advantage Health Plan.

### **9.11 Home Health Providers**

9.11.1 The Contractor may not subcontract with a home health agency unless the home health agency is in compliance with the surety bond requirements under 42 U.S.C. § 1396b(i)(18) and 42 C.F.R. § 441.16.

### **9.12 Subcontracts with Inpatient Behavioral Health Providers**

9.12.1 The Contractor's Subcontracts with inpatient Behavioral Health service Providers shall require the Providers to:

9.12.1.1 Inform the Contractor of an Enrollee's discharge on the following timelines:

9.12.1.1.1 For an anticipated discharge, no later than 24 hours prior to the planned discharge date; or

9.12.1.1.2 For all the other discharges, including if the Enrollee leaves against medical advice, no later than the date of discharge.

9.12.1.2 Engage with the Contractor in discharge planning; and

9.12.1.3 Educate and connect inpatient Enrollees to Contractor Care Coordination to support maintenance of stability post-discharge.

### **9.13 Subcontracts with Substance Use Disorder Providers**

9.13.1 The Contractor must require that residential and inpatient treatment agencies have policies and procedures to offer medications to treat SUD (e.g., medications for opioid use disorder, medications for alcohol use disorder) on-site or facilitate access off-site.

9.13.1.1 The Contractor must only Subcontract with licensed SUD Behavioral Health treatment agencies that have policies and procedures in place to ensure Enrollees who are prescribed any of the FDA-approved medications to treat all SUD will not be denied services.

9.13.1.2 The Contractor must only Subcontract with licensed or certified SUD BHAs providing voluntary inpatient or residential SUD treatment services or withdrawal management services which have attested to having policies and procedures in place to meet the following requirements:

9.13.1.2.1 Ensure Enrollees receive services and be admitted, if Medically Necessary, to the BHA regardless of prior instances of the Enrollee discharging from the facility prior to a clinical determination that the Enrollee has completed treatment; and

9.13.1.2.2 Maintain policies and procedures to ensure safe transfers related to therapeutic progressive disciplinary processes when the BHA transfers or discharges an Enrollee without the Enrollee's

consent.

9.13.1.3 The Contractor must ensure there is enough network capacity that Enrollees with an SUD receiving or desiring medication to treat SUD are able to have it prescribed while engaged in any level of ASAM SUD treatment.

9.13.1.4 The Contractor may not Subcontract with licensed SUD Behavioral Health treatment agencies that have policies and procedures in place that mandate titration of any prescribed FDA-approved medications to treat any SUD as a condition of Enrollees receiving treatment or continuing to receive Behavioral Health treatment. Decisions concerning medication adjustment are based on medical necessity and in coordination with the prescribing Provider.

9.13.1.5 The Contractor must Subcontract with licensed inpatient SUD Behavioral Health treatment agencies that have policies and procedures allowing Enrollees to seek FDA-approved medication for any SUD at any point in their course of treatment and ensuring the agency will provide or facilitate the induction of any prescribed FDA-approved medications for any SUD.

9.13.1.5.1 This may be done by:

9.13.1.5.1.1 Having an appropriately credentialed prescriber on-site or available through telemedicine who can prescribe FDA-approved medications for SUD; or

9.13.1.5.1.2 Facilitating off-site transportation of Enrollees to medical or Behavioral Health treatment agencies that offer medications for SUD.

9.13.1.6 The Contractor may only Subcontract with licensed inpatient SUD Behavioral Health treatment agencies that have policies and procedures ensuring they will provide or facilitate the continuation of any prescribed FDA-approved medications for any SUD. Decisions concerning medication adjustment must be based on medical necessity and in concert with the prescribing Provider.

9.13.1.6.1 This may be done by:

9.13.1.6.1.1 Facilitating off-site transportation of Enrollees to medical or Behavioral Health treatment agencies that offer medications for SUD; or

9.13.1.6.1.2 Allowing Enrollees currently on medications for SUD to continue to take their medications as prescribed and provide a safe storage space for said medication during their course of treatment.

9.13.2 Outpatient treatment facilities. The Contractor must require that outpatient

treatment agencies have policies and procedures to facilitate treatment access to Enrollees who are prescribed any of the FDA-approved medications to treat all SUDs.

- 9.13.2.1 The Contractor must only Subcontract with licensed SUD Behavioral Health treatment agencies that have policies and procedures in place to ensure Enrollees who are prescribed any of the FDA-approved medications to treat all SUDs will not be denied services.
  - 9.13.2.2 The Contractor must ensure there is enough network capacity that Enrollees with an SUD receiving or desiring medication to treat SUD are able to have it prescribed while engaged in any level of ASAM SUD treatment.
  - 9.13.2.3 The Contractor may not Subcontract with licensed SUD Behavioral Health treatment agencies that have policies and procedures in place that mandate titration of any prescribed FDA-approved medications to treat any SUD as a condition of Enrollees receiving treatment and/or continuing to receive Behavioral Health treatment. Decisions concerning medication adjustment are based on medical necessity and in coordination with the prescribing Provider.
  - 9.13.2.4 The Contractor shall begin development of policies and procedures related to contracting with SUD Peer Supports.
  - 9.13.2.5 The Contractor shall provide information on how to access Peer Support Services for Enrollees with SUDs transitioning from emergency departments, inpatient facilities, or receiving treatment as part of Hub and Spoke networks.
- 9.13.3 Licensed SUD Behavioral Health treatment agencies. The Contractor must require that licensed SUD Behavioral Health treatment agencies that are not units within a hospital licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW, or a psychiatric hospital licensed under chapter 71.12 RCW, have policies and procedures to facilitate a minimum standard for individuals who are seeking treatment for SUD. Specifically, must ensure the following is available to Enrollees:
- 9.13.3.1 Education related to pharmacological treatment options specific to the patient's diagnosed condition, which includes an unbiased explanation of all FDA-approved medications that are indicated for the patient's SUD diagnosis and other forms of treatment required under RCW 7.70.050 and .060, that are available for the Enrollee. This may include use of any patient centered shared decision-making tools for SUD. This education must be documented within the Enrollees' clinical records. Documentation confirming Enrollee review of this education must be found via enrollee signature within the Enrollee's clinical records, and;
  - 9.13.3.2 In situations where the Enrollee elects to initiate a pharmacological treatment option for their SUD diagnosis, the Subcontractor shall support the Enrollee with initiating the pharmacological treatment with direct provision of medication prescription facilitated by the Subcontractor. If the treating Provider is unable to directly provide the Enrollee access to initiate the medication directly via

prescription, the Provider must facilitate a warm handoff referral of the Enrollee to an alternative or secondary treatment Provider who can directly provide the Enrollee with medication prescription offsite, or via telehealth. The following must be found via the Enrollee signature within Enrollee's clinical records:

- 9.13.3.2.1 The Subcontractor's provision of care and/or coordination of care;
  - 9.13.3.2.2 Decision regarding Enrollee's provision of care, coordination of care; and
  - 9.13.3.2.3 If applicable, the Enrollee's refusal of provision or coordination of care around pharmacological treatments for their SUD condition.
- 9.13.3.3 A warm handoff referral includes the Subcontractor providing transportation to another Provider that has walk-in availability or directly scheduling an appointment on behalf of the Enrollee.
- 9.13.3.4 The Contractor must ensure that Subcontractors who advertise they treat opioid use disorder/alcohol use disorder and/or treat Enrollees for opioid use disorder/alcohol use disorder follow the requirements in subsection 9.13.3, and:
- 9.13.3.4.1 Failure to meet the education requirements in subsection 9.13.3.1 may be an element of proof in demonstrating a breach of the duty to secure an informed consent under RCW 7.70.050.8(ii); and
  - 9.13.3.4.2 Failure to meet the education and facilitation requirements in subsection 9.13.3.1 may be the basis of a disciplinary action.
- 9.13.4 The Contractor must ensure subcontracts for withdrawal management services include provisions requiring:
- 9.13.4.1 Any decisions regarding adjustments to FDA-approved medications are made only after individual assessment by a prescribing provider. This assessment must be documented in the patient chart, and the withdrawal management Provider must document a good faith effort to consult with the current prescribing Health Care Provider as part of their assessment; and
  - 9.13.4.2 Stipulations that the Subcontractor may not deny admission based solely on an individual taking FDA-approved medications, under the supervision of a medical Provider, for their mental health or SUD, or require titration of dosages in order to be admitted or remain in the program.

## **9.14 Physician Incentive Plans**

- 9.14.1 Physician Incentive Plans, as defined herein, are subject to the conditions set forth in this Section and in federal regulations (42 C.F.R. § 438.6, 42 C.F.R. § 422.208, and 42 C.F.R. § 422.210). The Contractor shall provide written notification to HCA on an annual basis (due March 1) that its Physician Incentive Plans, if any, comply with federal regulations.

- 9.14.1.1 Prohibited Payments: The Contractor shall make no payment to a physician or Physician Group, directly or indirectly, under a Physician Incentive Plan as an inducement to reduce or limit Medically Necessary services provided to an individual Enrollee.
- 9.14.1.2 Disclosure Requirements: Risk-sharing arrangements in subcontracts with physicians or Physician Groups are subject to review and approval by HCA. Prior to entering into, modifying, or extending the risk-sharing arrangement in a Subcontract at any tier, the Contractor shall provide the following information about its Physician Incentive Plan, and the Physician Incentive Plans of its Subcontractors, to HCA:
  - 9.14.1.2.1 A description of the incentive plan, including whether the incentive plan includes referral services.
  - 9.14.1.2.2 If the incentive plan includes referral services, the information provided to HCA shall include:
    - 9.14.1.2.2.1 The type of incentive plan (e.g., withhold, bonus, capitation).
    - 9.14.1.2.2.2 For incentive plans involving withholds or bonuses, the percent that is withheld or paid as a bonus.
    - 9.14.1.2.2.3 Proof that stop-loss protection meets the requirements identified within the provisions of this Section, including the amount and type of stop-loss protection.
    - 9.14.1.2.2.4 The panel size and, if commercial members and Enrollees are pooled, a description of the groups pooled and the risk terms of each group. Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial members in a physician's or Physician Group's panel may be pooled, provided the terms of risk for the pooled Enrollees and commercial members are comparable, and the incentive payments are not calculated separately for pooled Enrollees. Commercial members include military members.
- 9.14.1.3 If the Contractor, or any Subcontractor, places a physician or Physician Group at Substantial Financial Risk, the Contractor shall assure that all physicians and Physician Groups have either aggregate or per member stop-loss protection for services not directly provided by the physician or Physician Group.
  - 9.14.1.3.1 If aggregate stop-loss protection is provided, it must cover 90 percent of the costs of referral services that exceed 25 percent of maximum potential payments

under the Subcontract.

9.14.1.3.2 If stop-loss protection is based on a per-member limit, it must cover 90 percent of the cost of referral services that exceed the limit as indicated below based on panel size, and whether stop-loss is provided separately for professional and institutional services or is combined for the two.

9.14.1.3.3 1,000 members or fewer, the threshold is \$3,000 for professional services and \$10,000 for institutional services, or \$6,000 for combined services.

9.14.1.3.3.1 1,001 - 5,000 members, the threshold is \$10,000 for professional services and \$40,000 for institutional services, or \$30,000 for combined services.

9.14.1.3.3.2 5,001 - 8,000 members, the threshold is \$15,000 for professional services and \$60,000 for institutional services, or \$40,000 for combined services.

9.14.1.3.3.3 8,001 - 10,000 members, the threshold is \$20,000 for professional services and \$100,000 for institutional services, or \$75,000 for combined services.

9.14.1.3.3.4 10,001 - 25,000 members, the threshold is \$25,000 for professional services and \$200,000 for institutional services, or \$150,000 for combined services.

9.14.1.3.3.5 25,001 members or more, there is no risk threshold.

9.14.1.3.4 The Contractor shall provide the following information regarding its Physician Incentive Plans to any Enrollee who requests it:

9.14.1.3.4.1 Whether the Contractor uses a Physician Incentive Plan that affects the use of referral services;

9.14.1.3.4.2 The type of incentive arrangement; and

9.14.1.3.4.3 Whether stop-loss protection is provided.

## **9.15 Provider Education**

9.15.1 The Contractor will maintain records of the number and type of Providers and support staff participating in Provider education, including evidence of participant satisfaction from the training process.

9.15.1.1 The Contractor shall keep Participating Providers informed about and offer technical assistance on:

- 9.15.1.1.1 Covered Services for Enrollees served under this Contract.
- 9.15.1.1.2 Coordination of care requirements.
- 9.15.1.1.3 HCA and the Contractor's policies and procedures as related to this Contract.
- 9.15.1.1.4 Health Homes.
- 9.15.1.1.5 HCA First Steps Program - Maternity Support Services (MSS). The Contractor shall notify Providers about HCA's First Steps Program, MSS, using HCA's MSS informational letter template that includes HCA First Steps Program website and Provider directory.
- 9.15.1.1.6 Interpretation of data from the Quality Improvement program.
- 9.15.1.1.7 Practice guidelines as described in the provisions of this Contract.
- 9.15.1.1.8 Behavioral Health services through the Contractor.
- 9.15.1.1.9 Behavioral Health resource line.
- 9.15.1.1.10 The information required for UM decision making, procedure coding and submitting claims.
  - 9.15.1.1.10.1 The Contractor shall inform all network Providers in writing regarding these requirements.
- 9.15.1.1.11 Utilization Management protocols, including admissions, continued stay, and discharge criteria.
- 9.15.1.1.12 Contractor care management staff for assistance in care transitions and Care Management activity.
- 9.15.1.1.13 Program Integrity requirements.
- 9.15.1.1.14 DSHS long-term care services, including availability of home and community-based care (chapter 388-106 WAC).
- 9.15.1.1.15 DSHS developmental disability services, including community-based care (WAC 388-823 to -850).
- 9.15.1.1.16 DCYF services for children and families, including, but not limited to, DCYF-contracted home visiting, Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT), Early Childhood Intervention and Prevention Services (ECLIPSE), and Early Childhood and Education Assistance Program (ECEAP) and Head Start programs using the informational letter template jointly developed by DCYF and HCA.
- 9.15.1.1.17 HCA and Contractor policies, programs, and practice guidelines related to Infant Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH), including, at a minimum:

- 9.15.1.1.17.1 HCA IECMH webpage, billing guidance, and published resources.
- 9.15.1.1.17.2 Mental Health Assessment for Young Children (MHAYC) policies, program updates, and associated resources, including the HCA MHAYC webpage, billing guidance, DC:0-5 crosswalk, and the IECMH Workforce Collaborative (IECMH-WC).
- 9.15.1.1.18 Perinatal Psychiatry Consultation Line (PAL for Moms) offered through University of Washington Medicine.
- 9.15.1.1.19 UW Psychiatry Consultation Line (PCL) offered by the University of Washington (UW).
- 9.15.1.1.20 Educational opportunities for PCPs, such as those produced by the Washington State Department of Health Community Collaborative, the Washington State Medical Association, and the Washington State Hospital Association.
- 9.15.1.1.21 Health IT and interoperable health information exchange at the state and federal levels.
- 9.15.1.1.22 Current and anticipated health information exchange and use via the CDR.
- 9.15.1.1.23 Information about Certified EHR Technology and ONC's Health IT Certification Program.
- 9.15.1.1.24 The Protocols for Coordination with Tribes and Non-Tribal IHCPs applicable to the Contractor's RSAs.
- 9.15.1.2 The Contractor shall develop and deliver ongoing training for Network Providers. The training objective is to strengthen the knowledge, skill, and expertise of all parties to improve integrated care delivery as it relates to outreach and engagement, screening and assessment, appropriate referral and delivery of person-centered, recovery-oriented care. Training shall go beyond concepts to address how to incorporate guidelines and principles into daily practice. A schedule of training shall be available on the Contractor's website and updated as needed, but at least annually. This shall include, but is not limited to, offering technical assistance and support tools regarding coordinated care practices defined in Section 14 of this Contract. The training program shall meet the following minimum requirements:
  - 9.15.1.2.1 Be accessible at alternate times and days of the week.
  - 9.15.1.2.2 Training for Behavioral Health Network Providers shall address the following requirements:
    - 9.15.1.2.2.1 The application of evidence-based, research-based and Promising



Practices related to the assessment and treatment of Behavioral Health conditions, including those from the Bree Collaborative.

- 9.15.1.2.2.2 Incorporation of Recovery and Resilience principles in service provision as well as policies and procedures.
- 9.15.1.2.2.3 Screening, identification, and referral for treatment for medical conditions and risk factors commonly occurring in individuals with severe and persistent Behavioral Health. For individuals on medication, screening includes review of Enrollee medical and medication history, and for individuals on psychotropic medication, vital signs, weight, and BMI. Screening tools used with children and Youth shall be developmentally age-appropriate.
- 9.15.1.2.2.4 Ensure the Contractor sponsored Certified Peer Counselor trainings are offered in accordance with DBHR policies. Policy requirements include the use of DBHR approved curriculum, trainers, testers and applicants.
- 9.15.1.2.2.5 Subcontracts must require Subcontractors to participate in training when requested by HCA. Requests for HCA to allow an exception to participation in required training must be in writing and include a plan for how the required information will be provided to targeted Subcontractor staff.
- 9.15.1.2.2.6 Annually, all community Behavioral Health employees who work directly with Enrollees must be provided with training on safety and violence prevention topics described in RCW 49.19.030.
- 9.15.1.2.2.7 Education and support regarding the requirement to submit HIPAA-compliant encounters.

9.15.1.3 The Contractor shall ensure all of its contracted PCPs are offered training related to all of the following:

- 9.15.1.3.1 Screening for Behavioral Health conditions using developmentally, age-appropriate screening tools.

- 9.15.1.3.2 Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment for Enrollees aged 13 years and older.
- 9.15.1.3.3 The application of evidence-based, research-based and Promising Practices (including those from the Bree Collaborative) for Behavioral Health conditions commonly occurring in primary care.
- 9.15.1.3.4 Identification of individuals with First Episode Psychosis (FEP) and referral to appropriate FEP services.
- 9.15.1.4 Behavioral Health and medical Providers shall be offered training on effective approaches to managing individuals with co-occurring conditions, including individuals with Behavioral Health and co-occurring medical conditions or co-occurring intellectual and developmental disabilities.
  - 9.15.1.4.1 Training shall address the following requirements:
    - 9.15.1.4.1.1 Care Coordination requirements as defined in Section 14, including, but not limited to, creating and maintaining a shared care plan;
    - 9.15.1.4.1.2 Collaborative care or similar research-based models for Care Coordination;
    - 9.15.1.4.1.3 Discharge planning for Enrollees transitioning from the hospital to the community; and
    - 9.15.1.4.1.4 Accurate diagnosis and appropriate treatment for individuals with I/DD.
  - 9.15.1.4.2 The Contractor shall ensure Enrollees, family members of Enrollees, and other caregivers have the option to be involved in the planning, development, and delivery of trainings specific to delivery of Behavioral Health services and behavioral health-medical integration initiatives.
  - 9.15.1.4.3 Cultural competency shall be incorporated into Provider training specific to delivery of Behavioral Health services and behavioral health-medical integration initiatives.
- 9.15.1.5 The Contractor shall provide training, support, and technical assistance to all contracted Providers (and non-contracted IHCPs) in order to:
  - 9.15.1.5.1 Resolve encounters or claims denied, rejected, or pended in initial submission, including claims denied due to Medicare/D-SNP coordination of benefits;
  - 9.15.1.5.2 Identify and resolve errors in encounter submissions and Provider billing systems before they become significant and impact additional Providers or delay

payments for services for greater than ninety (90) calendar days; and

- 9.15.1.5.3 Address other billing or claim systems' issues discovered or brought to the attention of the Contractor. Contractor, at a minimum, shall ensure:
  - 9.15.1.5.3.1 Complete root cause analysis and tracking of each respective billing issue.
  - 9.15.1.5.3.2 Identification of a universe of claims that have been affected by the billing or claims systems' issue(s).
  - 9.15.1.5.3.3 Implementation of necessary corrections to remedy the billing or claims systems' issue(s) so it does not persist.
  - 9.15.1.5.3.4 Proactive outreach attempts to provide technical assistance to address ongoing and persistent claims issue(s) with each Provider affected.
- 9.15.1.6 Provider education that supports bi-directional integrated care shall be coordinated through the Washington Integrated Care Assessment (WA-ICA) Initiative's coordinating entities. Efforts to support advancing bidirectional integration shall be reported as per requirements set forth in the Bi-directional Behavioral and Physical Health Integration section of this Contract.
- 9.15.1.7 The Contractor shall provide training, support, and technical assistance to all Providers contracted for CBHS services that include at a minimum:
  - 9.15.1.7.1 An overview of the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statement;
  - 9.15.1.7.2 The Contractor's Provider appeal process;
  - 9.15.1.7.3 HCA post-implementation rapid response process; and
  - 9.15.1.7.4 When and how to contact HCA for additional assistance and escalation.
- 9.15.1.8 The Contractor shall provide training, support, and technical assistance to all Providers contracted for CBHS services contracted under a Single Case Agreement that include at a minimum:
  - 9.15.1.8.1 An overview of the EOB statement;
  - 9.15.1.8.2 The Contractor's Provider appeal process;
  - 9.15.1.8.3 How to bill the Contractor using electronic or paper billing systems; and
  - 9.15.1.8.4 When and how to contact HCA for additional assistance and escalation.

## 9.16 Claims Payment Standards

- 9.16.1 The Contractor shall meet the timeliness of payment standards specified for Medicaid FFS in Section 1902(a)(37) of the Social Security Act and 42 C.F.R. § 447.46. These standards shall also be applicable to state-only and federal block grant fund payments.
- 9.16.1.1 The Contractor shall pay or deny, and shall require Subcontractors to pay or deny, 90 percent of clean claims within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt, and 99 percent of clean claims within ninety (90) calendar days of receipt.
- 9.16.1.2 A claim is a bill for services, a line item of service or all services for one Enrollee within a bill.
- 9.16.1.3 A clean claim is a claim that can be processed without obtaining additional information from the Provider of the service or from a third party.
- 9.16.1.4 The date of receipt is the date the Contractor receives the claim from the Provider.
- 9.16.1.5 The date of payment is the date of the check or other form of payment.
- 9.16.2 The Contractor shall support both hardcopy and electronic submission of claims and encounters for all claim types (hospital and professional services).
- 9.16.3 The Contractor must support hardcopy and electronic submission of claim inquiry forms, and adjustment claims and encounters.
- 9.16.4 The Contractor shall ensure timely payment to Behavioral Health Providers for services delivered to Enrollees when a mental health or SUD Provider cannot submit HIPAA-compliant encounters or electronic claims.
- 9.16.4.1 The Contractor shall produce and provide monthly reports to contracted Behavioral Health Providers to assist with claims management that includes numbers of accepted claims or encounters versus those that are not accepted on initial submission, and error rates by types of errors.
- 9.16.5 The Contractor shall update its claims and encounter system to support additional Behavioral Health services, Provider types and Provider specialties for rendering Providers that will be added under the Apple Health - Integrated Managed Care program.
- 9.16.6 The Contractor shall require Providers to submit all claims no later than twelve (12) months from the date of service (42 C.F.R. § 447.45(d)(1)).
- 9.16.6.1 Claims that require resubmission, such as incorrectly denied or incorrectly paid claims, are excluded from this provision.
- 9.16.7 The Contractor shall produce and submit to HCA a monthly claims denial analysis report. The report is due within ten (10) Business Days following the end of the reporting month. The report submission shall follow specifications by HCA.

- 9.16.7.1 The monthly claims denial analysis report shall include a narrative that will be captured within the existing report template, and shall include actionable items to address how the Contractor will:
  - 9.16.7.1.1 Establish a communication plan with Providers and respond to all inquiries within five (5) Business Days;
  - 9.16.7.1.2 Explain the reason for any denial or rejection within thirty (30) calendar days;
  - 9.16.7.1.3 Provide administrative guidance to help ensure that future claims are billed correctly; and
  - 9.16.7.1.4 Provide education to the five network billing Providers with the highest number of total denied claims, address root causes of denied claims, and actions to address them. Provider education shall be conducted in a format agreed to by the parties (i.e., by in person, by phone, or by webinar) until the Provider's denial rate falls below 10 percent in the following month. Documentation of assistance offered and provided will be available to HCA upon request.
- 9.16.8 The Contractor shall produce and submit to HCA a monthly IHCP Claims Denial Analysis report. The report is due within ten (10) Business Days following the end of the reporting month. The report submission shall follow specifications by HCA.
  - 9.16.8.1 The monthly IHCP Claims Denial Analysis Report shall include a narrative that will be captured within the existing report template, and shall include actionable items to address how the Contractor will:
    - 9.16.8.1.1 Establish a communication plan with Providers and respond to all inquiries within five (5) Business Days;
    - 9.16.8.1.2 Within thirty (30) calendar days, explain the reason for any denial and rejection;
    - 9.16.8.1.3 Provide administrative guidance to help ensure that future claims are billed correctly; and
    - 9.16.8.1.4 Provide education to the five IHCPs with the highest number of total denied claims, address root causes of denied claims and actions to address them. Provider education shall be conducted in a format agreed to by the parties (i.e., in person, by phone, or by webinar) until the IHCP's denial rate falls below 10 percent in the following month. Documentation of assistance offered and provided will be available to HCA upon request.
- 9.16.9 HCA may impose sanctions and will require a corrective action plan to address a pattern of incorrectly denied or delayed Provider payments when HCA has determined a pattern of incorrectly denied or delayed Provider payments exists.
  - 9.16.9.1 Incorrectly denied or incorrectly paid claims include but are not limited to:

- 9.16.9.1.1 Not following HCA reimbursement policies as required;
  - 9.16.9.1.2 Payment amounts not consistent with contracted rates;
  - 9.16.9.1.3 Failure to implement HCA guidelines in adjudication which result in payment errors;
  - 9.16.9.1.4 Payment for services the Provider is not entitled to receive, or in an amount the Provider is not entitled to receive, under this Contract;
  - 9.16.9.1.5 Failure to correctly configure claims systems and/or failure to manually process claims correctly.
- 9.16.9.2 Corrective action plans must include but are not limited to:
- 9.16.9.2.1 A contingency plan for paying Behavioral Health Providers when the identified pattern is the result of the Contractor's error;
  - 9.16.9.2.2 Tools and reports the Contractor will share with Providers to help them with claims management; and
  - 9.16.9.2.3 The Contractors process for accepting and paying claims within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt and what assistance will be given to Providers to ensure claims qualify for payment.
- 9.16.10 HCA may impose sanctions or require a corrective action plan when a Provider experiences ongoing claims issues as a result of incorrectly denied or incorrectly paid claims.
- 9.16.11 HCA has the sole and exclusive authority to determine a pattern of incorrect denials or if inappropriate delays of Provider payments exists.
- 9.16.12 If the Contractor fails to pay clean claims in accordance with standards of this Section:
- 9.16.12.1 Claims shall be reprocessed and paid within sixty (60) calendar days after identifying the error and without the need for the Provider to resubmit the claims;
  - 9.16.12.2 The Contractor shall pay interest directly to the Provider on each clean claim paid more than sixty (60) calendar days from receipt;
  - 9.16.12.3 Interest shall be assessed at the rate of 1 percent per month, and shall be calculated monthly as simple interest prorated for any portion of a month;
  - 9.16.12.4 The Contractor shall add the interest payable to the amount of the unpaid claim without the necessity of the Provider or Facility submitting an additional claim;
  - 9.16.12.5 Errors created by the Contractor's billing and payment system shall not be used in the determination of whether a claim is not considered clean;

- 9.16.12.6 Interest accrues until and including the day of late payment;
- 9.16.12.7 HCA may assess a maximum of \$1,000 or commensurate to the harm caused per claim if the Contractor fails to pay interest timely. Interest is due and payable to the Provider once claims reprocessing is complete. Payment shall be made to the Provider directly;
- 9.16.12.8 The Contractor will maintain all records of interest calculation and provide to HCA within three (3) Business Days upon request;
- 9.16.12.9 Interest may not be included in the rate experience and must be paid from administrative funds; and
- 9.16.12.10 In lieu of interest or other penalties, the Contractor may choose or HCA may direct the Contractor to pay a contingency amount estimated to cover expected claims and interest. Payment shall be made to Provider directly.
- 9.16.13 The Contractor's failure to comply with the terms of any corrective action plan may result in the imposition of sanctions.
- 9.16.14 The Contractor's failure to comply with the terms of the Claims Payment Standards Section may result in the imposition of sanctions.
- 9.16.15 The Contractor shall only pay for Home Health Care services involving an in-home visit from a Provider when the claim submission complies with the EVV requirements under chapter 182-551 WAC, Subchapter II.

**9.17 Claims Processing System Updates**

- 9.17.1 The Contractor's claims processing systems must be updated and maintained to ensure claims are processed and paid in accordance with the Claims Payment Standards of this Contract, applicable state and federal laws and regulations, and HCA guidance. Updates to the Contractor's claims processing systems must be made within the following timeframes:
  - 9.17.1.1 Changes to rates, codes, or Covered Services must be in effect on the effective date of the Contract or be made within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of written notification by HCA if not resulting from a Contract update.
    - 9.17.1.1.1 Amending or repapering existing Subcontracts, or establishing new Subcontracts to implement required changes is not an exception to timeliness.
  - 9.17.1.2 Any retroactive claims adjustments must be made within sixty (60) calendar days of the completion of a system update.
    - 9.17.1.2.1 The Contractor may request an extension in writing to HCA submitted to [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov).
  - 9.17.1.3 Changes to the claims processing system necessary to correct system errors, resolve outstanding systems issues, or resolve other issues as directed by HCA, must be fully implemented within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of written notification by HCA.
    - 9.17.1.3.1 Contractor may request an extension in writing to

HCA submitted to [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov). A maximum extension of sixty (60) calendar days may be granted by HCA and must be in writing.

- 9.17.2 Upon request from HCA, the Contractor shall supply all claims processing system changes being developed for the coming year that affect HCA, Providers, or vendors and what these changes are intended to address.
  - 9.17.2.1 Coding changes will not be required for this report if in response to a change made by HCA.
  - 9.17.2.2 Systems edit designs based on Contractor's internal policy changes must be submitted, including any communication plan to Providers.
- 9.17.3 HCA may assess sanctions under the Sanctions section of this Contract if (a) the Contractor's claims processing systems are not updated and maintained, thereby causing claims to not be paid timely or appropriately, or (b) the Contractor fails to timely comply with directives to correct system issues.

#### **9.18 Federally Qualified Health Centers/Rural Health Clinics Report**

- 9.18.1 The Contractor shall provide HCA with information related to subcontracted FQHCs and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), as required by HCA FQHC and Rural Health Center Billing Guides, published by HCA and incorporated by reference into this Contract.

#### **9.19 Screening and Enrollment of Providers**

- 9.19.1 The Contractor shall ensure that all Network Providers are enrolled with the state as Medicaid Providers consistent with federal disclosure, screening, and enrollment requirements.
- 9.19.2 HCA shall screen, enroll, and periodically revalidate all Network Providers as Medicaid providers, in accordance with 42 C.F.R. Part 455, Subparts B and E.
- 9.19.3 The Contractor may execute Network Provider agreements, pending the outcome of screening, enrollment, and revalidation, of up to 120 days but must terminate a Network Provider immediately upon notification from HCA that the Network Provider cannot be enrolled, or the expiration of one 120-day period without enrollment of the Provider, and must notify affected Enrollees.

#### **9.20 Provider Credentialing**

- 9.20.1 The Contractor's policies and procedures shall be in writing and meet NCQA requirements related to the credentialing and re-credentialing of Health Care Professionals who have signed contracts or participation agreements with the Contractor. The Contractor shall ensure and demonstrate compliance with the requirements described in this Contract (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(b)(6); and § 438.214).
  - 9.20.1.1 The Contractor's policies and procedures related to the credentialing and recredentialing of Health Care Professionals shall ensure compliance with the following requirements described in this Section.
    - 9.20.1.1.1 The Contractor's medical director or other designated physician shall have direct responsibility for and participation in the credentialing program.



- 9.20.1.1.2 The Contractor shall have a designated Credentialing Committee to oversee the credentialing process.
- 9.20.1.1.3 The Contractor is not responsible for credentialing Providers and facilities that are part of the Indian Health System.
- 9.20.1.2 The Contractor's credentialing and recredentialing program shall include:
  - 9.20.1.2.1 Identification of the type of Providers credentialed and recredentialed, including, but not limited to, acute, primary, behavioral, SUD and LTSS Providers, as appropriate (42 C.F.R. § 438.214(b).
  - 9.20.1.2.2 Specification of the verification sources used to make credentialing and recredentialing decisions, including any evidence of Provider sanctions.
  - 9.20.1.2.3 Use and dissemination of the Washington Provider Application (WPA).
  - 9.20.1.2.4 Use and promotion of OHP's ProviderSource as the Contractor's single credentialing portal (chapter 48.165 RCW).
  - 9.20.1.2.5 A process for provisional credentialing that affirms that:
    - 9.20.1.2.5.1 The practitioner may not be held in a provisional status for more than ninety (90) calendar days; and
    - 9.20.1.2.5.2 The provisional status will only be granted one time and only for Providers applying for credentialing the first time.
    - 9.20.1.2.5.3 Provisional credentialing shall include an assessment of:
      - 9.20.1.2.5.3.1 Primary source verification of a current, valid license to practice;
      - 9.20.1.2.5.3.2 Primary source verification of the past five (5) years of malpractice claims or settlements from the malpractice carrier or the results of the National Practitioner Databank query; and
      - 9.20.1.2.5.3.3 A current signed application with attestation.

- 9.20.1.2.6 Prohibition against employment or contracting with Providers excluded from participation in federal health care programs under federal law and as described in the Excluded Individuals and Entities provisions of this Contract.
- 9.20.1.2.7 A detailed description of the Contractor's process for delegation of credentialing and recredentialing.
- 9.20.1.2.8 Verification of Provider compliance with all Program Integrity requirements in this Contract.
- 9.20.1.3 The Contractor's process for communicating findings to the Provider that differ from the Provider's submitted materials shall include communication of the Provider's rights to:
  - 9.20.1.3.1 Review materials.
  - 9.20.1.3.2 Correct incorrect or erroneous information.
  - 9.20.1.3.3 Be informed of their credentialing status.
- 9.20.1.4 The Contractor's process for notifying Providers within fifteen (15) calendar days of the credentialing committee's decision.
- 9.20.1.5 The Contractor's credentialing and recredentialing process for a decision within sixty (60) calendar days of the submission of the credentialing application when the Provider application is complete upon submission.
- 9.20.1.6 An appeal process for Providers for quality reasons and reporting of quality issues to the appropriate authority and in accordance with the Program Integrity requirements of this Contract.
- 9.20.1.7 The Contractor's process to ensure confidentiality.
- 9.20.1.8 The Contractor's process to ensure listings in Provider directories for Enrollees are consistent with credentialing file content, including education, training, certification, and specialty designation.
- 9.20.1.9 The Contractor's process for recredentialing Providers at minimum every thirty-six (36) months through information verified from primary sources, unless otherwise indicated.
- 9.20.1.10 The Contractor's process to ensure that offices of all Health Care Professionals meet office site standards established by the Contractor.
- 9.20.1.11 The Contractor's system for monitoring sanctions, limitations on licensure, complaints and quality issues or information from identified adverse events and provide evidence of action, as appropriate based on defined methods or criteria. (42 C.F.R. § 455.101).
- 9.20.1.12 The Contractor's process and criteria for assessing and reassessing organizational Providers.

- 9.20.1.13 The criteria used by the Contractor to credential and recredential practitioners shall include (42 C.F.R. § 438.214(b)):
  - 9.20.1.13.1 Evidence of a current valid license or certification to practice;
  - 9.20.1.13.2 A valid DEA or CDS certificate if applicable;
  - 9.20.1.13.3 Evidence of appropriate education and training;
  - 9.20.1.13.4 Board certification if applicable;
  - 9.20.1.13.5 Evaluation of work history;
  - 9.20.1.13.6 A review of any liability claims resulting in settlements or judgments paid on or on behalf of the Provider; and
  - 9.20.1.13.7 A signed, dated attestation statement from the Provider that addresses:
    - 9.20.1.13.7.1 The lack of present illegal drug use;
    - 9.20.1.13.7.2 A history of loss of license and criminal or felony convictions;
    - 9.20.1.13.7.3 A history of loss or limitation of privileges or disciplinary activity;
    - 9.20.1.13.7.4 Current malpractice coverage;
    - 9.20.1.13.7.5 Any reason(s) for inability to perform the essential functions of the position with or without accommodation; and
    - 9.20.1.13.7.6 Accuracy and completeness of the application.
  - 9.20.1.13.8 Verification of the: National Provider Identifier, the Provider's enrollment as a Washington Medicaid Provider, and the Social Security Administration's death master file.
- 9.20.1.14 The Contractor shall terminate any Provider where HCA or Medicare revoked the Provider's privileges for cause, and the Provider has exhausted all applicable appeal rights or the timeline for appeal has expired. For cause may include, but is not limited to, Fraud; integrity; or quality (42 C.F.R. § 455.101).
- 9.20.1.15 The Contractor shall notify HCA, in accordance with the Notices section of this Contract, within three (3) Business Days of receipt of information relating to disciplinary action against the accreditation, certification, license and/or registration of the Contractor, an employee, Subcontractor or Subcontractor employee.
- 9.20.1.16 The Contractor's policies and procedures shall be consistent with 42 C.F.R. § 438.12, and the process shall ensure the Contractor does not discriminate against particular Health Care Professionals that serve high-risk populations or specialize in conditions that require costly treatment, and any other methods for assuring

nondiscrimination.

**9.21 Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization (BH-ASO)**

- 9.21.1 The Contractor shall contract with HCA's selected BH-ASO for the administration of Crisis Services.
- 9.21.2 The Contractor shall reimburse the BH-ASO for Behavioral Health Crisis Services delivered to individuals enrolled in the Contractor's AH-IMC plan. The Contractor shall reimburse for in-home Stabilization Services. The reimbursement shall be upon receipt of a valid claim per the requirements for timely accurate claims payment under this Contract or a monthly sub-capitation.
- 9.21.3 The Contractor shall submit complete and accurate encounter data related to the provision of Crisis Services under this Contract in formats prescribed by HCA.
- 9.21.4 The Contractor shall enter into a Subcontract with the BH-ASO to evaluate and monitor the performance of the crisis system and develop corrective action where needed.
- 9.21.5 The Subcontract with the BH-ASO shall contain the following provisions.
  - 9.21.5.1 Crisis Services shall be available 24 hours per day, seven (7) days per week, 365 days per year. This shall include availability of a 24/7 regional crisis hotline that provides screening and referral to a network of local Providers, and availability of a 24/7 mobile crisis outreach team. Individuals will be able to access Crisis Services and in-home Stabilization Services without full completion of Intake Evaluations and/or other screening and assessment processes. MCOs shall make it a requirement for Behavioral Health Providers to be the first contact for their assigned member to allow for an attempt at prevention or early intervention strategies to be implemented prior to Crisis Services being contacted. The Contractor shall ensure adherence to the Protocols for Coordination with Tribes and Non-Tribal IHCPs applicable to the Contractor's RSAs.
  - 9.21.5.2 The BH-ASO shall collaborate with the Contractor to develop and implement strategies to coordinate care with community Behavioral Health Providers for individuals with a history of frequent crisis system utilization, or those enrolled in high intensity programs such as WISe and PACT. Coordination of care strategies will seek to reduce utilization of Crisis Services by promoting relapse/crisis prevention planning and early intervention and outreach that addresses the development and incorporation of wellness recovery action plans and Mental Health Advance Directives in treatment planning consistent with requirements in Section 14 of this Contract.
  - 9.21.5.3 The BH-ASO shall collaborate with the Contractor to support data exchange between the Contractor, the BH-ASO, and with community Behavioral Health Providers, consistent with the requirements under this Contract including, but not limited to eligibility interfaces, exchange of claims and encounter data, sharing of care plans, crisis plans, critical incidents, Mental Health Advance Directives, and other relevant information necessary to coordinate service delivery in accordance with applicable privacy laws,

including HIPAA and 42 C.F.R. Part 2.

- 9.21.5.4 The Contractor shall make provisions for the BH-ASO to access crisis plans and Individual Service Plans (ISP) on a 24/7 basis for Enrollees receiving Behavioral Health services.
- 9.21.6 The Contractor shall either cover Emergency Fills without authorization or guarantee authorization and payment after the fact for any Emergency Fill dispensed by a contracted pharmacy.
- 9.21.7 The Contractor shall require mobile Crisis Services to coordinate with Co-responders within their region.

## 10 ENROLLEE RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS

### 10.1 General Requirements

- 10.1.1 The Contractor shall comply with any applicable federal and state laws that pertain to Enrollee rights and ensure that its staff and affiliated Providers protect and promote those rights when furnishing services to Enrollees (WAC 182-503-0100; and 42 C.F.R. § 438.100(a)(2)).
- 10.1.2 The Contractor shall have in place written policies that guarantee each Enrollee the following rights (42 C.F.R. § 438.100):
  - 10.1.2.1 Receive information on Apple Health Managed Care in general and the Contractor's Apple Health program in particular, including information about how to contact the person or entity designated as primarily responsible for coordinating the services accessed by the Enrollee.
  - 10.1.2.2 To be treated with respect and with consideration for their dignity and privacy (42 C.F.R. § 438.100(b)(2)(ii)).
  - 10.1.2.3 To receive information on available treatment options and alternatives, presented in a manner appropriate to the Enrollee's ability to understand (42 C.F.R. § 438.100(b)(2)(iii)).
  - 10.1.2.4 To receive information regarding UM protocols, including admission, continued stay, and discharge criteria.
  - 10.1.2.5 To participate in decisions regarding their health care, including the right to refuse treatment (42 C.F.R. § 438.100(b)(2)(iv)).
  - 10.1.2.6 To be free from any form of restraint or seclusion used as a means of coercion, discipline, convenience, or retaliation (42 C.F.R. § 438.100(b)(2)(v)).
  - 10.1.2.7 To request and receive a copy of their medical records, and to request that they be amended or corrected, as specified in 45 C.F.R. § 164 (42 C.F.R. § 438.100(b)(2)(vi)).
  - 10.1.2.8 Each Enrollee must be free to exercise their rights, and exercise of those rights must not adversely affect the way the Contractor or its Subcontractors treat the Enrollee (42 C.F.R. § 438.100(c)).
  - 10.1.2.9 To choose a Behavioral Health Provider for Medicaid services outlined in the Contracted Services section of this Contract.
- 10.1.3 The Contractor shall require a criminal history background check through the Washington State Patrol for employees, volunteers, and Subcontractor staff of the Contractor who may have unsupervised access to children, people with developmental disabilities, or vulnerable adults, as defined by RCW 43.43.830(14), served under this Contract.
  - 10.1.3.1 Such criminal history background check shall be consistent with RCW 43.43.832 and .834, RCW 43.20A.710, chapter 388-06 WAC, and any other applicable statute or regulation.

- 10.1.3.2 The Contractor shall not give employees, volunteers, and/or Subcontractor staff access to children and/or vulnerable adults until a criminal history background check is performed and a positive result is reported.

## 10.2 Cultural Considerations

- 10.2.1 The Contractor shall promote access to and delivery of services that are provided in a culturally competent manner to all Enrollees, including those with limited English proficiency, diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, disabilities, and regardless of gender, sexual orientation or gender identity. (42 C.F.R. § 438.206(c)(2)).
- 10.2.2 The Contractor shall participate in and cooperate with HCA efforts to promote the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in Health and Health Care. The Contractor will provide effective, equitable, understandable, and respectful quality care and services that are responsive to diverse cultural health beliefs and practices, preferred languages, health literacy, and other communication needs.
- 10.2.3 At a minimum, the Contractor shall:
  - 10.2.3.1 Educate and train governance, leadership, and workforce in culturally and linguistically appropriate policies and practices on an ongoing basis (CLAS Standard 4);
  - 10.2.3.2 Offer language assistance to individuals who have limited English proficiency and/or other communication needs, at no cost to them, to facilitate timely access to all health care and services (CLAS Standard 5);
  - 10.2.3.3 Inform all individuals of the availability of language assistance services clearly and in their preferred language, verbally and in writing (CLAS Standard 6);
  - 10.2.3.4 Ensure the competence of individuals providing language assistance, recognizing that the use of untrained individuals and/or minors as interpreters should be avoided (CLAS Standard 7);
  - 10.2.3.5 Provide easy-to-understand print and multimedia materials and signage in the languages commonly used by the populations in the service area (CLAS 8);
  - 10.2.3.6 Establish culturally and linguistically appropriate goals (CLAS Standard 9);
  - 10.2.3.7 Conduct ongoing assessments of the organization's CLAS, related activities and integrate CLAS, related measures into measurement and continuous quality improvement activities (CLAS Standard 10);
  - 10.2.3.8 Collect and maintain accurate and reliable demographic data to monitor and evaluate the impact of CLAS on Health Equity and outcomes and to inform service delivery (CLAS 11); and
  - 10.2.3.9 Create conflict and Grievance resolution processes that are

culturally and linguistically appropriate to identify, prevent, and resolve conflict or complaints (CLAS 14).

- 10.2.4 The Contractor shall make every effort to respect and promote awareness of and sensitivity to the needs of Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer/Questioning/Intersex/Asexual (LGBTQIA+) Enrollees, including the increased potential for depression and suicidal thoughts in these Enrollees.

**10.3 Advance Directives and Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)**

- 10.3.1 The Contractor shall meet the requirements of WAC 182-501-0125, 42 C.F.R. § 438.3, 438.10, 422.128, 489.100 and 489 Subpart I as described in this Section.
- 10.3.2 The Contractor's advance directive policies and procedures shall be disseminated to all affected Providers, Enrollees, HCA, and, upon request, Potential Enrollees.
  - 10.3.2.1 The Contractor shall develop policies and procedures to address Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST) and ensure that they are distributed in the same manner as those governing Advance Directives.
  - 10.3.2.2 The Contractor's policies and procedures respecting the implementation of Advance Directives and POLST rights shall be included in the Enrollee handbook at a location designated in its template by HCA, and shall be featured on the Contractor's website in the member/Enrollee section.
- 10.3.3 The Contractor's written policies respecting the implementation of Advance Directive POLST rights shall include a clear and precise statement of limitation if the Contractor cannot implement an Advance Directive as a matter of conscience (42 C.F.R. § 422.128). At a minimum, this statement must do the following:
  - 10.3.3.1 Clarify any differences between Contractor conscientious objections and those that may be raised by individual physicians.
  - 10.3.3.2 Identify the state legal authority permitting such objection.
  - 10.3.3.3 Describe the range of medical conditions or procedures affected by the conscience objection.
- 10.3.4 If an Enrollee is incapacitated at the time of initial enrollment and is unable to receive information (due to the incapacitating condition or a mental disorder) or articulate whether or not he or she has executed an Advance Directive or received a POLST, the Contractor may give Advance Directive information to the Enrollee's family or surrogate in the same manner that it issues other materials about policies and procedures to the family of the incapacitated Enrollee or to a surrogate or other concerned persons in accordance with state law. The Contractor is not relieved of its obligation to provide this information to the Enrollee once he or she is no longer incapacitated or unable to receive such information. Follow-up procedures must be in place to ensure that the information is given to the individual directly at the appropriate time.



- 10.3.5 The Contractor must require and ensure that the Enrollee's medical record documents, in a prominent part, whether or not the individual has executed an Advance Directive or received a POLST.
- 10.3.6 The Contractor shall not condition the provision of care or otherwise discriminate against an Enrollee based on whether or not the Enrollee has executed an Advance Directive or received a POLST.
- 10.3.7 The Contractor shall ensure compliance with requirements of state and federal law (whether statutory or recognized by the courts of the State) regarding Advance Directives or POLSTs.
- 10.3.8 The Contractor shall provide education to staff concerning its policies and procedures on Advance Directives or POLSTs.
- 10.3.9 The Contractor shall provide community education regarding Advance Directives that may include material required herein, either directly or in concert with other Providers or entities. Separate community education materials may be developed and used, at the discretion of the Contractor. The same written materials are not required for all settings, but the material should define what constitutes an Advance Directive, emphasizing that an Advance Directive is designed to enhance an incapacitated individual's control over medical treatment, and describe applicable state and federal law concerning Advance Directives. The Contractor shall document its community education efforts (42 C.F.R. § 438.6(i)(3)).
- 10.3.10 The Contractor is not required to provide care that conflicts with an Advance Directive; and is not required to implement an Advance Directive if, as a matter of conscience, the Contractor cannot implement an Advance Directive and state law allows the Contractor or any Subcontractor providing services under this Contract to conscientiously object.
- 10.3.11 The Contractor shall inform Enrollees that they may file a Grievance with the Contractor if the Enrollee is dissatisfied with the Contractor's Advance Directive policy and procedure or the Contractor's administration of those policies and procedures. The Contractor shall also inform Enrollees that they may file a Grievance with the DOH if they believe the Contractor is non-compliant with Advance Directive and POLST requirements.

#### **10.4 Mental Health Advance Directive**

- 10.4.1 The Contractor shall maintain a written Mental Health Advance Directive (MHAD) policy and procedure that respects individuals' Advance Directive for Behavioral Health care. Policy and procedures must comply with chapter 71.32 RCW.
- 10.4.2 The Contractor shall inform all Enrollees who present for mental health services of their right to a Mental Health Advance Directive, and shall provide technical assistance to those who express an interest in developing and maintaining a Mental Health Advance Directive.
- 10.4.3 The Contractor shall maintain current copies of any Mental Health Advance Directive in the Enrollee's record.
- 10.4.4 The Contractor shall inform Enrollees that complaints concerning noncompliance with a MHAD should be referred to the DOH by calling 1-360-236-2620.

#### **10.5 Enrollee Choice of PCP/Behavioral Health Provider**

- 10.5.1 The Contractor must implement procedures to ensure each Enrollee has a source of primary care appropriate to their needs (42 C.F.R. § 438.208(b)(1)).
- 10.5.2 The Contractor shall allow, to the extent possible and appropriate, each new Enrollee to choose a Participating PCP (42 C.F.R. § 438.3(l)) or Behavioral Health Provider.
- 10.5.3 The Contractor shall offer each Enrollee a choice of providers for Medically Necessary Behavioral Health services.
- 10.5.4 The parent shall choose a newborn's PCP.
- 10.5.5 AI/AN Enrollees may choose any IHCP enrolled with the HCA for primary care, Behavioral Health care, or other Covered Services under this Contract (42 C.F.R. § 438.14(b)). If the Enrollee chooses an IHCP as PCP, the Contractor shall treat the IHCP as PCP for all purposes under this Contract. At the election of a UIHP, the Contractor will not assign Enrollees to a UIHP; however, Enrollees may select assignment to a UIHP.
- 10.5.6 If the Enrollee does not make a choice at the time of enrollment, the Contractor shall assign the Enrollee to a PCP or clinic, within reasonable proximity to the Enrollee's home, no later than fifteen (15) Business Days after coverage begins.
- 10.5.7 The Contractor shall provide a list of assigned Enrollees to PCP upon request by the PCP or by HCA.
- 10.5.8 The Contractor shall allow an Enrollee to change PCP or clinic at any time, with the change becoming effective no later than the beginning of the month following the Enrollee's request for the change (WAC 182-538-060 and WAC 284-170-360).
- 10.5.9 The Contractor may limit an Enrollee's ability to change PCPs in accordance with the Patient Review and Coordination provisions of this Contract.

**10.6 Prohibition on Enrollee Charges for Covered Services**

- 10.6.1 Under no circumstances shall the Contractor, or any Providers used to deliver services under the terms of this Contract, including Non-participating Providers, charge Enrollees for Covered Services (SSA 1932(b)(6), SSA 1128B(d)(1), 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.106(c), 438.6(1), 438.230, RCW 71.24.618, and WAC 182-502-0160).
- 10.6.2 Prior to authorizing services with Non-participating Providers, the Contractor shall assure that Non-participating Providers fully understand and accept the prohibition against balance billing Enrollees.
- 10.6.3 The Contractor shall require Providers to report when an Enrollee is charged for services. The Contractor shall maintain a central record of the charged amount, the Enrollee's agreement to pay, if any, and actions taken regarding the billing by the Contractor. The Contractor shall be prepared at any time to report to HCA any and all instances where an Enrollee is charged for services, whether or not those charges are appropriate.
- 10.6.4 If an Enrollee has paid inappropriate charges, the Contractor will make every effort to have the Provider repay the Enrollee the inappropriate amount. If the Contractor's efforts to have the Provider repay the Enrollee fail, the Contractor will repay the Enrollee the inappropriately charged amount.
  - 10.6.4.1 Reimbursement to Enrollees who submit claims for Covered Services provided by Non-participating Providers under the terms of

this Contract shall be made consistent with Subsection 5.25 of this Contract.

- 10.6.5 The Contractor shall have a separate and specific policy and procedure that fully articulates how the Contractor will protect Enrollees from being billed for Contracted Services.
- 10.6.6 The Contractor shall coordinate benefits with other insurers in a manner that does not result in any payment by or charges to the Enrollee for Covered Services including other insurer's copayments and coinsurance.
- 10.6.7 The Contractor is not required to reimburse Enrollees for the cost of services that are not covered under the terms of this Contract or if the Enrollee did not follow requirements for self-referral under the terms of this Contract.

## **10.7 Provider/Enrollee Communication**

- 10.7.1 The Contractor may not prohibit, or otherwise restrict, a Health Care Professional acting within their lawful scope of practice from advising or advocating on behalf of an Enrollee who is their patient, for the following (42 C.F.R. § 438.102(a)(1)(i)):
  - 10.7.1.1 The Enrollee's health status, medical care, or treatment options, including any alternative treatment that may be self-administered (42 C.F.R. § 438.102(a)(1)(i)).
  - 10.7.1.2 Any information the Enrollee needs in order to decide among all relevant treatment options (42 C.F.R. § 438.102(a)(1)(ii)).
  - 10.7.1.3 The risks, benefits, and consequences of treatment or non-treatment (42 C.F.R. § 438.102(a)(1)(iii)).
  - 10.7.1.4 The Enrollee's right to participate in decisions regarding their health care, including the right to refuse treatment, and to express preferences about future treatment decisions (42 C.F.R. § 438.102(a)(1)(iv)).

## **10.8 Enrollee Self-Determination**

- 10.8.1 The Contractor shall ensure that all Providers:
  - 10.8.1.1 Obtain informed consent prior to treatment from Enrollees, or persons authorized to consent on behalf of an Enrollee, as described in RCW 7.70.065;
  - 10.8.1.2 Comply with the Natural Death Act (chapter 70.122 RCW) and state and federal Medicaid rules concerning Advance Directives (WAC 182-501-0125 and 42 C.F.R. § 438.3(j)); and
  - 10.8.1.3 When appropriate, inform Enrollees of their right to make anatomical gifts (chapter 68.64 RCW).

## **10.9 Women's Health Care Services**

- 10.9.1 The Contractor must provide female Enrollees with direct access to a women's health practitioners within the Contractor's network for covered care necessary to provide women's routine and preventive Health Care Services. This includes

prescriptions for pharmaceutical or medical supplies ordered by a directly accessed women's health care practitioner, and which are in the practitioner's scope of practice in accordance with WAC 284-170-350 and 42 C.F.R. § 438.206(b)(2).

10.9.1.1 The Contractor will provide an annual report to HCA, which HCA will then share with the Legislature concerning pos-partum Health via the Annual Postpartum Health report template submitted via MC-Track on December 31 each year.

## **10.10 Maternity Newborn Length of Stay**

10.10.1 The Contractor shall ensure that hospital delivery maternity care is provided in accordance with RCW 48.43.115.

## **10.11 Enrollment Not Discriminatory**

10.11.1 The Contractor will not discriminate against Enrollees due to an adverse change in the Enrollee's health status, the cost of meeting the Enrollee's health care needs, because of the Enrollee's utilization of medical services, diminished mental capacity, uncooperative or disruptive behavior resulting from their special needs or treatable Behavioral Health condition (WAC 182-538-130 and 42 C.F.R. § 438.56(b)(2)).

10.11.2 No eligible person shall be refused enrollment or re-enrollment, be terminated from enrollment, or be discriminated against in any way because of health status, including the existence of a pre-existing physical or behavioral health condition, functional impairment, pregnancy and/or Hospitalization, or the expectation of the need for frequent or high-cost care (42 C.F.R. § 438.3(d)).

10.11.3 The Contractor will not exclude from participation in any health program or activity, deny benefits to, or discriminate against Enrollees or those eligible to enroll on the basis of race, color, or national origin, gender, gender identity, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, or the presence of any sensory, Behavioral Health or physical disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability, and will not use any policy or practice that has the effect of discriminating on the basis of race, color, or national origin, gender, gender identity, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal by a person with a disability (42 C.F.R. § 438.3(d)(4) and 42 U.S.C. 18116).

# 11 UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZATION OF SERVICES

## 11.1 Utilization Management General Requirements

- 11.1.1 The Contractor shall follow the Utilization Management (UM) requirements described in this Section and educate UM staff in the application of UM protocols, and communicate the criteria used in making UM decisions. UM protocols shall take into account the greater and particular needs of diverse populations, as reflected in Health Disparities, risk factors (such as ACEs for Enrollees of any age), Historical Trauma, and the need for Culturally Appropriate Care.
  - 11.1.1.1 The Contractor shall demonstrate that all UM staff making service authorization decisions have been trained and are competent in working with the specific area of service for which they have authorization and management responsibility. This shall include, but not be limited to: (i) co-occurring MH and SUDs; (ii) co-occurring Behavioral Health and medical diagnoses; (iii) co-occurring Behavioral Health and I/DD; and (iv) the needs and clinical risk factors of diverse populations.
  - 11.1.1.2 The Contractor shall ensure that any decision to deny a service authorization request, or to authorize a service in an amount, duration, or scope that is less than requested, is made by an individual who has appropriate expertise in addressing the Enrollee's medical, Behavioral Health, or long-term services and supports needs (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(b)(3)).
  - 11.1.1.3 The Contractor's policies and procedures related to UM shall comply with, and require the compliance of Subcontractors with, delegated authority for Utilization Management and the requirements described in this Section.
  - 11.1.1.4 The Contractor shall have and maintain a Utilization Management Program (UMP) description for the physical and Behavioral Health services it furnishes its Enrollees (WAC 284-43-2000(3)). The UMP description shall include:
    - 11.1.1.4.1 The definition of the Contractor's UMP structure and assignment of responsibility for UMP activities to appropriate individuals.
    - 11.1.1.4.2 Identification of a designated physician responsible for program implementation, oversight and evaluation, and evidence of the physician and a Behavioral Health practitioner's involvement in program development and implementation.
    - 11.1.1.4.3 Identification of the type of personnel responsible for each level of UM decision-making.
    - 11.1.1.4.4 The use of board-certified consultants to assist in making medical necessity determinations.
    - 11.1.1.4.5 Assurance that a physician, doctoral level psychologist, certified addiction medicine specialist or

- pharmacist, as appropriate, reviews any Behavioral Health denial based on medical necessity.
- 11.1.1.4.6 A written description of all UM-related committee(s).
- 11.1.1.4.7 Descriptions of committee responsibilities.
- 11.1.1.4.8 Description of committee participant titles, including UM Subcontractor, Sub-contractor representatives, and practicing Providers.
- 11.1.1.4.9 Meeting frequency.
- 11.1.1.4.10 Maintenance of signed meeting minutes reflecting decisions made by each committee, as appropriate.
- 11.1.1.4.11 Behavioral healthcare benefits to include at a minimum:
  - 11.1.1.4.11.1 Benefit structure and description;
  - 11.1.1.4.11.2 Triage and referral procedures and protocols, if any, (i.e., clearly describe how Enrollees access behavioral healthcare services);
  - 11.1.1.4.11.3 UM activities and staff roles and responsibilities;
  - 11.1.1.4.11.4 Coordination activities with the behavioral healthcare system, including Behavioral Health advocates;
  - 11.1.1.4.11.5 Monitoring and oversight of the Behavioral Health program; and
  - 11.1.1.4.11.6 Strategies to foster integration of physical health and Behavioral Health.
- 11.1.1.4.12 Annually, the Contractor shall submit to HCA via MC-Track the UMP evaluation and an updated UMP description that incorporates and accommodates initiatives requested by HCA when there are changes to the UMP approved by the Contractor and HCA by June 5 of each year applicable to this Contract and upon request by HCA.
- 11.1.1.4.13 An explanation of how UM decision making takes into account the greater and particular needs of diverse populations, as reflected in Health Disparities, risk factors (such as ACEs for Enrollees of any age), Historical Trauma, and the need for Culturally Appropriate Care.
- 11.1.1.5 The Contractor shall monitor each Enrollee's needs and appropriately refer Enrollees for Care Coordination or Intensive Care Management (ICM) services consistent with Section 14 of this Contract.
- 11.1.1.6 The Contractor shall document use and periodic review of written clinical decision-making criteria based on clinical evidence, including

policies and procedures for appropriate application of the criteria (WAC 284-43-2000(3)). The criteria must be evaluated annually and updated as necessary.

- 11.1.1.7 The Contractor shall have written policies for applying UMP decision-making criteria based on individual Enrollee needs, such as age, comorbidities, complications and psychosocial and home environment characteristics, where applicable; the greater and particular needs of diverse populations, as reflected in Health Disparities, risk factors (such as ACEs for Enrollees of any age), Historical Trauma, and the need for Culturally Appropriate Care; and the availability of services in the local delivery system.
- 11.1.1.8 The Contractor shall have mechanisms for Providers and Enrollees on how they can obtain the UM decision-making criteria upon request, including UM Adverse Benefit Determination letter template language reflecting the same (WAC 284-43-2000(3)).
- 11.1.1.9 The Contractor shall have mechanisms for at least annual assessment of interrater reliability of all clinical professionals and as appropriate, non-clinical staff responsible for UM decisions for both physical and Behavioral Health.
- 11.1.1.10 The Contractor shall maintain written job descriptions of all Contractor UM staff. The Contractor's staff that review denials of care based on medical necessity shall have job descriptions that describe required education, training or professional experience in medical or clinical practice and evidence of a current, non-restricted license, including HIPAA training compliance.
- 11.1.1.11 The Contractor shall have mechanisms to verify that claimed services were actually provided.
- 11.1.1.12 The Contractor shall require authorization decisions for Behavioral Health services be made by Washington licensed Behavioral Health professionals except when a Washington licensed Behavioral Health professional is temporarily unavailable. The Contractor staff described in this subsection shall review any Behavioral Health Adverse Benefit Determination based on medical necessity, including any decision to authorize a service in an amount, duration or scope that is less than requested.
  - 11.1.1.12.1 A physician board-certified or board-eligible in Psychiatry or Child Psychiatry;
  - 11.1.1.12.2 A physician board-certified or board-eligible in Addiction Medicine, a Subspecialty in Addiction Psychiatry or by ASAM;
  - 11.1.1.12.3 A licensed, doctoral level psychologist; or
  - 11.1.1.12.4 A pharmacist, as appropriate.
- 11.1.1.13 The Contractor shall have Behavioral Health professionals with UM experience working in a Behavioral Health managed care setting or

Washington State Behavioral Health clinical settings on staff. These staff must include individuals who are Certified SUDPs or have three (3) years of experience in an SUD setting.

- 11.1.1.14 The Contractor must designate at least one children’s care manager who oversees Behavioral Health services requested for Enrollees under age 21 that is a Children’s Mental Health Specialist or who is supervised by a Children’s Mental Health Specialist.
- 11.1.1.15 The Contractor shall have UM staff who have experience and expertise in working with one or more of the following populations:
  - 11.1.1.15.1 Children, TAY, adults and older adults with Behavioral Health needs;
  - 11.1.1.15.2 High-risk groups, such as (i) individuals with Behavioral Health conditions with or without co-occurring SUD and (ii) individuals involved in the juvenile justice and criminal justice systems;
  - 11.1.1.15.3 Co-occurring Behavioral Health and chronic medical conditions or I/DD;
  - 11.1.1.15.4 Individuals involved with multiple service systems;
  - 11.1.1.15.5 Individuals with a SUD in need of medication-assisted treatment; and
  - 11.1.1.15.6 Individuals who are homeless.
- 11.1.1.16 The Contractor shall have a sufficient number of Behavioral Health clinical peer reviewers available to conduct denial and appeal reviews or to provide clinical consultation on psychological testing, complex case review and other treatment needs.
- 11.1.1.17 The Contractor shall ensure that any physical or Behavioral Health clinical peer reviewer who is subcontracted or works in a service center other than the Contractor’s Washington State service center shall be subject to the same supervisory oversight and quality monitoring as staff located in the Washington State service center, to include participation in initial orientation and at least annual training on Washington State specific benefits, protocols, and initiatives.
- 11.1.1.18 The Contractor shall ensure that any Behavioral Health Adverse Benefit Determinations must be peer-to-peer — that is, the credential of the licensed clinician making the decision to authorize service in an amount, duration, or scope that is less than requested must be at least equal to that of the recommending clinician. In addition:
  - 11.1.1.18.1 A physician board-certified or board-eligible in Psychiatry must review all inpatient level of care Adverse Benefit Determinations (full or partial denials, terminations and reductions) for psychiatric treatment.
  - 11.1.1.18.2 A physician board-certified or board-eligible in



Addiction Medicine, a Subspecialty in Addiction Psychiatry or by ASAM, must review all inpatient level of care Adverse Benefit Determinations (full or partial denials, terminations, and reductions) for SUD treatment.

- 11.1.1.19 Prior Authorization Administrative Simplification Workgroup. The Contractor shall participate in the statewide Prior Authorization Administrative Simplification Workgroup convened by the OIC (RCW 48.165.030). The Contractor will abide by best practice recommendations agreed to by the Prior Authorization Administrative Simplification Workgroup unless otherwise directed by HCA.
- 11.1.1.20 Opioid Crisis Engagement. The Contractor's medical director or representative shall participate in the Washington HCA Managed Care Medical Director's meeting to collaborate on approaches to the opioid crisis. The Contractor activities developed in collaboration with peer MCOs and HCA medical directors to address this health and safety concern may include, but are not limited to: Identification and management of Enrollees taking high-dose opioids for non-cancer pain; prescriber and Enrollee education about the risk of using high dose opioids, including the provision of opioid dosing guidelines to the prescriber, use of naloxone, requesting second opinions from a pain management specialist, preauthorization of opioid medication, negotiating taper plans with the prescriber resulting in safer dosing levels and referrals to mental health services and/or SUD programs for assessment.
- 11.1.1.21 The Contractor shall not structure compensation to individuals or entities that conduct utilization management activities so as to provide incentives for the individual or entity to deny, limit, or discontinue Medically Necessary services to any Enrollee (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(e)).
- 11.1.1.22 The Contractor shall not penalize or threaten a Provider or Facility with a reduction in future payment or termination of Participating Provider or participating facility status because the Provider or Facility disputes the Contractor's determination with respect to coverage or payment for Health Care Service.
- 11.1.1.23 The Contractor shall develop and implement UM protocols, including policies and procedures, consistent with HCA's medical necessity criteria and comply with federal and state parity requirements.
  - 11.1.1.23.1 The Contractor shall use the six dimensions of the ASAM Criteria to make medical necessity decisions for SUD services.
- 11.1.1.24 The Contractor shall establish protocols to perform Concurrent Review which identify and actively refer Enrollees needing discharge planning who require assistance in transitioning from inpatient care, or Administrative Days to the next lower level of care, including home. Protocols must address response to discharge planning

requests for Enrollee care in which UM review is not applicable, such as observation level of care or non-skilled nursing facility care. Protocols shall address the following:

- 11.1.1.24.1 Identify Enrollees who are eligible for Administrative Days and grant them as appropriate, as well as notify the hospital of the Enrollees who are granted Administrative Days.
    - 11.1.1.24.1.1 The Contractor shall not require the hospital to submit requests for Administrative Days.
    - 11.1.1.24.1.2 Administrative Days may be reversed based on outcomes of peer-to-peer reviews or hospital appeals.
  - 11.1.1.24.2 Treatment availability and community supports necessary for recovery including, but not limited to: housing, financial support, medical care, transportation, employment and/or educational concerns, and social supports.
  - 11.1.1.24.3 Barriers to access to and/or engagement with post-discharge ambulatory appointments, including Medication Management and other interventions.
  - 11.1.1.24.4 Procedures for Concurrent Review, if applicable for Enrollees requiring extended inpatient care due to poor response to treatment and/or placement limitations.
  - 11.1.1.24.5 Corrective action expectations for ambulatory Providers who do not follow-up on Enrollees discharged from inpatient settings as per the Transitional Healthcare Services timeframes defined in Section 14 of this Contract.
  - 11.1.1.24.6 The roles of Tribal governments and other IHCPs in providing diverse services, including Culturally Appropriate Care, for AI/AN Enrollees and their family members and the Protocols for Coordination with Tribes and Non-Tribal IHCPs applicable to the Contractor's RSAs.
- 11.1.1.25 The Contractor shall not impose additional authorization requirements on any IHCP that are not required of a network Provider.

## **11.2 Drug Utilization Review (DUR) Program**

- 11.2.1 The Contractor shall operate a drug utilization review program that complies with Section 1927(g) of the Social Security Act and 42 C.F.R. Part 456, Subpart K.
- 11.2.2 HCA will provide the Contractor with the CMS Annual DUR report template on or about May 1 of each year. The report will include a description of the nature and scope of the prospective and retrospective drug use review programs, a

summary of the interventions used, an assessment of the impact of these educational interventions on quality of care, and an estimate of the cost savings generated as a result of the DUR program. The Contractor will complete the Annual DUR report for the prior federal fiscal year (October 1 through September 30) in a format required by CMS and return to HCA by June 1 of each year, unless otherwise directed by HCA.

- 11.2.3 The Contractor must provide a DUR Program to assure that prescriptions are appropriate, Medically Necessary and not likely to result in adverse medical outcomes, and to enhance the quality of patient care by educating prescribers, pharmacists, and Enrollees.
- 11.2.4 Prospective Drug Utilization Review (Pro-DUR)
  - 11.2.4.1 The Contractor must provide for a review of drug therapy before each prescription is filled or delivered to a member at the point-of-sale or point-of-distribution. The review shall include screening for potential drug therapy problems due to therapeutic duplication, drug-disease contraindications, drug-drug interactions, incorrect drug dosage or duration of drug treatment, drug-allergy interactions, drug refill too soon and clinical abuse/misuse.
- 11.2.5 Retrospective Drug Utilization Review (Retro-DUR)
  - 11.2.5.1 The Contractor must, through its drug claims processing and information retrieval system, examine claims data and other records to identify patterns of Fraud, and abuse such as gross overuse, excessive filling or inappropriate or medically unnecessary care among physicians, pharmacists, and Enrollees.
  - 11.2.5.2 The Contractor shall, on an ongoing basis, assess data on drug use against explicit predetermined standards (using nationally recognized compendia and peer reviewed medical literature) including but not limited to monitoring for therapeutic appropriateness, overutilization and underutilization, appropriate use of generic products, therapeutic duplication, drug-disease contraindications, drug-drug interactions, incorrect drug dosage or duration of drug treatment, and clinical abuse/misuse and, as necessary, introduce remedial strategies, in order to improve the Quality of Care.
  - 11.2.5.3 The Contractor shall provide for active and ongoing educational outreach programs to educate practitioners on common drug therapy problems aimed at improving prescribing or dispensing practices.

### **11.3 Medical Necessity Determination**

- 11.3.1 The Contractor shall collect all information necessary to make medical necessity determinations (42 C.F.R § 456.111 and 456.211). The Contractor shall determine which services are medically necessary, according to the definition of Medically Necessary services in this Contract. The Contractor's determination of medical necessity in specific instances shall be final except as specifically provided in this Contract regarding Appeals, hearings and independent review.

## 11.4 Authorization Requirements

- 11.4.1 The Contractor shall follow the authorization requirements described in this Section. The Contractor shall not have or implement authorization policies that inhibit Enrollees from obtaining Medically Necessary Contracted Services and supplies. For example, inpatient admissions for deliveries or home births should not require Prior Authorization because there is not a question of medical necessity associated with a delivery. It is reasonable to require notification of admissions for delivery or of a home delivery to support Concurrent Review activities or Case Management.
- 11.4.2 Authorizations for Contracted Services and supplies that are needed on an ongoing basis shall not be required any more frequently than every six (6) months. Services and supplies needed on an ongoing basis include, but are not limited to, insulin pens, incontinence supplies, ongoing medications or medications for Chronic Conditions.
- 11.4.3 The Contractor's policies and procedures related to authorization and Post-service Review of services shall include compliance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.210, WAC 284-43-2000(6)(b), chapters 182-538 and 182-550 WAC, WAC 182-501-0160 and -0169, and require compliance of Subcontractors with delegated authority for authorizations with the requirements described in this Section, and shall include a definition of "service authorization" that includes an Enrollee's request for services.
- 11.4.4 Electronic standards for Prior Authorization (PA). The Contractor must monitor and maintain a PA application programming interface (API) by January 1, 2026, that automates:
- 11.4.4.1 The process for determining the necessity for PA;
  - 11.4.4.2 Identifying information and documentation requirements; and
  - 11.4.4.3 Facilitating the exchange of PA requests and determinations.
- 11.4.5 The Contractor shall consult with the requesting Provider when appropriate (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(b)(2)(ii)).
- 11.4.6 The Contractor shall require that any decision to deny an authorization request or to approve in an amount, duration, or scope that is less than requested, be made by a Health Care Professional who has appropriate clinical expertise in addressing the Enrollee's medical or Behavioral Health condition or long-term services and supports (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(b)(3)).
- 11.4.6.1 In denying services, the Contractor will only deny a service as non-covered if HCA has determined that the service is non-covered under the FFS program. For services that are Non-contracted Services from this Contract, but are covered by HCA, the Contractor's denial will include directions to the Enrollee about how to obtain the services through HCA and will direct the Enrollee to those services and coordinate receipt of those services.
  - 11.4.6.2 The Contractor will support Enrollee access to gender affirming treatment. The Contractor will not apply categorical or blanket exclusions to gender affirming treatment. The Contractor will not issue an Adverse Benefit Determination for gender affirming

treatment, unless a Health Care Provider with experience prescribing or delivering gender affirming treatment has reviewed and confirmed the appropriateness of the Adverse Benefit Determination.

- 11.4.7 The Contractor may not impose utilization review requirements for SUD residential treatment facilities operated by the Indian Health Service or by Tribes or Tribal Organizations under a contract or compact with the Indian Health Service (25 U.S.C. § 1621e(c)).
- 11.4.8 The Contractor shall not implement Prior Authorization requirements for withdrawal management services as defined in RCW 71.24.618 or inpatient or residential SUD treatment services in a BHA licensed or certified under RCW 71.24.037.
  - 11.4.8.1 The Contractor shall provide coverage for treatment in a BHA that provides inpatient or residential SUD treatment for a minimum of two (2) Business Days, or a minimum of three (3) calendar days in the case of a BHA that provides withdrawal management services, prior to conducting a utilization review. The Contractor may then initiate UM review if the BHA continues to provide services or is in the process of arranging for a seamless transfer to an appropriate Facility or lower level of care.
  - 11.4.8.2 The Contractor must have policies and procedures in place allowing Behavioral Health Agencies 24 hours from admission to provide notification of the admission, and two (2) Business Days from admission to provide records of the initial assessment and initial treatment plan, or three (3) calendar days in the case of a BHA that provides withdrawal management services. Following this time period and receipt of this information, the Contractor may perform utilization review. If the Contractor determines the admission is not Medically Necessary based on ASAM criteria:
    - 11.4.8.2.1 Within one (1) Business Day from the start of the UM review period and receipt of the information, the Contractor is not required to pay the Facility for services delivered after the start of the UM review period, provided the Contractor has notified the BHA of the determination in writing.
    - 11.4.8.2.2 If the Contractor's UM review is completed more than one (1) Business Day after the start of the UM review period and receipt of the information, the Contractor must pay for the services rendered from the time of admission until the time the UM review is completed and the BHA is notified of the determination in writing.
  - 11.4.8.3 If the Contractor authorizes inpatient or residential SUD treatment services, the length of the initial authorization shall not be less than fourteen (14) calendar days from the date the patient was admitted to a BHA. Each subsequent authorization approved by the Contractor must continue for no less than seven (7) calendar days prior to reauthorization. Nothing prohibits the Contractor from requesting information to assist with a seamless transfer.

- 11.4.8.4 When the treatment plan approved by the Contractor involves transfer of the Enrollee to a different Facility or lower level of care, the Contractor shall continue to pay the BHA for Contracted Services provided at the current Facility until the seamless transfer to the different Facility or lower level of care is complete.
- 11.4.8.5 Denial of Payment that may result in Payment Liability: The authorization decision and notice are provided for the Enrollee, at the time of any Adverse Benefit Determination affecting the claim.
- 11.4.8.6 Termination, Suspension, or Reduction of Previously Authorized Services: The authorization decision and notice is provided ten (10) calendar days prior to such termination, suspension, or reduction, except in the following circumstances:
  - 11.4.8.6.1 The Enrollee dies;
  - 11.4.8.6.2 The Contractor has a signed written Enrollee statement requesting service termination or giving information requiring termination or reduction of services (where the Enrollee understands that termination, reduction, or suspension of services is the result of supplying this information);
  - 11.4.8.6.3 The Enrollee is admitted to an institution where he or she is ineligible for services;
  - 11.4.8.6.4 The Enrollee's address is unknown and mail directed to him or her has no forwarding address;
  - 11.4.8.6.5 The Enrollee has moved out of the Contractor's service area past the end of the month for which a Premium was paid;
  - 11.4.8.6.6 The Enrollee's PCP prescribes the change in the level of medical care;
  - 11.4.8.6.7 An adverse determination regarding the preadmission screening for nursing facility was made;
  - 11.4.8.6.8 The safety or health of individuals in the nursing facility would be endangered, the Enrollee's health improves sufficiently to allow a more immediate transfer or discharge, an immediate transfer or discharge is required by the Enrollee's urgent medical needs, or an Enrollee has not resided in the nursing facility for thirty (30) calendar days (applies only to Adverse Benefit Determinations for nursing facility transfers); or
  - 11.4.8.6.9 The Enrollee is accepted for Medicaid services in another local jurisdiction, state, territory, or commonwealth.
- 11.4.8.7 Verified Enrollee Fraud: The Contractor shall give notice at least five (5) calendar days before the effective date when the Adverse Benefit Determination is a termination, suspension, or reduction of

previously authorized Medicaid-Covered Services when Enrollee Fraud has been verified.

- 11.4.8.8 For authorization decisions not reached within the timeframes specified in 42 C.F.R. § 438.210(d) (which constitutes a denial and is thus an Adverse Benefit Determination), authorization decisions are to be made and Notices of Adverse Benefit Determinations are to be provided no later than the date that the timeframes expire (42 C.F.R. § 438.404(c)(5)).
- 11.4.8.9 Extenuating Circumstances: When extenuating circumstances are identified, consistent with *Best Practice Recommendation for Extenuating Circumstances around Pre-Authorization and Admission Notification*, and the Provider is not able to request a preauthorization prior to treating the Enrollee or provide timely notification to the Contractor of the Enrollee's admission, the Contractor shall allow claims and related Appeals to process as if a pre-authorization had been requested or admission notification had been submitted within the time period (WAC 284-43-2060).

## **11.5 Prescription Drug Authorization Decisions and Timeframes**

- 11.5.1 The Contractor must include in its written policies and procedures an assurance that all requirements and conditions governing coverage and payment for Covered Outpatient Drugs, such as, but not limited to, Prior Authorization (including step therapy), medical necessity guidelines, age edits, drug rebate encounter submission, reporting, and notices of decision, will, apply, regardless of whether the Covered Outpatient Drug is provided as an outpatient drug benefit or as a "medical benefit" incident to a medical service and billed by the prescribing Provider using codes such as the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS).
- 11.5.2 The Contractor must respond to a Prior Authorization request for a covered outpatient drug or over-the-counter drug by telephone or other telecommunication device within 24 hours of the request.
- 11.5.3 For electronic standard authorizations, the Contractor must make a decision and provide notification within three (3) calendar days, excluding holidays, from the original receipt of the request. If additional information is required, the Contractor shall request additional information within one (1) calendar day of the original receipt of the request. The Contractor must give the Provider five (5) calendar days to submit the information and then make a determination within four (4) calendar days of the receipt of the additional information. If the Provider does not respond to the Contractor's request for additional information within five (5) calendar days of the request, the Contractor must make an appropriate authorization determination.
- 11.5.4 For non-electronic standard authorizations, the Contractor must make a decision and provide notification within five (5) calendar days from the original receipt of the request. If additional information is required and requested, the Contractor must give the Provider five (5) calendar days to submit the information and make a determination within four (4) calendar days of the receipt of the additional information (chapter 74.09 RCW). If the Provider does not respond to the Contractor's request for additional information within five (5) calendar days of the request, the Contractor must make an appropriate

authorization determination.

- 11.5.5 For electronic and non-electronic standard Prior Authorizations, a possible extension of up to fourteen (14) additional calendar days (not to exceed twenty-eight (28) calendar days total) is allowed under the following circumstances (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(d)(1)):
  - 11.5.5.1 The Enrollee or the Provider requests an extension; or
  - 11.5.5.2 The Contractor justifies and documents a need for additional information and how the extension is in the Enrollee's interest.
- 11.5.6 If the Contractor extends the timeframe past fourteen (14) calendar days of the receipt of the request for service:
  - 11.5.6.1 The Contractor shall provide the Enrollee written notice within three (3) Business Days of the Contractor's decision to extend the timeframe. The notice shall include the reason for the decision to extend the timeframe and inform the Enrollee of the right to file a Grievance if he or she disagrees with that decision.
  - 11.5.6.2 The Contractor shall issue and carry out its determination as expeditiously as the Enrollee's health condition requires, and no later than the date the extension expires (42 C.F.R. § 438.404(c)(4)).
- 11.5.7 Expedited Authorization Decisions: For cases in which a Provider indicates, or the Contractor determines, that following the timeframe for standard authorization decisions could seriously jeopardize the Enrollee's life or health or ability to attain, maintain, or regain maximum function, the Contractor shall make an expedited authorization decision and provide notice as expeditiously as the Enrollee's health condition requires.
- 11.5.8 For electronic expedited authorizations, the Contractor will make the decision and provide notification within one (1) calendar day if the information provided is sufficient; or request additional information within one (1) calendar day if the information provided is not sufficient to complete the request. The Contractor must give the Provider two (2) calendar days to submit the requested information and then make a determination within two (2) calendar days of the receipt of the additional information. If the Provider does not respond to the Contractor's request for additional information within two (2) calendar days of the request, the Contractor must make an appropriate authorization determination.
- 11.5.9 For non-electronic expedited authorization requests, the Contractor will make the decision and provide notification within two (2) calendar days if the information provided is sufficient; or request additional information within one (1) calendar day if the information provided is not sufficient to complete the request. The Contractor must give the Provider two (2) calendar days to submit the requested information and then make a determination within two (2) calendar days of the receipt of the additional information. If the Provider does not respond to the Contractor's request for additional information within two (2) calendar days of the request, the Contractor must make an appropriate authorization determination.
- 11.5.10 The Contractor may extend the expedited time period for both electronic and non-electronic expedited authorizations by up to ten (10) calendar days under



the following circumstances (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(d)(2)(ii)):

- 11.5.10.1 Enrollee requests the extension; or
- 11.5.10.2 The Contractor justifies and documents a need for additional information and how the extension is in the Enrollee's interest.
- 11.5.11 The Contractor shall have in place a mechanism to allow automated approval of Prior Authorization criteria based on situation specific codes or values submitted via point-of-sale by the dispensing pharmacy. Overrides of Prior Authorization criteria may be based on values submitted in either the Prior Authorization or diagnosis fields.
- 11.5.12 The Contractor shall have a process for providing an emergency drug supply to Enrollees when a delay in authorization would interrupt a drug therapy that must be continuous or when the delay would pose a threat to the Enrollee's health and safety. The drug supply provided must be sufficient to bridge the time until an authorization determination is made.
- 11.5.13 The Contractor shall have a process for authorization after the fact of an Emergency Fill as defined in this Contract when an Emergency Fill of a medication is dispensed according to the professional judgment of the dispensing pharmacist not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days' supply. The authorization for the prescription must match the drug quantity and days supplied as dispensed by the pharmacist.

## **11.6 Service Authorization Decisions and Timeframes**

- 11.6.1 The Contractor shall provide for the following timeframes for authorization decisions and notices for all determinations regarding services:
  - 11.6.1.1 For electronic standard authorizations, the Contractor must make a decision and provide notification within three (3) calendar days, excluding holidays, from the original receipt of the request. If additional information is required, the Contractor shall request additional information within one (1) calendar day of the original receipt of the request. The Contractor must give the Provider five (5) calendar days to submit the information and then make a determination within four (4) calendar days of the receipt of the additional information (chapter 74.09 RCW). If the Provider does not respond to the Contractor's request for additional information within five (5) calendar days of the request, the Contractor must make an appropriate authorization determination.
  - 11.6.1.2 For non-electronic standard authorizations, the Contractor must make a decision and provide notification within five (5) calendar days from the original receipt of the request. If additional information is required, the Contractor shall request additional information within five (5) calendar days of the original receipt of the request. The Contractor must give the Provider five (5) calendar days to submit the information and then make a determination within four (4) calendar days of the receipt of the additional information (chapter 74.09 RCW). If the Provider does not respond to the Contractor's request for additional information within five (5) calendar days of the request, the Contractor must make an appropriate authorization determination.

- 11.6.1.3 For electronic and non-electronic standard Prior Authorizations, a possible extension of up to fourteen (14) additional calendar days (not to exceed twenty-eight (28) calendar days total) is allowed under the following circumstances (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(d)(1)):
  - 11.6.1.3.1 The Enrollee or the Provider requests an extension; or
  - 11.6.1.3.2 The Contractor justifies and documents a need for additional information and how the extension is in the Enrollee's interest.
  - 11.6.1.3.3 If the Contractor extends the timeframe past fourteen (14) calendar days of the receipt of the request for service:
    - 11.6.1.3.3.1 The Contractor shall provide the Enrollee written notice within three (3) Business Days of the Contractor's decision to extend the timeframe. The notice shall include the reason for the decision to extend the timeframe and inform the Enrollee of the right to file a Grievance if he or she disagrees with that decision.
    - 11.6.1.3.3.2 The Contractor shall issue and carry out its determination as expeditiously as the Enrollee's health condition requires, and no later than the date the extension expires (42 C.F.R. § 438.404(c)(4)).
- 11.6.1.4 Expedited Authorization Decisions: For cases in which a Provider indicates, or the Contractor determines, that following the timeframe for standard authorization decisions could seriously jeopardize the Enrollee's life or health or ability to attain, maintain, or regain maximum function, the Contractor shall make an expedited authorization decision and provide notice as expeditiously as the Enrollee's health condition requires.
- 11.6.1.5 For electronic expedited authorizations, the Contractor will make the decision and provide notification within one (1) calendar day if the information provided is sufficient; or request additional information within one (1) calendar day if the information provided is not sufficient to complete the request. The Contractor must give the Provider two (2) calendar days to submit the requested information and then make a determination within two (2) calendar days of the receipt of the additional information. If the Provider does not respond to the Contractor's request for additional information within two (2) calendar days of the request, the Contractor must make an appropriate authorization determination.
- 11.6.1.6 For non-electronic expedited authorization requests, the Contractor will make the decision and provide notification within two (2)

calendar days if the information provided is sufficient; or request additional information within one (1) calendar day if the information provided is not sufficient to complete the request. The Contractor must give the Provider two (2) calendar days to submit the requested information and then make a determination within two (2) calendar days of the receipt of the additional information. If the Provider does not respond to the Contractor's request for additional information within two (2) calendar days of the request, the Contractor must make an appropriate authorization determination.

- 11.6.1.7 The Contractor may extend the expedited time period by up to ten (10) calendar days under the following circumstances (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(d)(2)(ii)):
  - 11.6.1.7.1 Enrollee requests the extension; or
  - 11.6.1.7.2 Contractor justifies and documents a need for additional information and how the extension is in the Enrollee's interest.
- 11.6.1.8 Concurrent Review Authorizations: The Contractor must make its determination within one (1) Business Day of receipt of the request for authorization.
  - 11.6.1.8.1 Concurrent review timeframes are applicable to authorization requests for Enrollees that are currently inpatient.
  - 11.6.1.8.2 Requests to extend concurrent care review authorization determinations may be extended to within three (3) Business Days of the request of the authorization if the Contractor has made at least one attempt to obtain needed clinical information within the initial one (1) Business Day after the request for authorization of additional days or services.
  - 11.6.1.8.3 Notification of the Concurrent Review determination shall be made within one (1) Business Day of the Contractor's decision.
- 11.6.1.9 Post-service authorizations: For post-service authorizations, including pharmacy post-service authorizations, the Contractor must make its determination within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the authorization request.
  - 11.6.1.9.1 The Contractor shall notify the Enrollee, the requesting Provider, and Facility in writing within three (3) Business Days of the Contractor's determination.
  - 11.6.1.9.2 When post-service authorizations are approved, they become effective the date the service was first administered.

## **11.7 Notification of Coverage and Authorization Determinations**

- 11.7.1 For all authorization determinations, the Contractor must notify the Enrollee, the

attending/treating Provider, and requesting Facility in writing. The Contractor must notify the parties, other than the Enrollee, in advance whether it will provide notification by mail, fax or other means. The Contractor must use an HCA-developed template for skilled nursing-related Adverse Benefit Determinations.

- 11.7.1.1 If the Contractor is not able to obtain the name of the attending/treating Provider, the notification must be addressed "To the Attention of the Attending/Treating Practitioner." For urgent concurrent decisions, the Contractor may inform the hospital utilization review department staff without attempting to identify the attending/treating Provider.
- 11.7.2 For all authorization decisions, the notice shall be mailed as expeditiously as the Enrollee's health requires and within three (3) Business Days of the Contractor's decision, unless otherwise indicated in Section 11.
- 11.7.3 Authorization determinations involving an Expedited Authorization: The Contractor must notify the Enrollee in writing of the decision. The Contractor may initially provide notice orally to the Enrollee or the requesting Provider. The Contractor shall send the written notice within one (1) Business Day of the decision.
- 11.7.4 Adverse Authorization Decisions involving a WISE screening. The Contractor must notify the Enrollee in writing of the decision to deny WISE services if a Children and Adolescent Needs and Strengths screen is provided and WISE services are not offered.
- 11.7.5 The Contractor shall notify the requesting Provider and give the Enrollee written notice of any decision by the Contractor to deny a service authorization request, or to authorize a service in an amount, duration, or scope that is less than requested. The notice shall meet the following requirements (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(c) and 438.404):
  - 11.7.5.1 The notice to the Enrollee shall meet the requirements in the Information Requirements for Enrollees and Potential Enrollees Section of this Contract to ensure ease of understanding.
  - 11.7.5.2 The notice to the Enrollee and Provider shall explain the following (42 C.F.R. § 438.404(b)(1-6); WAC 182-538-110(5) and WAC 182-501-0165):
    - 11.7.5.2.1 The Adverse Benefit Determination the Contractor has taken or intends to take and the effective date, if applicable.
    - 11.7.5.2.2 The evidence-based medical necessity determination process that was utilized, which is equivalent to WAC 182-501-0165.
    - 11.7.5.2.3 The specific factual basis for the Adverse Benefit Determination, in easily understood language, including citations to the appropriate WAC and any Contractor guidelines, protocols, or other criteria that were the basis of the decision.
    - 11.7.5.2.4 Sufficient detail to enable the Enrollee to learn the

reasons for Contractor's determination, so the Enrollee can (i) prepare an appropriate response, and (ii) determine what additional or different information might be provided to Appeal the Contractor's determination.

- 11.7.5.2.5 If applicable, the notice must include information about alternative Covered Services/treatment which may be seen as a viable treatment option in lieu of denied services.
- 11.7.5.2.6 The Enrollee's and Provider's right to request and receive free of charge a copy of the rule, guideline, protocol, or other criterion that was the basis for the decision, as well as reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to the Adverse Benefit Determination.
- 11.7.5.2.7 A statement whether or not an Enrollee has any liability for payment.
- 11.7.5.2.8 A toll-free telephone number to call if the Enrollee is billed for services.
- 11.7.5.2.9 The Enrollee's right to file an Appeal and any deadlines applicable to the process.
- 11.7.5.2.10 If services are denied as non-covered, inform Enrollees how to access the Exception to Rule (ETR) process, including, but not limited to, the fact that an Enrollee may Appeal an Adverse Benefit Determination affecting his or her services and simultaneously request an ETR to obtain the services that are the subject of the Appeal, and that requesting an ETR does not affect any deadlines applicable to the Appeal process.
- 11.7.5.2.11 If services are denied or authorized in a more limited scope, amount, or duration than requested because they would exceed the established limit on the scope, amount, or duration of the requested service, inform Enrollees how to access the Limitation Extension (LE) process, including, but not limited to, the fact that an Enrollee may Appeal an Adverse Benefit Determination affecting his or her services and simultaneously request an LE to obtain the services that are the subject of the Appeal, and that requesting an LE does not affect any deadlines applicable to the Appeal process.
- 11.7.5.2.12 The procedures for exercising the Enrollee's rights.
- 11.7.5.2.13 The circumstances under which expedited resolution is available and how to request it.
- 11.7.5.2.14 The Enrollee's right to have benefits continue pending resolution of the Appeal, how to request that benefits be continued, and the circumstances under which the

Enrollee may be required to pay for these services.

- 11.7.5.2.15 The Enrollee's right to receive the Contractor's or Behavioral Health advocate's assistance with filing the Appeal.
- 11.7.5.2.16 The Enrollee's right to equal access to services for Enrollees and Potential Enrollees with communications barriers and disabilities.
- 11.7.5.3 **Untimely Service Authorization Decisions:** When the Contractor does not reach service authorization decisions within the timeframes for either, standard or expedited service authorizations it is considered a denial and thus, an Adverse Benefit Determination. The Contractor shall issue a formal Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination to the Enrollee, including the Enrollee's right to an Appeal. See 42 C.F.R. § 438.404(c)(5).
- 11.7.5.4 **UM Authorization Turnaround Time Compliance Report:** The Contractor will send quarterly a report to HCA by the last day of the month following the quarter that shall include:
  - 11.7.5.4.1 Monthly UM authorization determination data that demonstrates timeliness compliance rates separated into Standard, Pharmacy, Expedited, Concurrent Review, and Post-service timelines, including:
    - 11.7.5.4.1.1 Percentage compliance, including those in which the timeline is extended appropriately;
    - 11.7.5.4.1.2 Specific numbers of authorization determinations meeting contractual timeframes and the numbers of those that did not; and
    - 11.7.5.4.1.3 For those authorization determinations that did not meet contractual timeframes, the range of time to complete the authorization determinations.
  - 11.7.5.4.2 If UM authorization turnaround time compliance is below 90 percent in any month during the quarter for any of the authorization categories specified in this Contract, the report shall also include a narrative description of the Contractor's efforts before and after notification to HCA to address the problem.

## **11.8 Experimental and Investigational Services for Managed Care Enrollees**

- 11.8.1 In determining whether a service that the Contractor considers experimental or investigational is Medically Necessary for an individual Enrollee, the Contractor must have and follow policies and procedures that mirror the process for HCA's medical necessity determinations for its FFS program described in WAC 182-501-0165, including the option to approve an investigational or experimental service when there is:

- 11.8.1.1 A humanitarian device exemption for the requested service or device from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); or
- 11.8.1.2 A local Institutional Review Board (IRB) protocol addressing issues of efficacy and safety of the requested service that satisfies both HCA and the requesting Provider.
- 11.8.2 Medical necessity decisions are to be made by a qualified healthcare professional and must be made for an individual Enrollee based on that Enrollee's health condition. The policies and procedures shall identify the persons responsible for such decisions. The policies and procedures and any criteria for making decisions shall be made available to HCA upon request.
- 11.8.3 Criteria to determine whether an experimental or investigational service is Medically Necessary shall be no more stringent for Medicaid Enrollees than that applied to any other Enrollees.
- 11.8.4 An Adverse Benefit Determination made by the Contractor shall be subject to Appeal through the Contractor's Appeal, hearing, and independent review process in accordance with the Grievance and Appeal System Section of this Contract.

**11.9 Compliance with Office of the Insurance Commissioner Regulations**

- 11.9.1 The Contractor shall comply with all Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) regulations regarding utilization management and authorization of services unless those regulations are in direct conflict with federal Medicaid law or regulations. Where it is necessary to harmonize federal and state laws and regulations, HCA will direct such harmonization. If an OIC regulation changes during the period of performance of this Contract, HCA will determine whether and when to apply the regulation.

**11.10 Compliance of Fluoride Application by a Primary Care Provider (Non-Dentist) during any Medical Visit**

- 11.10.1 The Contractor will submit quarterly a Fluoride Application report to HCA by the last day of the month following the quarter via MC-Track according to specifications provided by HCA. The report will include the following:
  - 11.10.1.1 The number of Medicaid beneficiaries, ages 0 through 5, who received a topical fluoride application by a PCP (non-dental medical Provider) during any medical visit.
  - 11.10.1.2 The number of Medicaid beneficiaries ages 6 through 12 with a DDA indicator, who received a topical fluoride application by a PCP (non-dental medical Provider) during any medical visit.
  - 11.10.1.3 A narrative description of the Contractor's efforts to increase utilization, if a minimum of 3 percent fluoride application is not obtained for Medicaid beneficiaries ages 1, 2, and 3.

## 12 PROGRAM INTEGRITY

### 12.1 General Requirements

- 12.1.1 The Contractor shall have and comply with policies and procedures that guide and require the Contractor and the Contractor's officers, employees, agents and Subcontractors to comply with the requirements of this Section. (42 C.F.R. § 438.608).
- 12.1.2 The Contractor shall include Program Integrity requirements in its Subcontracts and Provider application, credentialing, and recredentialing processes.
- 12.1.3 The following are relevant citations for Program Integrity compliance. The Contractor is expected to be familiar with, comply with, and require compliance with all statutes and regulations related to Program Integrity whether or not those statutes and regulations are listed below:
  - 12.1.3.1 Section 1902(a)(68) of the Social Security Act;
  - 12.1.3.2 Section 1903(l) of the Social Security Act;
  - 12.1.3.3 42 C.F.R. § 438.608;
  - 12.1.3.4 42 C.F.R. § 455;
  - 12.1.3.5 42 C.F.R. § 1000 through 1008;
  - 12.1.3.6 Chapter 182-502A WAC; and
  - 12.1.3.7 Chapters 74.09 and 74.66 RCW.
- 12.1.4 The Contractor shall ensure compliance with the Program Integrity provisions of this Contract.
- 12.1.5 The Contractor shall have a staff person dedicated to working collaboratively with HCA on Program Integrity issues, and with MFCD. This will include the following:
  - 12.1.5.1 Participation in MCO-specific, quarterly Program Integrity meetings with HCA. Discussion at these meetings shall include but not be limited to case development and monitoring.
  - 12.1.5.2 Participation in a bi-annual Contractor-wide forum to discuss best practices, performance metrics, Provider risk assessments, analytics, and lessons learned.
  - 12.1.5.3 Quality control and review of encounter data submitted to HCA.
  - 12.1.5.4 Participation in meetings with MFCD and HCA, as determined by MFCD, HCA, and the Contractor.
- 12.1.6 The Contractor must have and sustain adequate staffing resources in the Contractor's Program Integrity and Special Investigation Units who are dedicated to identifying Fraud, Waste, and Abuse in Apple Health programs.
  - 12.1.6.1 Staffing configuration should include all staff with appropriate education and expertise to conduct federal, state, and Contract



required Program Integrity activities that:

- 12.1.6.1.1 Prevent, detect, investigate Fraud, Waste and Abuse;
- 12.1.6.1.2 Refer potential fraud to HCA or MFCD; and
- 12.1.6.1.3 Produce cost avoidance savings or post-payment recoveries of Improper Payments.
- 12.1.6.2 Adequate staffing is defined as minimum one full-time equivalent (FTE) dedicated to Washington Medicaid for every 50,000 Enrollees in all Washington Apple Health programs.
- 12.1.7 When the Contractor identifies an Overpayment, the Contractor will report the Overpayment to HCA and recover the Overpayment pursuant to this Contract, WAC 182-502A-1101, and other state or federal laws and regulations.
  - 12.1.7.1 HCA may impose sanctions, liquidated damages, or both on the Contractor for failure to report to HCA and collect Overpayments.

## **12.2 Disclosure by Managed Care Organization: Information on Ownership and Control**

- 12.2.1 The Contractor must provide to HCA the following disclosures (42 C.F.R. §§ 455.103, 455.104; and SSA §§ 1903(m)(2)(A)(viii), 1124(a)(2)(A)):
  - 12.2.1.1 The identification of any person or corporation with a direct, indirect or combined direct/indirect ownership interest of 5 percent or more of the Contractor's equity (or, in the case of a Subcontractor's disclosure, 5 percent or more of the Subcontractor's equity);
  - 12.2.1.2 The identification of any person or corporation with an ownership interest of 5 percent or more of any mortgage, deed of trust, note, or other obligation secured by the Contractor if that interest equals at least 5 percent of the value of the Contractor's assets (or, in the case of a Subcontractor's disclosure, a corresponding obligation secured by the Subcontractor equal to 5 percent of the Subcontractor's assets);
  - 12.2.1.3 The name, address, date of birth, and Social Security Number of any managing employee of the MCO. For the purposes of this Subsection, "managing employee" means a general manager, business manager, administrator, corporate officer, director (i.e., member of the board of directors), or other individual who exercises operational or managerial control over, or who directly or indirectly conducts the day-to-day operation of, an institution, organization, or agency.
- 12.2.2 The disclosures must include the following:
  - 12.2.2.1 The name, address, and financial statement(s) of any person (individual or corporation) that has 5 percent or more ownership or control interest in the Contractor.
  - 12.2.2.2 The name and address of any person (individual or corporation) that has 5 percent or more ownership or control interest in any of the Contractor's Subcontractors.

- 12.2.2.3 Indicate whether the individual/entity with an ownership or control interest is related to any other Contractor's employee such as a spouse, parent, child, or siblings; or is related to one of the Contractor's officers, directors or other owners.
- 12.2.2.4 Indicate whether the individual/entity with an ownership or control interest owns 5 percent or greater in any other organizations.
- 12.2.2.5 The address for corporate entities must include as applicable primary business address, every business location, and P.O. Box address.
- 12.2.2.6 Date of birth and Social Security Number (in the case of an individual).
- 12.2.2.7 Other tax identification number (in the case of a corporation) with an ownership or control interest in the MCO or its Subcontractor.
- 12.2.3 The Contractor must terminate or deny network participation if a Provider or any person with 5 percent or greater direct or indirect ownership interest, fails to submit sets of fingerprints in a form and manner to be determined by HCA, within thirty (30) calendar days when requested by HCA or any authorized federal agency.
- 12.2.4 Disclosures from the Contractor are due to HCA at any of the following times:
  - 12.2.4.1 When the Contractor submits a proposal in accordance with an HCA procurement process.
  - 12.2.4.2 When the Contractor executes the Contract with HCA.
  - 12.2.4.3 Upon renewal or extension of the Contract.
  - 12.2.4.4 Within thirty-five (35) calendar days after any change in ownership of the Contractor. The Contractor shall report the change on HCA Medicaid Provider Disclosure Statement Form HCA-09-048.
  - 12.2.4.5 Upon request by HCA.

**12.3 Disclosure by Managed Care Organization: Information on Ownership and Control, Subcontractors**

- 12.3.1 The Contractor shall include the following provisions in its written agreements with all Subcontractors:
  - 12.3.1.1 Requiring the Subcontractor to disclose to the MCO upon contract execution (42 C.F.R. § 455.104(c)(1)(ii)), upon request during the re-validation of enrollment process under 42 C.F.R. § 455.414, 42 C.F.R. § 455.104(c)(1)(iii), and within thirty-five (35) Business Days after any change in ownership of the Subcontractor (42 C.F.R. § 455.104(c)(1)(iv)).
  - 12.3.1.2 The name and address of any person (individual or corporation) with an ownership or control interest in the Subcontractor. (42 C.F.R. § 455.104(b)(1)(i)).

- 12.3.1.3 If the Subcontractor is a corporate entity, the disclosure must include primary business address, every business location, and P.O. Box address (42 C.F.R. § 455.104(b)(1)(i)).
- 12.3.1.4 If the Subcontractor has corporate ownership, the tax identification number of the corporate owner(s) (42 C.F.R. § 455.104(b)(1)(iii)).
- 12.3.1.5 If the Subcontractor is an individual, date of birth and Social Security Number (42 C.F.R. § 455.104(b)(1)(ii)).
- 12.3.1.6 If the Subcontractor has a 5 percent ownership interest in any of its Subcontractors, the tax identification number of the Subcontractor(s) (42 C.F.R. § 455.104(b)(1)(iii)).
- 12.3.1.7 Whether any person with an ownership or control interest in the Subcontractor is related by marriage or blood as a spouse, parent, child, or sibling to any other person with an ownership or control interest in the Subcontractor (42 C.F.R. § 455.104(b)(2)).
- 12.3.1.8 If the Subcontractor has a 5 percent ownership interest in any of its Subcontractors, whether any person with an ownership or control interest in such Subcontractor is related by marriage or blood as a spouse, parent, child, or sibling to any other person with an ownership or control interest in the Subcontractor (42 C.F.R. § 455.104(b)(2)).
- 12.3.1.9 Whether any person with an ownership or control interest in the Subcontractor also has an ownership or control interest in any Managed Care entity (42 C.F.R. § 455.104(b)(3)).
- 12.3.2 Upon request, the Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors shall furnish to HCA, within thirty-five (35) calendar days of the request, full and complete business transaction information as follows:
  - 12.3.2.1 The ownership of any Subcontractor with whom the Contractor or Subcontractor has had business transactions totaling more than \$25,000 during the twelve (12) month period ending on the date of the request (42 C.F.R § 455.105(b)(1)).
  - 12.3.2.2 Any significant business transactions between the Contractor or Subcontractor and any wholly owned supplier, or between the Contractor and any Subcontractor, during the five (5) year period ending on the date of the request (42 C.F.R § 455.105(b)(2)).
- 12.3.3 Upon request, the Contractor and the Contractor's Subcontractors shall furnish to the Washington Secretary of State, the Secretary of the HHS, the Inspector General of the HHS, the Washington State Auditor, the Comptroller of the Currency, and HCA a description of the transaction identified under 42 C.F.R § 455.105 between the Contractor and the other party of interest within thirty-five (35) calendar days of the request, including the following transactions 42 C.F.R. § 438.50(c)(1):
  - 12.3.3.1 A description of transactions between the Contractor and a party in interest (as defined in Section 1318(b) of the Public Health Service

Act), including the following:

- 12.3.3.1.1 Any sale or exchange, or leasing of any property between the Contractor and such a party.
- 12.3.3.1.2 Any furnishing for consideration of goods, services (including management services), or facilities between the Contractor and such a party but not including salaries paid to employees for services provided in the normal course of their employment.
- 12.3.3.1.3 Any lending of money or other extension of credit between the Contractor and such a party. (Section 1903(m)(4)(B) of the SSA; 42 C.F.R. § 438.50(c)(1)).

## **12.4 Information on Persons Convicted of Crimes**

12.4.1 The Contractor shall include the following provisions in its written agreements with all Subcontractors and Providers who are not individual practitioners or a group of practitioners:

12.4.1.1 Requiring the Subcontractor/Provider to investigate and disclose to the MCO, at contract execution or renewal, and upon request by the MCO of the identified person who has been convicted of a criminal offense related to that person's involvement in any program under Medicare, Medicaid, or the title XX services program since the inception of those programs and who is (42 C.F.R. 455.106(a)):

- 12.4.1.1.1 A person who has an ownership or control interest in the Subcontractor or Provider (42 C.F.R. § 455.106(a)(1)).
- 12.4.1.1.2 An agent or person who has been delegated the authority to obligate or act on behalf of the Subcontractor or Provider (42 C.F.R. § 455.101; 42 C.F.R. § 455.106(a)(1)).
- 12.4.1.1.3 An agent, managing employee, general manager, business manager, administrator, director, or other individual who exercises operational or managerial control over, or who directly or indirectly conducts the day-to-day operation of, the Subcontractor or Provider (42 C.F.R. § 455.101; 42 C.F.R. § 455.106(a)(2)).

## **12.5 Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA)**

12.5.1 The Contractor, or the Contractor's Subcontractor delegated responsibility by the Contractor for coverage of services and payment of claims under the Contract between HCA and the Contractor, shall implement and maintain administrative and management arrangements or procedures designed to detect and prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse. (42 C.F.R. § 438.608(a)). The arrangements or procedures must include the following:

12.5.1.1 A compliance program that includes, at a minimum, all of the following elements:

12.5.1.1.1 Written policies, procedures, and standards of

conduct that articulate the organization's commitment to comply with all applicable requirements and standards under the Contract, and all applicable federal and state requirements.

12.5.1.1.2 Designation of a compliance officer who is accountable for developing and implementing policies and procedures, and practices designed to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Contract and who directly reports to the chief executive officer (CEO) and the board of directors.

12.5.1.1.3 Establishment of a regulatory compliance committee on the board of directors and at the senior management level charged with overseeing the organization's compliance program and its compliance with the requirements under this Contract.

12.5.1.1.4 System for training and education for the compliance officer, the organization's senior management, and the organization's employees for the federal and state standards and requirements under this Contract.

12.5.1.1.5 Effective lines of communication between the compliance officer and the Contractor's staff and Subcontractors.

12.5.1.1.6 Enforcement of standards through well-publicized disciplinary guidelines.

12.5.1.1.7 Establishment and implementation of procedures and a system with dedicated staff of routine internal monitoring and auditing of compliance risks, prompt response to compliance issues as they are raised, investigation of potential problems as identified in the course of self-evaluation and audits, correction of such problems promptly and thoroughly (or coordination of suspected criminal acts with law enforcement agencies) to reduce the potential for recurrence, and ongoing compliance with the requirements under this Contract.

12.5.1.1.8 Ensure it maintains up-to-date Program Integrity policies and procedures relative to any contract modifications to ensure all Program Integrity functions are adequately addressed.

12.5.1.1.9 Implementation, maintenance, and publishing of a toll-free hotline available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, for confidential reporting of concerns regarding non-compliance by Enrollees, Providers, and employees, including allegations of potential Fraud, Waste and Abuse.

12.5.1.2 Provision for prompt reporting of all Overpayments identified or recovered, specifying the Overpayments due to potential Fraud, to

HCA. (42 C.F.R § 438.608(a)(2)).

- 12.5.1.3 Provision for notification to HCA when the Contractor receives information about a change in a Network Provider's circumstances that may affect the Network Provider's eligibility to participate in the Managed Care program, including the termination of the Provider agreement with the Contractor (42 C.F.R § 438.608(a)(4)).
- 12.5.1.4 Provision for a method to verify, by sampling or other methods, whether services that have been represented to have been delivered by Network Providers were received by Enrollees and the application of such verification processes on a regular basis (42 C.F.R § 438.608(a)(5)).
  - 12.5.1.4.1 The Contractor may use explanation of benefits (EOB) for such verification only if the Contractor suppresses EOBs that would be a violation of Enrollee confidentiality requirements for women's healthcare, family planning, sexually transmitted diseases, and Behavioral Health services (42 C.F.R. § 455.20).
  - 12.5.1.4.2 Results of the verification and any action(s) taken must be available upon HCA's request.
- 12.5.1.5 Written policies for all employees of the Contractor that provide detailed information about the False Claims Act, including protections for whistleblowers, as described in Section 1902(a)(68) of the Social Security Act, 42 C.F.R § 438.608(a)(6), and the Washington false claims statutes, chapters 74.66 RCW and RCW 74.09.210, including information about rights of employees to be protected as whistleblowers, and the criminal statutes found in RCW 74.09.230 through 74.09.280.
- 12.5.1.6 Provision for prompt referral of any potential Fraud, Waste, or Abuse the Contractor identifies to HCA Program Integrity or MCFD.
- 12.5.1.7 Provision for the Contractor's suspension of payments to a Network Provider for which HCA determines there is a credible allegation of Fraud in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 455.23 and pursuant to the Fraud Referral Subsection of this Contract. (42 C.F.R § 438.608(a)(8)).
- 12.5.1.8 Provision for prompt response to detected offenses, and for development of corrective action initiatives.
- 12.5.1.9 Provision for notification of the Contractor's Program Integrity activities when requested by HCA or MCFD to prevent duplication of activities.

12.5.2 The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall:

- 12.5.2.1 Provide written disclosure of any prohibited affiliation in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.610; 42 C.F.R. § 455.106; and 42 C.F.R § 438.608(c)(1) to HCA;

- 12.5.2.2 Provide written disclosures of information on ownership and control as indicated under the Disclosure by MCO: Information on Ownership and Control, Subcontractors Subsection of this Contract (42 C.F.R. § 455.104; 42 C.F.R. § 455.105; and 42 C.F.R § 438.608(c)(2)); and
- 12.5.2.3 Report to HCA within sixty (60) calendar days when it has identified capitation payments or other payment amounts received are in excess to the amounts specified in this Contract. (42 C.F.R. § 438.608(c)(3)).
- 12.5.3 The Contractor must audit its Providers and Subcontractors to detect and identify Fraud, Waste, and Abuse.
  - 12.5.3.1 Identified Improper Payments must be reported to HCA on the monthly Program Integrity Report.
  - 12.5.3.2 Identified Overpayments must be recovered by the Contractor and reported to HCA in accordance with this Contract, WAC 182-502A-1101, and other state and federal laws and regulations.
  - 12.5.3.3 HCA will monitor the Contractor's activities through the Monthly Program Integrity Report.
- 12.5.4 Treatment of recoveries made by the Contractor of Overpayments to the Providers. (42 C.F.R. § 438.608(d)).
  - 12.5.4.1 The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall:
    - 12.5.4.1.1 Have internal policies and procedures for the documentation, retention, and recovery of all Overpayments, specifically for the recovery of Overpayments due to Fraud, Waste, or Abuse.
    - 12.5.4.1.2 Report the identification and recovery of all Overpayments as required in the Program Integrity Reporting Subsection of this Contract.
  - 12.5.4.2 This subsection of the Contract does not apply to any amount of a recovery to be retained under False Claim Act cases or through other investigations.
  - 12.5.4.3 The Contractor shall have a mechanism for a Network Provider to report to the Contractor when it has received an Overpayment, to return the Overpayment within sixty (60) calendar days, and to notify the Contractor in writing of the reason for the Overpayment.
  - 12.5.4.4 The Contractor shall report at least annually to HCA, or as required in this Contract, on their recoveries of Overpayments. See Program Integrity Reporting Subsection of this Contract.
- 12.5.5 When the Contractor conducts an audit of a Contractor's Provider or Subcontractor, the Contractor must:
  - 12.5.5.1 Provide a notice of thirty (30) calendar days to a Provider or Subcontractor prior to an onsite audit unless there is evidence of

danger to public health and safety or fraudulent activities.

- 12.5.5.2 Make reasonable efforts to avoid auditing a Provider or Subcontractor claim that is or has already undergone an audit, review, or investigation by the Contractor without good cause.
- 12.5.5.3 Allow a Provider or Subcontractor, at their request, to submit records requested as a result of an audit in electronic format, including compact disc, digital versatile disc, or other electronic formats deemed appropriate by the Contractor, or by facsimile transmission.
- 12.5.5.4 Extrapolate only when there is a sustained high level of payment error or when documented Provider or Subcontractor educational intervention has failed to correct the level of payment error.
- 12.5.5.5 Issue draft or preliminary findings within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from receipt of all Provider or Subcontractor information required to conduct the audit.
- 12.5.5.6 Provide a detailed explanation in writing to a Provider or Subcontractor for any adverse determination that would result in partial or full recoupment of a payment to the Provider or Subcontractor. The written notification shall, at a minimum, include the following:
  - 12.5.5.6.1 The reason for the adverse determination;
  - 12.5.5.6.2 The specific criteria on which the adverse determination was based;
  - 12.5.5.6.3 An explanation of the Provider's appeal rights; and
  - 12.5.5.6.4 If applicable, the appropriate procedure to submit a claim adjustment.
- 12.5.5.7 Ensure any appeal process is completed before recouping Overpayments.
- 12.5.5.8 Offer a Provider or Subcontractor with an adverse determination the option of repaying the amount owed according to a negotiated repayment plan of up to twelve months.
- 12.5.5.9 In any appeal by a Health Care Provider, employ or contract with a medical or dental professional who practices within the same specialty, is board-certified, and experienced in the treatment, billing, and coding procedures used by the Provider being audited to make findings and determinations.
- 12.5.5.10 Provide educational and training programs annually for Providers. The training topics must include a summary of audit results, a description of common issues, problems and mistakes identified through audits and reviews, and opportunities for improvement.
- 12.5.5.11 In the event of an audit of a Provider or Subcontractor who is no longer in the Contractor's Network, include a description of the claim



with patient name, date of service, and procedure.

- 12.5.5.12 Provide HCA with courtesy copies of all letters sent to the Provider or Subcontractor being audited through MC-Track.
- 12.5.5.13 Consistent with 42 C.F.R. § 438.4, HCA will utilize the information and documentation collected in the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Subsection of this Contract for setting Actuarially Sound Capitation Rates.
- 12.5.6 The Contractor must provide HCA a detailed list of current and past Program Integrity activities initiated and completed by the Contractor upon HCA's or MFCD's request.
- 12.5.7 HCA may conduct independent or collaborative audits, investigations, and clinical reviews of the Contractor's Providers and Subcontractors at any time.
- 12.5.8 In an effort to identify Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, HCA will:
  - 12.5.8.1 Conduct proactive data mining of the Contractor's data; and
  - 12.5.8.2 Conduct audits of the Contractor's Provider and Subcontractor.
- 12.5.9 When HCA identifies an Overpayment by the Contractor to a Provider or Subcontractor that was not first identified and reported by the Contractor, HCA will assess liquidated damages in accordance with the Liquidated Damages Subsection of this Contract. HCA also may impose sanctions.
- 12.5.10 Each calendar year, the Contractor shall achieve a minimum standard of Improper Payment recoveries equal to or greater than 1 percent of the Contractor's total Premium revenue for that calendar year.
- 12.5.11 For the purposes of this Section, the term "total premium revenue" means the amount reported in the MLR Report for the year pursuant to the Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) Report Section of the Contract.
- 12.5.12 Total Improper Payment recoveries are reported in the Annual Program Integrity Report for the reporting year.
- 12.5.13 The Contractor's failure to meet the minimum standards may result in the assessment of liquidated damages in an amount necessary to achieve the minimum standards.

## **12.6 Fraud Referral**

- 12.6.1 When the Contractor suspects that potential Fraud exists, the Contractor shall make a Fraud referral to HCA or MFCD within five (5) Business Days of the determination and stop any further action including overpayment issuance, collection, or any other steps.
- 12.6.2 Using the Washington Fraud Referral Form, referrals must be submitted to HCA through MC-Track or emailed to [MFCUreferrals@atg.wa.gov](mailto:MFCUreferrals@atg.wa.gov).
  - 12.6.2.1 Fraud referrals will be reviewed and verified by HCA.
- 12.6.3 When HCA reviews and verifies the Contractor's referral of potential Fraud is credible, HCA shall notify the Contractor's compliance officers in writing that the referral is credible and is being sent over to MFCD for investigation.

- 12.6.4 HCA will inform the Contractor on the steps the Contractor must take regarding the referral.

## 12.7 Investigations

- 12.7.1 The Contractor must cooperate with all state and federal agencies that investigate Fraud, Waste and Abuse.
- 12.7.2 The Contractor must provide data in response to data requests from HCA or MFCD within the timeframe provided and in the formats requested, or as negotiated with HCA or MFCD.
- 12.7.3 The Contractor must suspend its own investigation and all Program Integrity activities if notified in writing to do so by any applicable state or federal agency.
  - 12.7.3.1 If MFCD, or other law enforcement agency, accepts a Fraud referral, the Contractor must “stand down.” For the purpose of this Subsection, “stand down” means the Contractor must not:
    - 12.7.3.1.1 Proceed with any further investigation, audit, or other Program Integrity activity until notified otherwise by HCA, MFCD, or other law enforcement agency.
    - 12.7.3.1.2 Notify the Provider or Subcontractor in any way about the acceptance of the referral by MFCD or other law enforcement agency.
    - 12.7.3.1.3 Seek to recover or identify any Overpayment identified in the Contractor’s investigation, audit, or other Program Integrity activity.
    - 12.7.3.1.4 Suspend payments until directed by HCA.
    - 12.7.3.1.5 Deny any claims for a Provider or Subcontractor, who the Contractor referred for Fraud, and MFCD or other law enforcement agency accepted the referral.
    - 12.7.3.1.6 Terminate the Provider due to any reason identified in the Contractor’s investigation.
      - 12.7.3.1.6.1 In circumstances where there are Quality of Care concerns, the Contractor will notify HCA and MFCD or other law enforcement. HCA and MFCD or other law enforcement will review the concern and HCA will notify the Contractor if it may proceed with a termination despite the stand down order within sixty (60) calendar days of receiving the Contractors notice.
  - 12.7.3.1.7 Invoke any other action that may tip off the Provider or related parties to the existence of a possible investigation based on the Contractor’s Fraud referral.
- 12.7.4 The Contractor must maintain all records, documents, and claim or encounter data for Enrollees, Providers and Subcontractors who are under investigation by any state or federal agency until the investigation is complete and the case is

closed by the investigating agency.

12.7.5 The Contractor must comply with all directives resulting from state or federal agency investigations.

12.7.6 The Contractor shall request a refund from a third-party payer, Provider, or Subcontractor when an investigation indicates that such a refund is due. These refunds must be reported to HCA as Overpayments in the monthly Program Integrity Report.

## **12.8 Payment Suspension**

12.8.1 The Contractor will not implement a payment suspension without the notification and direction to implement a payment suspension from HCA.

12.8.1.1 HCA may find that good cause exists not to suspend payments, in whole or in part, or not to continue a payment suspension previously imposed, to an individual or entity against which there is an investigation of a Credible Allegation of Fraud if any of the following are applicable:

12.8.1.1.1 MFCD or other law enforcement agency have specifically requested that a payment suspension not be imposed because such a payment suspension may compromise or jeopardize an investigation;

12.8.1.1.2 Other available remedies are available to the Contractor, after HCA approves the remedies as more effective or timely to protect Medicaid funds;

12.8.1.1.3 HCA determines, based upon the submission of written evidence by the Contractor, individual or entity that is the subject of the payment suspension, there is no longer a Credible Allegation of Fraud and that the suspension should be removed. HCA shall review evidence submitted by the Contractor or Provider. The Contractor may include a recommendation to HCA. HCA shall direct the Contractor to continue, reduce, or remove the payment suspension within thirty (30) calendar days of having received the evidence; and

12.8.1.1.4 Enrollee access to items or services would be jeopardized by a payment suspension due to any of the following:

12.8.1.1.4.1 An individual or entity is the sole community physician or the sole source of essential specialized services in a community;

12.8.1.1.4.2 The individual or entity serves a large number of Enrollees within a federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) designated medically underserved area;

- 12.8.1.1.4.3 MFCD or law enforcement agency declines to certify that a matter continues to be under investigation; or
  - 12.8.1.1.4.4 HCA determines that payment suspension is not in the best interests of the Medicaid program.
- 12.8.2 Upon receipt of payment suspension notification from HCA, the Contractor shall send notice of the decision to suspend payments within five (5) calendar days, unless the MCFD or other law enforcement agency requests a temporary withhold of the notice.
- 12.8.3 The notice of payment suspension must include or address all of the following (42 C.F.R. § 455.23(2)):
- 12.8.3.1 State that payments are being suspended in accordance with this provision;
  - 12.8.3.2 Set forth the general allegations identified by HCA. The notice should not disclose any specific information concerning an ongoing investigation;
  - 12.8.3.3 State that the suspension is for a temporary period and that it will be lifted when notified by HCA that it is no longer in place;
  - 12.8.3.4 Specify, when applicable, to which type or types of claims or business units the payment suspension relates; and
  - 12.8.3.5 There are no appeal rights when a payment suspension is issued. The individual or entity subject to the payment suspension may submit written evidence for consideration and review. Neither the Contractor or HCA are obligated to reverse the payment suspension based on the evidence submitted.
- 12.8.4 All suspension of payment actions under this Section will be temporary and will not continue after either of the following:
- 12.8.4.1 The Contractor is notified by HCA that there is insufficient evidence of Fraud by the Provider; or
  - 12.8.4.2 The Contractor is notified by HCA that the legal proceedings related to the Provider's alleged Fraud are completed.
- 12.8.5 The Contractor must document in writing the termination of a payment suspension and issue a notice of the termination to the Provider and send a copy to HCA.
- 12.8.6 If the Contractor fails to suspend payments to an entity or individual to whom HCA directed the Contractor to suspend payments, HCA may impose sanctions in accordance with the Sanctions Subsection of this Contract.
- 12.8.7 The Contractor shall maintain for a minimum of ten (10) years from the date of issuance all materials documenting:
- 12.8.7.1 Details of payment suspensions that were imposed in whole or in part; and

- 12.8.7.2 Each instance when HCA directed the Contractor to not enforce a payment suspension.
- 12.8.8 If any government entity, either from restitutions, recoveries, penalties, or fines imposed following a criminal prosecution or guilty plea, or through a civil settlement or judgment, or any other form of civil action, receives a monetary recovery from any entity or individual, the entirety of such monetary recovery belongs exclusively to the state of Washington and the Contractor and any involved Subcontractor have no claim to any portion of such recovery.
- 12.8.9 The Contractor is fully subrogated, and shall require its Subcontractors to agree to subrogate, to the state of Washington for all criminal, civil, and administrative action recoveries undertaken by any government entity, including, but not limited to, all claims the Contractor or Subcontractor has or may have against any entity or individual that directly or indirectly receives funds under this Contract, including, but not limited to, any Health Care Provider, manufacturer, wholesale or retail supplier, sales representative, laboratory, or other Provider in the design, manufacture, marketing, pricing, or quality of drugs, pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, medical devices, Medical Equipment, or other health care related products or services.
- 12.8.10 Any funds recovered and retained by a government entity will be reported to HCA's designated actuary to consider in the rate-setting process.
- 12.8.11 For the purposes of this Section, "subrogation" means the right of any state of Washington government entity or local law enforcement to stand in the place of a Contractor or client in the collection against a third party.

**12.9 Excluded Individuals and Entities**

12.9.1 The Contractor and its Subcontractors are prohibited from paying with funds received under this Contract for goods and services furnished by an excluded person, at the medical direction, or on the prescription of an excluded person. The Contractor shall notify the suppliers of the excluded individual and allow the suppliers a grace period of fifteen (15) calendar days from the notification to stop all prescription fills (SSA § 1903(i)(2); 42 C.F.R. §§ 455.104, 455.106, and 1001.1901(b)).

12.9.1.1 The Contractor shall monitor for excluded individuals and entities by:

- 12.9.1.1.1 Screening Contractor and Subcontractor individuals and entities with an ownership or control interest during the initial Provider application, credentialing, and recredentialing processes, and prior to entering into a contractual or other relationship where the individual or entity would benefit directly or indirectly from funds received under this Contract and payable by a federal health care program.
- 12.9.1.1.2 Screening individuals during the initial Provider application, credentialing, and recredentialing process and before entering into a contractual or other relationship where the individual would benefit directly or indirectly from funds received under this Contract or payable by a federal health care program.
- 12.9.1.1.3 Screening the LEIE and SAM lists monthly by the

15th of each month for all Contractor and Subcontractor individuals and entities with an ownership or control interest, and individuals defined as affiliates in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, of an individual that is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from participating in procurement activities, and individuals that would benefit from funds received under this Contract for newly added excluded individuals and entities (42 C.F.R. § 438.610(a) and (b), CMS State Medicaid Director Letter dated February 20, 1998).

- 12.9.1.2 The Contractor will not make any payments for goods or services that directly or indirectly benefit any excluded individual or entity effective with the date of exclusion. The Contractor will immediately recover any payments for goods and services it discovers that benefit excluded individuals and entities.
- 12.9.1.3 The Contractor shall immediately terminate any employment, contractual and control relationships with any excluded individual or entity discovered during its Provider screening processes, including the Provider application, credentialing, and recredentialing, and shall report these individuals and entities to HCA within five (5) Business Days of discovery.
- 12.9.1.4 HCA may impose civil monetary penalties against the Contractor if it employs or enters into a contract with an excluded individual or entity to provide goods or services to Enrollees (SSA §1128A (a)(6) and 42 C.F.R. § 1003.102(a)(2)).
- 12.9.1.5 An individual or entity is considered to have an ownership or control interest if they have direct or indirect ownership of 5 percent or more, or are a managing employee (e.g., a general manager, business manager, administrator, or director) who exercises operational or managerial control, or who directly or indirectly conducts day-to-day operations (SSA § 1126(b)C.F.R. § 455.104(a).
- 12.9.1.6 If HCA notifies the Contractor that an individual or entity is excluded from participation by HCA, the Contractor shall immediately terminate all beneficial, employment, and contractual and control relationships with the excluded individual or entity (WAC 182-502-0030).
- 12.9.1.7 HCA will validate that the Contractor is conducting all screenings required by this Section during its annual monitoring review.

## **12.10 Program Integrity Reporting**

- 12.10.1 All Program Integrity notification and reporting to HCA shall be in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions of this Contract unless otherwise specified herein.
- 12.10.2 When the Contractor submits Program Integrity notification and reports to HCA, the Contractor is certifying that the notifications and reports are true, complete,

and accurate.

12.10.3 All Program Integrity notification and reports shall be submitted through the MC-Track application unless otherwise instructed in this Section and/or within the notification form or report templates. Deliverables must be approved by HCA via MC-Track to be considered on time. Any deliverable that has not been accepted and executed by the due date shown is considered past due. Failure to submit reports on time may be subject to sanctions or liquidated damages. See table below of the listing of notification forms and reports and their respective due dates:

<b>DELIVERABLES</b>	<b>FREQUENCY</b>	<b>DUE DATE</b>
Program Integrity Report	Monthly	Thirty (30) calendar days after the end of the reporting month
Provider Termination Report	Monthly	Thirty (30) calendar days after the end of the reporting month
Annual Program Integrity Plan for WA State	Annual	March 1 of each calendar year
Annual Program Integrity Report for WA State	Annual	March 1 of each calendar year
Audited Financial Report	Annual	June 5 of each calendar year
Audited Encounter Data Report*	Annual	June 5 of each calendar year *(first report due June 5, 2026)
Records	On Request, or while On-site	By the date specified in HCA's record request or while onsite
HCA Medicaid Provider Disclosure Statement Form HCA-09-048	Ad Hoc	Within thirty-five (35) calendar days of an owner change
WA Excluded Individual Reporting Form	Ad Hoc	Within five (5) Business Days from the date of discovery
WA Fraud Referral Form	Ad Hoc	Within five (5) Business Days from the date of determining an allegation of potential fraud exists
FWA Correspondence	Ad Hoc	Within thirty (30) Business Days from date of correspondence

12.10.4 On a monthly basis, the Contractor shall use the Program Integrity Reporting Form to report the following:

12.10.4.1 Program Integrity Activities and all required notifications referenced in the Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Subsection of this Contract.

12.10.5 On a monthly basis, the Contractor shall use the Provider Termination Report to report the following:

12.10.5.1 Termination for convenience;

12.10.5.2 Provider self-termination;

12.10.5.3 Terminations due to:

12.10.5.3.1 Sanctions;

12.10.5.3.2 Invalid Licenses;

12.10.5.3.3 Services or Billing Errors;

- 12.10.5.3.4 Re-credentialing Errors;
  - 12.10.5.3.5 Data Mining;
  - 12.10.5.3.6 Investigation; or
  - 12.10.5.3.7 Any other related Program Integrity involuntary terminations.
- 12.10.6 On an annual basis, the Contractor shall use the HCA Annual Program Integrity Report to report the following:
- 12.10.6.1 Details of all the Program Integrity activities conducted by the Contractor the prior year. This includes all Program Integrity activities such as, but not limited to, algorithms, data analytics, clinical reviews, audits, and investigations.
- 12.10.7 The Contractor is responsible for investigating Enrollee Fraud, Waste, and Abuse. If the Contractor suspects Enrollee Fraud:
- 12.10.7.1 The Contractor shall notify and submit all associated information of any alleged or investigated cases in which the Contractor believes there is a serious likelihood of Enrollee Fraud to HCA Division of Audit, Integrity, and Oversight (DAIO):
    - 12.10.7.1.1 Sending an email to [WAHEligibilityFraud@hca.wa.gov](mailto:WAHEligibilityFraud@hca.wa.gov); or
    - 12.10.7.1.2 Calling DAIO at 360-725-0934 and leaving a detailed voice mail message; or
    - 12.10.7.1.3 Mailing a written referral to:
      - Health Care Authority
      - Attention: DAIO
      - P.O. Box 45503
      - Olympia, WA 98504-5503

Or
    - 12.10.7.1.4 Faxing the written complaint to Attention Washington Apple Health Eligibility Fraud at 360-763-4716.
- 12.10.8 Any excluded individuals and entities discovered in the screening described in the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Subsection of this Contract, including the Provider application, credentialing, and recredentialing processes, must be reported to HCA within five (5) Business Days of discovery. The identified excluded individual/entities shall be reported using the WA Excluded Individual Reporting Form.
- 12.10.9 The Contractor shall investigate and disclose to HCA, within five (5) calendar days of Contractor's discovery or upon request from HCA, the identity of any person who has been convicted of a criminal offense related to that person's involvement in Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP since the inception of those programs and:
- 12.10.9.1 Who is an agent or person who has been delegated the authority to obligate or act on behalf of the Contractor; or



- 12.10.9.2 Any person entering into a Provider or Subcontractor agreement with the Contractor, or
  - 12.10.9.3 Any person who has ownership or control interest in a Provider or Subcontractor, or
  - 12.10.9.4 Is an agent or managing employee of the Provider or Subcontractor.
- 12.10.10 The Contractor and any person entering into a Provider or Subcontractor agreement, or a person who has ownership or control interest in a Provider or Subcontractor, or is an agent or managing employee of the Provider or Subcontractor, shall, on a monthly basis, check the LEIE and SAM database to identify any excluded individuals/entities. Documentation shall be kept validating the review of the databases and provided to HCA upon request.
- 12.10.11 The Contractor shall submit to HCA via MC-Track using the Newborn Payment Assistance Request Form (NB PARF) for newborn retro-enrollment and the Payment Assistance Request Form (PARF) for all other payment and enrollment inquiries, including, but not limited to, Service Base Enhancements (e.g., DCR, WISE), regular Premium payments, and other demographic changes that may impact eligibility (e.g., DOD, out-of-state address). Please refer to MC-Track for current templates and instructions.
- 12.10.12 The Contractor shall submit an Annual Program Integrity Plan of activities the Contractor plans for the upcoming year. The Plan shall include all Program Integrity activities such as, but not limited to, algorithms, data analytics, clinical reviews, audits, and investigations.

**12.11 Access to Records, and On-site Inspections and Periodic Audits**

- 12.11.1 The Contractor and its Providers and Subcontractors shall permit the state of Washington (including HCA, MFCD, and state auditor) and federal agencies (including but not limited to CMS, the Government Accountability the Office, Office of Management and Budget, the HHS Office of the Inspector General, the Comptroller General, and their designees) to access, inspect, and audit any records or documents of the Contractor or its Providers and Subcontractors, at any time, and shall permit inspection of the premises, physical facilities, and equipment where Medicaid-related activities or work is conducted, at any time.
- 12.11.2 The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall forthwith produce all records, documents, or other data requested as part of such inspection, review, audit, investigation, monitoring, or evaluation identified in subsection 12.11.1. If the requesting agency requests copies of records, documents, or other data, the Contractor and its Subcontractors shall make copies of records and shall deliver them to the requestor, within thirty (30) calendar days of request, or any shorter timeframe as authorized by law or court order. Copies of records and documents shall be made at no cost to the requesting agency. (42 C.F.R. § 455.21(a)(2); 42 C.F.R. § 431.107(b)(2)). The right for the parties named above to audit, access, and inspect under this Section exists for ten (10) years from the final date of the contract period or from the date of completion of any audit, whichever is later, or any other timeframe authorized by law. (42 C.F.R. § 438.3(h)).
- 12.11.3 A record, in this Section, includes, but is not limited to:
- 12.11.3.1 Medical records;

- 12.11.3.2 Billing records;
  - 12.11.3.3 Financial records;
  - 12.11.3.4 Any record related to services rendered, quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of service;
  - 12.11.3.5 Any record relevant to an administrative, civil or criminal investigation or prosecution; and
  - 12.11.3.6 Any record of a Contractor-paid claim or encounter, or a Contractor-denied claim or encounter.
- 12.11.4 Upon request, the Contractor, its Provider or Subcontractor shall provide and make staff available to assist in such inspection, review, audit, investigation, monitoring or evaluation, including the provision of adequate space on the premises to reasonably accommodate HCA, MFCD or other state or federal agency.
  - 12.11.5 HCA will conduct, or contract for the conduct of, periodic audits of the Contractor no less frequently than once every three (3) years of the accuracy, truthfulness, and completeness of the encounter and financial data submitted by, or on behalf of, each Contractor. (42 C.F.R. 438.602(e)).

**12.12 Affiliations with Debarred or Suspended Persons**

- 12.12.1 Pursuant to SSA § 1932(d)(1)(A), (42 U.S.C. § 1396u-2(d)(1)(A)) and 42 C.F.R. § 438.610:
  - 12.12.1.1 The Contractor shall not knowingly have a director, officer, partner, or person with beneficial ownership of more than 5 percent of the Contractor's equity who has been debarred or suspended from participating in procurement activities under the Federal Acquisition Regulation or from participating in non-procurement activities under regulations issued pursuant to Executive Order No. 12549 or under guidelines implementing such order.
  - 12.12.1.2 The Contractor shall not knowingly have a director, officer, partner, or person with beneficial ownership of more than 5 percent of the Contractor's equity who is affiliated with another person who has been debarred or suspended from participating in procurement activities under the Federal Acquisition Regulation or from participating in non-procurement activities under regulations issued pursuant to Executive Order No. 12549 or under guidelines implementing such order.
  - 12.12.1.3 The Contractor shall not knowingly have an employment, consulting, or any other contractual agreement with a person or entity for the provision of items or services that are significant and material to this Contract, when the person or entity has been debarred or suspended from participating in:

- 12.12.1.3.1 Procurement activities under the Federal Acquisition Regulation; or

- 12.12.1.3.2 Non-procurement activities under regulations issued

pursuant to Executive Order No. 12549 or under guidelines implementing such order.

- 12.12.2 The Contractor shall agree and certify it does not employ or contract, directly or indirectly, with any person or entity:
  - 12.12.2.1 Debarred or suspended from participating in procurement activities under the Federal Acquisition Regulation or from participating in non-procurement activities under regulations issued pursuant to Executive Order No. 12549 or under guidelines implementing such order.
  - 12.12.2.2 Excluded from Medicaid or other federal health care program participation under Sections 1128 (42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7) or 1128A (42 U.S.C. § 1320a) of the Social Security Act for the provision of health care, utilization review, medical social work, or administrative services or who could be excluded under Section 1128(b)(8) of the Social Security Act as being controlled by a sanctioned individual;
  - 12.12.2.3 Discharged or suspended from doing business with HCA; or
  - 12.12.2.4 Has a direct or indirect contractual relationship with an individual convicted of certain crimes as described in Section 1128(b)(8) of the Social Security Act.

### **12.13 Transparency**

- 12.13.1 HCA shall post on its website, as required by 42 C.F.R. § 438.10(c)(3), the following documents and reports:
  - 12.13.1.1 This Contract;
  - 12.13.1.2 The data at 42 C.F.R. § 438.604(a)(5) which HCA certifies that the Contractor has complied with the Contract requirements for availability and accessibility of services, including adequacy of the Provider Network, as set forth in 42 C.F.R. § 438.206;
  - 12.13.1.3 The name and title of individuals included in 42 C.F.R. § 438.604(a)(6) to confirm ownership and control of the Contractor, described in 42 C.F.R. § 455.104, and Subcontractors as governed by 42 C.F.R. § 438.230; and
  - 12.13.1.4 The results of any audits, under 42 C.F.R. 438.602(e), of the accuracy, truthfulness, and completeness of the encounter and financial data submitted and certified by the Contractor.
- 12.13.2 In accordance with RCW 74.09.195, HCA will post performance metrics and outcomes on its website.

### **12.14 Liquidated Damages**

- 12.14.1 HCA may impose liquidated damages on the Contractor in any of the following circumstances:
  - 12.14.1.1 Overpayments identified by HCA in its conduct of Program Integrity activities that were paid by the Contractor to its Providers or Subcontractors that were not found in any reports the Contractor

provided to HCA;

- 12.14.1.2 If the Contractor fails to recover an Overpayment from a Subcontractor or Provider within the timeline stated in WAC 182-502A-1101;
  - 12.14.1.3 If the Contractor fails to report or inaccurately reports Overpayments identified or recovered in its monthly Program Integrity Report;
  - 12.14.1.4 If the Contractor fails to report or inaccurately reports encounter data; or
  - 12.14.1.5 Any default by the Contractor on any material obligation or any other circumstances specified elsewhere in this Contract.
- 12.14.2 If HCA determines that liquidated damages will be imposed in accordance with this Section, the Contractor shall be notified in writing, in a Notice of Damages. The Contractor may request a dispute resolution as described in the Disputes Section of this Contract if the Contractor disagrees with HCA's determination.
- 12.14.3 HCA may assess liquidated damages against the Contractor regardless of whether the Contractor's failure to meet its obligation is the fault of the Contractor (including a Subcontractor, Network Providers, out-of-network provider, agent, and/or consultant), provided that HCA itself, MFCD, or other state or federal agency did not materially cause or contribute to the Contractor's failure to meet its obligation.
- 12.14.4 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit HCA's authority to investigate, audit, or otherwise obtain recoveries from a Network Provider, out-of-network Provider, Contractor, Subcontractor, or third party.
- 12.14.5 The liquidated damages specified in this Section are not intended to be in the nature of a penalty, but are intended to be reasonable estimates of HCA's projected financial loss and/or damage to the program resulting from the Contractor's nonperformance, including financial loss as a result of audit, investigation, or review delays. Accordingly, if the Contractor fails to perform in accordance with this Contract, HCA may assess liquidated damages as provided in this Section.
- 12.14.6 HCA may assess liquidated damages in an amount equal to or up to five times the amount of an Overpayment or the amount of damage caused by a default on a material obligation, if not based on an Overpayment.
- 12.14.7 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit HCA's authority to sanction the Contractor, without a cure period, for non-performance of conducting Program Integrity activities as required in this Contract under applicable law.

## 13 GRIEVANCE AND APPEAL SYSTEM

### 13.1 General Requirements

- 13.1.1 The Contractor shall have a Grievance and Appeal System which complies with the requirements of 42 C.F.R. § 438 Subpart F and chapters 182-538, 182-526, and 284-43 WAC, insofar as those WACs are not in conflict with 42 C.F.R. § 438, Subpart F. The Grievance and Appeal System includes a Grievance Process, a single level of appeal, access to the state's Administrative Hearing process, and access to independent review through the Contractor. NOTE: Provider claim disputes initiated by the Provider are not subject to this Section.
- 13.1.2 The Contractor shall have policies and procedures addressing the Grievance and Appeal System, which comply with the requirements of this Contract. HCA must approve, in writing, all Grievance and Appeal System policies and procedures and related notices to Enrollees regarding the Grievance and Appeal System.
- 13.1.3 The Contractor is an independent party and is responsible for its own representation in any Administrative Hearing, independent review, review by the Board of Appeals, and subsequent judicial proceedings.
- 13.1.4 The Contractor shall provide information on the covered person's right to obtain a second opinion (WAC 284-43-4020(2)(h)).
- 13.1.5 The Contractor shall inform Enrollees about Behavioral Health advocate services, including how to access these services, and provide Enrollees any reasonable assistance necessary in completing forms and other procedural steps for Grievances and Appeals (42 C.F.R. § 438.406(a) and WAC 284-43-4020(2)(d)). Enrollees may also use the free and confidential Behavioral Health advocate services for assistance with Grievances and Appeals.
- 13.1.6 The Contractor shall cooperate with any representative authorized in writing by the Enrollee (WAC 284-43-4020(2)(e), and 42 C.F.R. § 438.402(c)(1)(ii)).
- 13.1.6.1 Written authorizations must include the Enrollee name, Enrollee signature, and the name of the authorized representative.
- 13.1.7 The Contractor shall consider all information submitted by the Enrollee or representative (WAC 284-43-4020(2)(f)).
- 13.1.8 The Contractor shall ensure that decision makers on Grievances and Appeals were not involved in previous levels of review or decision-making, nor were they a subordinate or direct report of any such individual (42 C.F.R. § 438.406(b)(2)(i) and WAC 284-43-4040(4)).
- 13.1.9 A physician, doctoral level psychologist, certified addiction medicine specialist, or pharmacist, as appropriate, shall review any Behavioral Health Appeal of care based on medical necessity.
- 13.1.10 Decisions regarding Grievances and Appeals shall be made by individuals with clinical expertise in treating the Enrollee's condition or disease if any of the following apply (42 C.F.R. § 438.406(b)(2)):
- 13.1.10.1 If the Enrollee is appealing an Adverse Benefit Determination concerning medical necessity, including any decision to not authorize the service in an amount, duration or scope less than requested.

- 13.1.10.2 If an Enrollee Grievance concerns a denial of expedited resolution of an Appeal.
- 13.1.10.3 If the Grievance or Appeal involves any clinical issues.
- 13.1.11 With respect to any decisions that involve Behavioral Health, the Contractor shall ensure that the individuals making such decisions:
  - 13.1.11.1 Have clinical expertise in treating the Enrollee's condition or disease that is age appropriate when clinically indicated (e.g., a pediatric psychiatrist for a child Enrollee).
  - 13.1.11.2 Are physician board-certified or board-eligible in Psychiatry or Child Psychiatry if the Grievance or Appeal is related to inpatient level of care denials for psychiatric treatment.
  - 13.1.11.3 Are physician board-certified or board-eligible in Addiction Medicine, a Sub-specialty in Addiction Psychiatry or by ASAM, if the Grievance or Appeal is related to inpatient level of care denials for SUD treatment.
  - 13.1.11.4 Are one or more of the following, as appropriate, if a clinical Grievance or Appeal is not related to inpatient level of care denials for psychiatric or SUD treatment:
    - 13.1.11.4.1 Physicians board-certified or board-eligible in Psychiatry, Addiction Medicine or a sub-specialty in Addiction Psychiatry or by ASAM;
    - 13.1.11.4.2 Licensed, doctoral level psychologists; or
    - 13.1.11.4.3 Pharmacists.

## **13.2 Grievance Process**

- 13.2.1 The following requirements are specific to the Grievance Process:
  - 13.2.1.1 An Enrollee or the Enrollee's authorized representative may file a Grievance with the Contractor at any time. Only an Enrollee or the Enrollee's authorized representative may file a Grievance with the Contractor; a Provider may not file a Grievance on behalf of an Enrollee (42 C.F.R. § 438.402(c)(1)(ii)) unless the Provider is acting on behalf of the Enrollee and with the Enrollee's written consent.
  - 13.2.1.2 Enrollee Grievances must be filed with the Contractor, not with HCA. HCA will forward any Grievance received by HCA to the Contractor for resolution.
  - 13.2.1.3 The Contractor shall accept, document, record, and process Grievances forwarded by HCA or DSHS.
  - 13.2.1.4 The Contractor shall acknowledge receipt of each Grievance, either orally or in writing, within two (2) Business Days.
  - 13.2.1.5 The Contractor shall provide a written response to HCA within three (3) Business Days to any constituent grievance unless HCA

requests an expedited response. For the purpose of this subsection, “constituent grievance” means a complaint or request for information from any state or federal elected official or any state or federal agency director or designee.

13.2.1.6 The Contractor shall investigate and resolve all Grievances whether received orally or in writing. The Contractor shall not require an Enrollee or his/her authorized representative to provide written follow-up for a Grievance the Contractor received orally (WAC 182-538-110(3)).

13.2.1.7 The Contractor shall complete the resolution of a Grievance and notice to the affected parties as expeditiously as the Enrollee’s health condition requires, but no later than forty-five (45) calendar days from receipt of the Grievance. The Contractor may extend the timeframe for processing a Grievance by up to fourteen (14) calendar days if the Enrollee requests the extension. For any extension not requested by an Enrollee, the Contractor must document that there is need for additional information and that the delay is in the Enrollee’s best interest and give the Enrollee prompt oral notice of the delay.

13.2.1.7.1 If the Contractor extends the timeline for a Grievance not at the request of the Enrollee, it must give the Enrollee written notice within two (2) calendar days, of the reason for the decision to extend the timeframe and inform the Enrollee of the right to file a Grievance if he or she disagrees with that decision. 42 C.F.R. § 438.408(c)(2)(ii); and 42 C.F.R. § 438.408(b)(1).

13.2.1.8 The Contractor must notify Enrollees of the resolution of Grievances within five (5) Business Days of determination. The notification may be orally or in writing for Grievances not involving clinical issues. Notices of disposition for clinical issues must be in writing, be easily understood, and meet all Enrollee communications requirements in Subsection 3.6.

13.2.1.9 Enrollees do not have the right to a hearing in regard to the resolution of a Grievance, except to address the Contractor’s failure to adhere to the notice and timing requirements for Grievances (WAC 182-538-110(4)).

### **13.3 Appeal Process**

13.3.1 The following requirements are specific to the Appeal process:

13.3.1.1 An Enrollee, the Enrollee’s authorized representative, or a Provider acting on behalf of the Enrollee and with the Enrollee’s written consent, may Appeal a Contractor’s Adverse Benefit Determination (42 C.F.R. § 438.402(c)(1)(ii)).

13.3.1.1.1 If a Provider has requested an Appeal on behalf of an Enrollee, but without the Enrollee’s written consent, the Contractor shall not dismiss the Appeal without

first contacting the Enrollee, informing the Enrollee within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the Provider's request, that an Appeal has been made on the Enrollee's behalf, and then asking if the Enrollee would like to continue the Appeal. The Contractor shall make at least three attempts to contact the Enrollee on three different Business Days, at three different times during the day, without success, prior to dismissing the Provider-initiated appeal request.

- 13.3.1.1.2 If the Enrollee wants to continue the Appeal, the Contractor shall obtain from the Enrollee a written consent for the Appeal. If the Enrollee does not wish to continue the Appeal, the Contractor shall formally dismiss the Appeal, in writing, with appropriate Enrollee Appeal rights and by delivering a copy of the dismissal to the Provider as well as the Enrollee.
- 13.3.1.1.3 For expedited Appeals, the Contractor may bypass the requirement for Enrollee written consent and obtain Enrollee oral consent. The Enrollee's oral consent shall be documented in the Contractor's UMP records.
- 13.3.1.2 If HCA receives a request to Appeal an Adverse Benefit Determination of the Contractor, HCA will forward relevant information to the Contractor and the Contractor will contact the Enrollee.
- 13.3.1.3 The Contractor shall acknowledge in writing the receipt of each standard Appeal. The Contractor shall provide the written notice to both the Enrollee and requesting Provider within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the Appeal (42 C.F.R. § 438.406(b)(1)).
- 13.3.1.4 For standard and expedited Appeals of authorization decisions, an Enrollee, or a Provider acting on behalf of the Enrollee, must file an Appeal, either orally or in writing, within sixty (60) calendar days of the date on the Contractor's Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination (42 C.F.R. § 438.402(c)(2) and WAC 182-538-110).
- 13.3.1.5 For Appeals for termination, suspension, or reduction of previously authorized services when the Enrollee requests continuation of such services, an Enrollee must file an Appeal within ten (10) calendar days of the date of the Contractor's mailing of the Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination. If the Enrollee is notified in a timely manner and the Enrollee's request for continuation of services is not timely, the Contractor is not obligated to continue services and the timeframes for Appeals of standard resolution apply (42 C.F.R. § 438.420 and WAC 182-538-110).
- 13.3.1.6 The Enrollee may request an Appeal either orally or in writing (42 C.F.R. § 438.402(c)(3)(ii)).
  - 13.3.1.6.1 During the Appeal process, the Contractor shall



proactively engage the Enrollee offering alternative treatment or pathway of care steps, Care Coordination, or explaining the continuation of benefits to support meeting Medically Necessary care.

- 13.3.1.7 The Appeal process shall provide the Enrollee a reasonable opportunity to present evidence, and allegations of fact or law, in person as well as in writing. The Contractor shall inform the Enrollee of the limited time available for this sufficiently in advance of the resolution timeframe for Appeals in the case of expedited resolution (42 C.F.R. § 438.406(b)(4).
- 13.3.1.8 The Appeal process shall provide the Enrollee and the Enrollee's representative copies of the Enrollee's case file, including medical records, other documents and records relied on, or generated by the Contractor (or at the direction of the Contractor) in connection with the Appeal of the Adverse Benefit Determination. This information must be provided upon request by either the Enrollee or the Enrollee's representative and free of charge and sufficiently in advance of the resolution timeframe for Appeals as specified in 42 C.F.R § 438.406(b)(5).
- 13.3.1.9 The Appeal process shall include as parties to the Appeal, the Enrollee and the Enrollee's representative, or the legal representative of the deceased Enrollee's estate (42 C.F.R. § 438.406(b)(6)).
- 13.3.1.10 In any Appeal of an Adverse Benefit Determination by a Subcontractor, the Contractor or its Subcontractor shall apply the Contractor's own clinical practice guidelines, standards, protocols, or other criteria that pertain to authorizing specific services.
- 13.3.1.11 The Contractor shall resolve each Appeal and provide notice, as expeditiously as the Enrollee's health condition requires, within the following timeframes (42 C.F.R. § 438.408):
  - 13.3.1.11.1 For standard resolution of Appeals and for Appeals for termination, suspension, or reduction of previously authorized services a decision must be made within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt of the Appeal, unless the Contractor notifies the Enrollee that an extension is necessary to complete the Appeal; however, the extension cannot delay the decision beyond twenty-eight (28) calendar days of the request for Appeal. For any extension not requested by an Enrollee, the Contractor shall resolve the Appeal as expeditiously as the Enrollee's health condition requires and no later than the date the extension expires.
  - 13.3.1.11.2 Standard Appeal timeframes apply to post-service denials.

- 13.3.1.11.3 The Enrollee may request an extension in the timeframe for processing an Appeal for up to fourteen (14) calendar days. For any extension not requested by an Enrollee, the Contractor must document how the delay is in the Enrollee's best interest and make reasonable efforts to provide oral notice of the delay.
  - 13.3.1.11.3.1 The Contractor must follow up the oral notification within two (2) calendar days with written notice of the reason for the decision to extend the timeframe and inform the Enrollee of the right to file a Grievance if he or she disagrees with that decision.
- 13.3.1.12 The Contractor shall provide notice of resolution of the Appeal in a language and format, which may be understood by the Enrollee. The notice of the resolution of the Appeal shall:
  - 13.3.1.12.1 Be in writing and sent to the Enrollee and the requesting Provider. For notice of an expedited resolution, the Contractor shall also make reasonable efforts to provide oral notice (42 C.F.R. § 438.408(d)).
  - 13.3.1.12.2 Include the date completed and reasons for the determination in easily understood language (42 C.F.R. § 438.408(e)).
  - 13.3.1.12.3 Include a written statement of the clinical rationale for the decision, including how the requesting Provider or Enrollee may obtain the UMP clinical review or decision-making criteria.
  - 13.3.1.12.4 For Appeals not resolved wholly in favor of the Enrollee (42 C.F.R. § 438.408(e)(2)):
    - 13.3.1.12.4.1 Include information on the Enrollee's right to request a hearing and an independent review and how to do so.
    - 13.3.1.12.4.2 Include information on the Enrollee's right to receive services while the hearing is pending and how to make the request.
    - 13.3.1.12.4.3 Inform the Enrollee that the Enrollee may be held liable for the amount the Contractor pays for services received while the hearing is pending in accordance with RCW 74.09.741, if the hearing decision upholds the Contractor's Adverse Benefit Determination.

#### **13.4 Expedited Appeal Process**

- 13.4.1 The Contractor shall establish and maintain an expedited Appeal review process for Appeals when the Contractor determines or a Provider indicates

that taking the time for a standard resolution could seriously jeopardize the Enrollee's life, physical or mental health or ability to attain, maintain, or regain maximum function (42 C.F.R. § 438.410(a)).

- 13.4.2 The Enrollee may file an expedited Appeal either orally or in writing (WAC 182-538-110).
- 13.4.3 The Contractor shall acknowledge the receipt of each expedited Appeal orally or in writing within 72 hours (42 C.F.R. § 438.406(b)(1)).
- 13.4.4 The Contractor shall resolve each Appeal and provide notice, as expeditiously as the Enrollee's health condition requires, within the following timeframes (42 C.F.R. § 438.408(b)(2)-(3)):
  - 13.4.4.1 For expedited resolution of Appeals, Appeals of Concurrent Review authorizations, or Appeals of mental health drug authorization decisions, including notice to the affected parties, the Contractor shall make a decision within seventy-two (72) hours after the Contractor receives the appeal. The Contractor shall also make reasonable efforts to provide oral notice of the decision.
  - 13.4.4.2 The Enrollee may request an extension in the timeframe for processing an Appeal for up to fourteen (14) calendar days. For any extension not requested by an Enrollee, the Contractor must document that there is need for additional information and how the delay is in the Enrollee's best interest and make reasonable efforts to provide oral notice of the delay. If the Contractor extends the timeline for processing an expedited Appeal not at the request of the Enrollee, it must resolve the Appeal as expeditiously as the Enrollee's health condition requires and no later than the date the extension expires.
    - 13.4.4.2.1 The Contractor must follow up the oral notification within two (2) calendar days with written notice of the reason for the decision to extend the timeframe and inform the Enrollee of the right to file a Grievance if he or she disagrees with that decision.
- 13.4.5 The Contractor shall ensure that punitive action is not taken against a Provider who requests an expedited resolution or supports an Enrollee's Appeal (42 C.F.R. § 438.410(b)).
- 13.4.6 If the Contractor denies a request for expedited resolution of an Appeal, it shall transfer the Appeal to the timeframe for standard resolution and make reasonable efforts to give the Enrollee prompt oral notice of the denial and follow up within two (2) calendar days with a written notice of denial (42 C.F.R. § 438.410(c)).
- 13.4.7 The Enrollee has a right to file a Grievance regarding the Contractor's denial of a request for expedited resolution. The Contractor must inform the Enrollee of their right to file a Grievance in the notice of denial.

## **13.5 Administrative Hearing**

- 13.5.1 Only the Enrollee or the Enrollee's authorized representative may request a hearing. A Provider may request a hearing on behalf of an Enrollee only with the Enrollee's written consent.

- 13.5.2 If an Enrollee does not agree with the Contractor's resolution of an Appeal, the Enrollee may file a request for a hearing within the following time frames (See WAC 182-526-0200):
  - 13.5.2.1 For hearings regarding a standard service, within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days of the date of the notice of the resolution of the Appeal (42 C.F.R. § 438.408(f)(2) and WAC 182-538-110).
  - 13.5.2.2 For hearings regarding termination, suspension, or reduction of a previously authorized service, if the Enrollee requests continuation of services, within ten (10) calendar days of the date on the Contractor's mailing of the notice of the resolution of the Appeal. If the Enrollee is notified in a timely manner and the Enrollee's request for continuation of services is not timely, the Contractor is not obligated to continue services and the timeframes for a hearing regarding a standard service apply (42 C.F.R. § 438.420).
- 13.5.3 If the Enrollee requests a hearing, the Contractor shall provide to HCA and the Enrollee, upon request, and within three (3) Business Days, and for expedited Appeals, within one (1) Business Day, all Contractor-held documentation related to the Appeal, including, but not limited to, any transcript(s), records, or written decision(s) from Participating Providers or delegated entities.
- 13.5.4 When medical necessity is an issue, the Contractor's medical director or designee shall review all cases where a hearing is requested and any related Appeals and the outcome of any independent review.
- 13.5.5 The Enrollee must exhaust Appeal rights prior to filing a request for a hearing with HCA. If the Contractor fails to adhere to the appeal notice and timing requirements, the Enrollee is deemed to have exhausted the Appeal process and may initiate a hearing (42 C.F.R § 438.408(c)(3)).
- 13.5.6 The Contractor will be bound by the final order, whether or not the final order upholds the Contractor's decision. Implementation of the final order shall not be the basis for termination of enrollment by the Contractor.
- 13.5.7 If the final order is not within the purview of this Contract, then HCA will be responsible for the implementation of the final order.
- 13.5.8 The hearings process shall include as parties to the hearing the Contractor, the Enrollee, and the Enrollee's representative, or the legal representative of the deceased Enrollee's estate, and HCA.

### **13.6 Independent Review**

- 13.6.1 After exhausting both the Contractor's Appeal process and the Administrative Hearing, the Enrollee has the right to request an independent review in accordance with RCW 48.43.535 and chapter 182-538 WAC.
- 13.6.2 The Contractor will advise the HCA Appeals Administrator at P.O. Box 45504, Olympia, WA 98504-5504 when an Enrollee requests an independent review as soon as the Contractor becomes aware of the request. The Contractor will forward a copy of the decision made by the Independent Review Organization to the Appeals Administrator as soon as the Contractor receives the decision.

### **13.7 Petition for Review**

- 13.7.1 Any party may Appeal the initial order from the Administrative Hearing to the

HCA Board of Appeals in accordance with chapter 182-526 WAC. Notice of this right shall be included in the initial order from the Administrative Hearing.

### **13.8 Continuation of Services**

13.8.1 The Contractor shall continue the Enrollee's services if all of the following apply (42 C.F.R. § 438.420):

13.8.1.1 An Appeal, hearing, or independent review, is requested on or before the later of the following:

13.8.1.1.1 Within ten (10) calendar days of the Contractor mailing the notice of Adverse Benefit Determination.

13.8.1.1.2 The intended effective date of the Contractor's proposed Adverse Benefit Determination.

13.8.1.2 The Appeal involves the termination, suspension, or reduction of a previously authorized course of treatment.

13.8.1.3 The services were ordered by an authorized Provider.

13.8.1.4 The original period covered by the original authorization has not expired.

13.8.1.5 The Enrollee requests an extension of services.

13.8.2 If, at the Enrollee's request, the Contractor continues or reinstates the Enrollee's services while the Appeal, hearing, or independent review, is pending, the services shall be continued until one of the following occurs (42 C.F.R. § 438.420 and WAC 182-526-0200 and WAC 182-538-110):

13.8.2.1 The Enrollee withdraws the Appeal, hearing, or independent review request.

13.8.2.2 The Enrollee has not requested a hearing (with continuation of services until the hearing decision is reached) within the ten (10) calendar days after the Contractor mailed the notice of resolution of the Appeal.

13.8.2.3 When the Office of Administrative Hearings issues a decision adverse to the Enrollee.

13.8.3 If the final resolution of the Appeal upholds the Contractor's Adverse Benefit Determination, the Contractor may recover from the Enrollee the amount paid for the services provided to the Enrollee for the first sixty (60) calendar days during which the Appeal was pending, to the extent that they were provided solely because of the requirement for continuation of services.

### **13.9 Effect of Reversed Resolutions of Appeals and Hearings**

13.9.1 If the Contractor, or an independent review (IR) decision by an independent review organization (IRO), or a final order from the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) or HCA Board of Appeals (BOA), reverses a decision to deny, limit, or delay services that were not provided while the Appeal was pending, the Contractor shall authorize or provide the disputed services promptly, and as expeditiously as the Enrollee's health condition requires, but no later than 72

hours from the date the Contractor receives notice reversing the determination (42 C.F.R. § 438.424(a)).

- 13.9.2 If the final order of OAH or HCA Board of Appeals, or an IRO reverses a decision to deny authorization of services, and the Enrollee received the disputed services while the Appeal was pending, the Contractor shall pay for those services (42 C.F.R. § 438.424(b)).

**13.10 Recording and Reporting Adverse Benefit Determinations, Grievances, Appeals, Administrative Hearings, and Independent Reviews**

- 13.10.1 The Contractor shall maintain accurate records of all Adverse Benefit Determinations, Grievances, Appeals, Administrative Hearings, and independent reviews. (42 C.F.R. § 438.416).

13.10.1.1 The records shall include Adverse Benefit Determinations, Grievances and Appeals handled by delegated entities, and all documents generated or obtained by the Contractor in the course of responding to such Adverse Benefit Determinations, Grievances, Appeals, Administrative Hearings, and independent reviews.

13.10.1.2 The Contractor shall provide a report of all Adverse Benefit Determinations, Grievances, Appeals, Administrative Hearings, and independent reviews to HCA.

13.10.1.2.1 The Contractor will separately track, trend and report Behavioral Health Adverse Benefit Determinations, Grievances, Appeals, Administrative Hearings, and independent reviews.

13.10.1.2.2 The Contractor will separately track, trend and report Grievances, Appeals, Administrative Hearings, and independent reviews for children/Youth referred to WISe.

13.10.1.3 The Contractor is responsible for maintenance of records for and reporting of any Grievance, Adverse Benefit Determinations, and Appeals handled by delegated entities.

13.10.1.4 Delegated Adverse Benefit Determinations, Grievances, and Appeals are to be integrated into the Contractor's report.

13.10.1.5 Data shall be reported to HCA on the Grievance, Adverse Benefit Determinations, and Appeals (GAA) report template quarterly on the last Business Day of October, January, April, and July. Reports with data errors shall be returned to the Contractor for correction. Corrected reports will be resubmitted to HCA within thirty (30) calendar days.

13.10.1.6 Reporting of Adverse Benefit Determinations shall include all denials or limited authorization of a requested service, including the type or level of service, and the reduction, suspension, or termination of a previously authorized service but will not include denials of payment to Providers unless the Enrollee is liable for payment in accordance with WAC 182-502-0160 and the provisions of this Contract.

13.10.1.7 Reporting of Grievances shall include all expressions of Enrollee dissatisfaction not related to an Adverse Benefit Determination. All Grievances are to be recorded and counted whether the Grievance is remedied by the Contractor immediately or through its Grievance and quality of care service procedures.

## 14 CARE COORDINATION

### 14.1 Continuity of Care

- 14.1.1 The Contractor shall ensure Continuity of Care for Enrollees in an active course of treatment for a chronic or acute physical or Behavioral Health condition, including children receiving WISe services and TAY who have a current care plan, Enrollees who are being released from correctional facilities, Enrollees receiving CBHS services transitioning from Behavioral Health personal care, and Enrollees who have been prescribed medications to treat SUD (e.g., medications for opioid use disorder, medications for alcohol use disorder).
- 14.1.2 The Contractor shall ensure continued access to services during a transition between FFS and the Contractor's MCO or BHSO program, or from one MCO or BHSO to another, in compliance with HCA's Transition of Care Policy (42 C.F.R. § 438.62). The Contractor shall ensure Medically Necessary care for Enrollees is not interrupted and transitions from one setting or level of care to another are supported with a Continuity of Care period that is no less than ninety (90) calendar days for all new Enrollees.
- 14.1.3 The Contractor shall honor service authorizations made by other systems such as FFS and Apple Health MCOs (42 C.F.R. § 438.208).
- 14.1.3.1 When a new Enrollee is already established on a Prescription Drug, the prescription must be approved for coverage for the first ninety (90) calendar days. During this Continuity of Care period, the Contractor will initiate the authorization process with the prescribing Provider and make the authorization determination before the 90-day approval ends.
- 14.1.4 The Contractor must approve payment for the dispensing of a refill of antipsychotic, antidepressant, antiepileptic medications without regard to length of enrollment or examination by a Participating Provider.
- 14.1.5 Continuity of Care for opioid coverage, used for the treatment of chronic non-cancer pain or pain related to cancer, hospice, palliative, or end-of-life care, has specific provisions and has a one-month Continuity of Care period while the Contractor initiates the authorization process and requests the completed attestation from the Provider. The Contractor shall collaborate with peer MCOs to promote patient safety when Enrollees transition from one MCO to another. The Contractor shall collaborate with Enrollees' opioid treatment Provider when Enrollees transition to FFS upon being made aware of an Enrollee's transition.
- 14.1.6 If the Enrollee's prescription expires during the Continuity of Care period, the Contractor shall facilitate a primary care visit and shall not deny the prescription. For the purposes of this subsection, a prescription expires when all refills are exhausted or one year from the written date for non-controlled substances or six (6) months from the written date for controlled substances.
- 14.1.6.1 If the Enrollee refuses an evaluation by a Participating Provider the Contractor may apply current coverage rules to the pharmacy claim.
- 14.1.7 When changes occur in the Contractor's Provider Network or service areas, the Contractor shall comply with the notification requirements identified in the Service Area and Provider Network Changes provisions in this Contract.
- 14.1.8 The Contractor shall make a good faith effort to preserve Enrollee-Provider



relationships, including relationships through transitions.

- 14.1.9 Where preservation of Provider relationships is not possible and reasonable, the Contractor shall assist the Enrollee to transition to a Provider who will provide equivalent, uninterrupted care as expeditiously as the Enrollee's physical and Behavioral Health condition requires.
- 14.1.10 The Contractor shall allow Enrollees to continue to receive care from Non-participating Providers with whom an Enrollee has a documented established relationship. The Contractor shall take the following steps:
  - 14.1.10.1 The Contractor must make a good faith effort to Subcontract with the established Non-participating Provider.
  - 14.1.10.2 If transition is necessary, the Contractor shall facilitate collaboration between the established Non-participating Provider and the new Participating Provider to plan a safe, clinically appropriate transition in care.
  - 14.1.10.3 If the Non-participating Provider or the Enrollee will not cooperate with a necessary transition, the Contractor may transfer the Enrollee's care to a Participating Provider within ninety (90) calendar days of the Enrollee's enrollment effective date.
  - 14.1.10.4 The Contractor shall pay the Non-participating Provider indefinitely if it chooses when the Non-participating Provider accepts payment rates the Contractor has established.
  - 14.1.10.5 The Contractor shall apply utilization management decision-making standards to Non-participating Providers that are no more stringent than standards for Participating Providers.
- 14.1.11 The Contractor shall provide for the smooth transition of care for Enrollees who lose Medicaid eligibility while hospitalized in Behavioral Health inpatient or residential treatment facilities or while incarcerated or in homeless shelters. The Contractor shall include protocols for coordination with the BH-ASO to facilitate referral for state funded or federal block grant services, when such funds are available, in order to maintain Continuity of Care.
- 14.1.12 The Contractor shall provide Care Coordination for children participating in WISE.
  - 14.1.12.1 The Contractor must have policies and procedures consistent with the WISE Manual.
  - 14.1.12.2 The Contractor shall:
    - 14.1.12.2.1 Follow WISE policies and procedures to screen, identify, and engage children, Youth, and caretakers who are eligible to receive the services under WISE.
    - 14.1.12.2.2 Participate in the planning and implementation of a standardized screening and assessment process and uniform reporting of service level for children and Youth with intensive Behavioral Health needs with the Enrollee consent and according to the timelines and

guidelines published by HCA to the extent they are not inconsistent with this Contract or federal regulations.

- 14.1.12.2.3 Report on actions taken in response to WISE Quality Plan reports and associated outcomes.
- 14.1.12.2.4 Develop and implement a plan to achieve and maintain a Network of WISE Providers adequate to meet monthly caseload targets as determined by HCA and the DSHS Research and Data Analysis Division (RDA). The Contractor's plan must take in to account the need to meet a demand for service that exceeds the caseload targets. The Contractor shall meet monthly caseload enrollment targets for number of children and Youth served in each of the Contractor's RSAs.
- 14.1.12.2.5 Support existing Enrollee relationships with Behavioral Health Providers for specialty care situations including cultural connections even if such Providers are not members of the WISE team.
- 14.1.12.2.6 Submit a monthly progress report no later than the 15th of the month following the month of service that includes the following:
  - 14.1.12.2.6.1 The current WISE service capacity for the region and the number of the Contractor's Enrollees served in WISE.
  - 14.1.12.2.6.2 The increase or decrease of number of children/Youth served compared to the previous month's progress report.
  - 14.1.12.2.6.3 The WISE service intensity by contracted region.
  - 14.1.12.2.6.4 The Contractor shall identify challenges in meeting their service capacity targets and service intensity by region and develop an action plan with strategies to address those challenges.
    - 14.1.12.2.6.4.1 If the Contractor has an action plan from a previous progress report, the Contractor shall identify what progress has been made to meet WISE caseload targets.
    - 14.1.12.2.6.4.2 If the Contractor has deficiencies in the number served for three consecutive

months, HCA may consider imposing sanctions as described in the Payment and Sanctions section of this Contract.

14.1.13 Continuity and Care Coordination for TAY.

14.1.13.1 The Contractor must develop a comprehensive transition plan in collaboration with other systems and Providers, including agencies contracted to provide services to Youth that identifies the Enrollee's goals, objectives, and strategies to achieve goals including but not limited to developmentally appropriate problem-solving conversations. The transition plan must take into account the following:

14.1.13.1.1 Individual behavioral and physical health needs, which may include continued services in the adult behavioral or physical health systems. The transition plan shall address the need for continuity and coordination of services and supports for the Enrollee and the Enrollee's family and identify developmentally and culturally appropriate adult services.

14.1.13.1.2 Connections with supportive housing and supported employment services through the Foundational Community Supports program, post-secondary education, technical training, housing community support, Natural Supports, and cross-system coordination as needed to attain the Enrollee's goals.

14.1.14 The Contractor must make at least three reasonable attempts on different days and times of day to contact (by phone, email, or other methods) an Enrollee to provide Care Coordination and document these attempts.

14.1.14.1 If the Contractor is unable to reach Enrollee after minimum number of attempts have been made, then the Contractor must send an unable to contact letter detailing attempts to contact and reason for the contact.

14.1.15 The Contractor shall support Continuity of Care for Enrollees who are transitioning into and out of the withdrawal management services not provided in hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW and psychiatric hospitals under chapter 71.12 RCW, and have policies supporting continuous care that align with RCW 71.24.621 and WAC 182-502-0016(4), specifically to help:

14.1.15.1 Ensure that withdrawal management Subcontractors engage in individualized, patient-centered, shared decision making, using nonjudgmental and compassionate communication, and with the consent of the Enrollee in accordance with WAC 246-341-1124, and the provisions outlined in the Subcontracts with Substance Use Disorder Providers section of this Contract.

## 14.2 Population Health Management Plan

- 14.2.1 The Contractor must develop a plan to address Enrollee needs across the continuum of care, and ensure services are coordinated for all Enrollees. The plan shall be submitted to HCA annually no later than August 1 each year via MC Track. The Population Health Management Plan shall incorporate or append the Care Management plan, and include at a minimum the following focus areas:
- 14.2.1.1 Keeping Enrollees healthy;
  - 14.2.1.2 Managing Enrollees with emerging risk;
  - 14.2.1.3 Enrollee safety and outcomes across settings;
  - 14.2.1.4 Managing multiple Chronic Conditions;
  - 14.2.1.5 Managing individuals with multiple service Providers (e.g., physical health and Behavioral Health);
  - 14.2.1.6 Serving geographically, culturally and linguistically diverse Enrollees, to address special health care needs and promote Health Equity; and
  - 14.2.1.7 Ensuring Transitional Age Youth and Young Adults who are exiting a publicly funded system of care have a plan designed to achieve and maintain safe and stable housing as well as any supportive services in place to support individual needs to align with RCW 43.330.720.
- 14.2.2 The Contractor's Population Health Management plan shall establish methods to identify targeted populations for each focus area and include interventions that meet the requirements of NCQA and the subsections below. The Contractor's Population Health Management plan shall take into account available and needed: (i) data and analytic infrastructure, (ii) HIT and HIE infrastructure and tools, and (iii) other resources needed to support population health management activities.

**14.3 Population Health Management: Identification and Triage**

14.3.1 Initial Health Screen

14.3.1.1 The Contractor shall conduct a brief Initial Health Screen containing tobacco use, behavioral, developmental, physical, oral, and social determinants of health (SDOH) questions within sixty (60) calendar days of enrollment for all new Enrollees, including Family Connects and reconnects, beginning the first of the month after the month of enrollment (42 C.F.R. § 438.208(b)(3)).

14.3.1.1.1 The Contractor shall use evidence-based screening tools appropriate to the age of the Enrollee, and shall use screening questions selected by HCA in the following SDOH categories:

14.3.1.1.1.1 Housing and housing instability assessment.

14.3.1.1.1.2 Food insecurity; and

14.3.1.1.1.3 Transportation access.

- 14.3.1.2 The Contractor shall make at least three reasonable attempts on different days and times of day to contact an Enrollee to complete the Initial Health Screen and document these attempts, for Enrollees who are not referred for Health Home services. The requirements described in Exhibit E, Health Homes apply to Enrollees who are referred for Health Home services.
- 14.3.2 Initial Health Assessment (IHA): To assess identified Individuals who need Long-Term Supports and Services (LTSS) or those with special health care needs who are not eligible for Health Home services, the Contractor's Care Coordinator shall conduct an Initial Health Assessment (IHA) within sixty (60) calendar days of the identification of special needs or Initial Health Screen that indicates the need for Care Coordination. The assessment shall determine ongoing need for Care Coordination services and the need for clinical and non-clinical services, including referrals to Specialists and community resources.
  - 14.3.2.1 The assessment shall include, at minimum, an evaluation of the Enrollee's physical, behavioral, and oral health status, health services history, including receipt of preventive care services, current medications, and an evaluation of the need for or use of supportive services and resources, such as those described in the Coordination of Care provisions of this Contract.
  - 14.3.2.2 The Contractor shall require the Enrollee's PCP and Care Coordinator to ensure arrangements are made for the Enrollee to receive follow-up services that reflect the findings in the IHA, such as consultations with mental health and/or SUD Providers or referral to community-based social services and LTSS.
  - 14.3.2.3 The IHA shall be maintained in the Enrollees' medical record and in the Contractor's Care Coordination file and available during subsequent preventive health visits.
- 14.3.3 The Contractor will use other data sources to identify Enrollees who need Care Coordination and Care Management services, including but not limited to:
  - 14.3.3.1 Enrollees that have had contact with Crisis Services;
  - 14.3.3.2 Review of administrative data sets, and PRISM;
  - 14.3.3.3 Children with elevated blood lead screen levels;
  - 14.3.3.4 Indicators of potential for high-risk pregnancy, fetal alcohol syndrome/fetal alcohol exposure, Adverse Childhood Experiences for children and adults, and Historical Trauma;
  - 14.3.3.5 Enrollees with unmet care needs (including Enrollee self-identification of unmet care needs or need for Care Coordination) or evidence of being underserved, including frequent utilization of inpatient or emergency department services;
  - 14.3.3.6 Claims or encounter data;
  - 14.3.3.7 Pharmacy data;

- 14.3.3.8 Laboratory data;
  - 14.3.3.9 Electronic health records;
  - 14.3.3.10 Data in the CDR;
  - 14.3.3.11 Results of Contractor-specific algorithms; or
  - 14.3.3.12 Enrollees receiving services through DSHS/DDA as indicated on 834 enrollment files.
- 14.3.4 The Contractor will risk stratify the population to determine the level of intervention Enrollees require.

**14.4 Population Health Management: Interventions**

- 14.4.1 The Contractor shall work with Providers to achieve population health management goals, and shall provide PCPs with clinical information about their patients to improve their care.
- 14.4.1.1 The Contractor shall make clinical decision support tools available to Providers for use at the point of care that follow evidence-based guidelines for:
- 14.4.1.1.1 Behavioral Health conditions;
  - 14.4.1.1.2 Chronic medical conditions;
  - 14.4.1.1.3 Acute conditions;
  - 14.4.1.1.4 Unhealthy behaviors;
  - 14.4.1.1.5 Wellness;
  - 14.4.1.1.6 Overuse/appropriateness issues; and
  - 14.4.1.1.7 Intellectual or developmental disabilities.

**14.5 Multi-payer Primary Care Transformation**

- 14.5.1 The Contractor shall actively engage in the Primary Care Transformation Model (PCTM) multi-payer collaborative and will abide by recommendations agreed to by the collaborative unless otherwise directed by HCA.

**14.6 Bi-Directional Behavioral and Physical Health Integration**

- 14.6.1 The Contractor shall work in collaboration with peer MCOs, HCA, and the ACHs in advancing bi-directional clinical integration in Medicaid outpatient Behavioral Health (including both mental health and SUD) and primary care practices across Washington State through participation in the Washington Clinical Integration Assessment Workgroup (MCO, HCA, ACH collaboration).
- 14.6.2 The Contractor shall work with Medicaid outpatient Behavioral Health and primary care practices to encourage and drive participation in the WA-ICA initiative including completion of the WA-ICA annually.
- 14.6.3 The Contractor shall participate in regional collaborative planning to identify and meet the education, coaching, and technical assistance needs of practice sites in each region in collaboration with peer MCOs, the ACH, and regional and state coordinating entities as defined by the WA-ICA workgroup.

- 14.6.3.1 The Contractor shall provide subject matter expertise and support as needed.
- 14.6.4 The Contractor shall maintain and increase activities that support Providers and practices in their efforts to advance clinical integration.
  - 14.6.4.1 The Contractor shall utilize the language and approach standardized by the WA-ICA and guidance documents.
  - 14.6.4.2 The Contractor shall ensure full alignment with statewide approach as outlined by the WA-ICA and Primary Care Transformation Model (PCTM) initiatives.
- 14.6.5 The Contractor shall continue to provide direct support to Providers and practices as part of Quality Improvement, Care Coordination and Population Health programs and link these efforts to Providers' advancement along the WA-ICA continuum, as applicable.
- 14.6.6 The Contractor shall submit a Bi-directional Clinical Integration Progress report through MC-Track semi-annually. Reports are due by July 31 for reporting periods January through June, and January 31 for reporting periods July through December.

**14.7 Care Coordination Services (CCS) General Requirements**

- 14.7.1 The Contractor shall implement the following activities:
  - 14.7.1.1 The Contractor shall offer Wellness and Prevention services to all Enrollees according to the benefits outlined in this Contract.
    - 14.7.1.1.1 Refer individuals identified in the Initial Health Screen as having a need for Care Coordination services to the Enrollee's PCP, Mental Health Professional or SUD Provider or to DSHS/Home and Community Services (HCS) for follow-up care and needed services within thirty (30) calendar days of screening and identification.
    - 14.7.1.1.2 Ensure the PCP has assessed and/or examined the Enrollee according to wellness assessment requirements and appointment scheduling standards (42 C.F.R. § 438.208(c)(1) and (2)).
    - 14.7.1.1.3 Ensure the Enrollee has received appropriate follow-up Health Care Services, including preventive care, care for Chronic Conditions, and referrals to LTSS, social services and community-based organizations.
  - 14.7.1.2 Care Coordination services are provided by the Contractor, clinic-based Care Coordinator staff, community-based organizations, or IHCPs (for AI/AN Enrollees), and delivered to Enrollees who have short-term, or intermittent needs for coordination of care, such as those identified as Enrollees with Emerging Risk. Care Coordination services may be provided by non-licensed staff and include but are not limited to:
    - 14.7.1.2.1 Coordinating authorization of services such as the

- Contractor's timely approval of Medical Equipment, pharmacy, and medical supplies;
- 14.7.1.2.2 Ensuring access to Medically Necessary Behavioral Health or physical health services, and coordination with entities that provide mental health, SUD services, and oral health services; or
- 14.7.1.2.3 Ensuring access to community-based services, such as home care or long-term services and supports.
- 14.7.1.3 The Care Coordinator and affiliated staff shall work with Enrollees to promote the following:
  - 14.7.1.3.1 Improved clinical outcomes;
  - 14.7.1.3.2 Enrollee participation in care;
  - 14.7.1.3.3 Continuity of Care;
  - 14.7.1.3.4 Increased self-management skills;
  - 14.7.1.3.5 Improved adherence to prescribed treatment; and
  - 14.7.1.3.6 Improved access to care or to services that address social needs.
- 14.7.1.4 The Care Coordinator shall provide or oversee interventions that address the physical health, social, economic, Behavioral Health, functional impairment, cultural, and environmental factors affecting health and health care choices.
- 14.7.1.5 The Care Coordinator shall deliver services in a culturally appropriate manner that addresses Health Disparities by interacting directly and in-person with the Enrollee and his or her family in the Enrollee's primary language, with appropriate consideration of literacy and cultural preference.
- 14.7.1.6 The Care Coordinator is responsible for:
  - 14.7.1.6.1 Conducting Initial Health Screen or collecting Initial Health Screen data from Providers, to assess Enrollees for unmet health care or social service needs;
  - 14.7.1.6.2 Communicating utilization patterns to Providers and ensuring action by the Provider on under- or over-utilization patterns requiring action;
  - 14.7.1.6.3 Ensuring clinical and social service referrals are made to meet identified Enrollee health and community service needs;
  - 14.7.1.6.4 Ensuring referrals are made and services are delivered, including any follow-up action, especially after ED visit or Hospitalization for Behavioral Health conditions;
  - 14.7.1.6.5 Ensuring the deployment of standardized screening tools outlined in this Contract;



- 14.7.1.6.6 Ensuring collaboration with the regional BH-ASO, including developing formal agreements with BH-ASOs to ensure an Enrollee is followed up with within seven (7) calendar days of when the Enrollee has received Crisis Services; and
- 14.7.1.6.7 Ensuring collaboration with the Enrollee's D-SNP care management teams to assist Enrollees in the transition from Medicaid to Medicare as primary payer.
- 14.7.1.7 The Contractor shall develop policies and procedures for Care Coordination services that include:
  - 14.7.1.7.1 Identification of gaps in care through Initial Health Screen or analysis of claims and encounter data for Enrollee patterns of under- or overutilization.
  - 14.7.1.7.2 Referral of Enrollees identified through self-referral or the Initial Health Screen as having a gap in behavioral, developmental, physical or oral health services to the Enrollee's PCP and as appropriate, to a Mental Health Professional or SUD Provider for services and follow-up care or to the DDA within thirty (30) calendar days of screening and identification.
  - 14.7.1.7.3 Transitions of care processes for Enrollees moving from IMC to the BHSO program and their corresponding Medicare FFS or D-SNP.
  - 14.7.1.7.4 Communication with the PCP and other Providers regarding:
    - 14.7.1.7.4.1 The Contractor's medical necessity decisions to authorize care and services.
    - 14.7.1.7.4.2 Shared care plans and transitional services between the Care Coordinator and jails, crisis service system, prisons, Acute Withdrawal Management and sobering centers, homeless service Providers, and the PCP.
    - 14.7.1.7.4.3 Enrollee over-use of emergency department, preventable Hospitalizations and re-hospitalizations, crisis service, and opioid use.
  - 14.7.1.7.5 Elevated Blood Lead Level (EBLL) match procedures in compliance with subsection 14.3.3.3, including but not limited to:
    - 14.7.1.7.5.1 Facilitating lead level re-testing and necessary follow-up referrals for additional care;

- 14.7.1.7.5.2 Providing medical Provider education to encourage lead screenings among patients;
- 14.7.1.7.5.3 Developing care gap reports for medical Providers;
- 14.7.1.7.5.4 Ensuring all children in a home that has a positive indicator of elevated lead levels are additionally tested; and
- 14.7.1.7.5.5 Provide Care Coordination and facilitate re-testing until lead level is no longer elevated.
- 14.7.1.7.6 Ensure that there is a policy and procedure for collaborating with DOH childhood lead poisoning prevention team or local health jurisdiction on specific cases of concern.
- 14.7.1.8 If an Enrollee changes enrollment to another AH MCO, the Contractor shall coordinate transition of the Enrollee to the new MCO's Care Coordination system to ensure services do not lapse and are not duplicated in the transition. The Contractor must also ensure Enrollee confidentiality and Enrollee rights are protected (42 C.F.R. § 438.208 (b)(6)).
- 14.7.1.9 Care Coordinators shall monitor, provide referrals to community-based social services and assess referral completion, education, and facilitate and encourage adherence to recommended treatment. Nothing in this requirement should be construed to limit in any way the Enrollee's right to refuse treatment.
- 14.7.1.10 The Contractor shall provide a toll-free line for PCPs and Specialists who seek technical and referral assistance when any condition, including Behavioral Health conditions, requires treatment or developmental delays are suspected or identified.
  - 14.7.1.10.1 Available information shall include assistance in arranging for referrals, including mental health and SUD treatment referrals and referrals to LTSS when appropriate. Communication about the availability of this consultation service shall be found on the front-page of the Contractor's website and in materials supplied to Providers.
- 14.7.1.11 The Contractor shall implement policies and procedures to ensure the completion of advance directives (physical health and mental health).
- 14.7.1.12 Use and promotion of recovery and resiliency principles to mitigate future risk of the development of physical or Behavioral Health care conditions.
- 14.7.1.13 The Contractor shall support practice change activities including the deployment of Evidence-Based and Promising Practices, preventive

screening of Enrollees and models of service delivery that optimize Health Care Service delivery, Enrollee social support and coordinated health care and social services. The Contractor may also support practices that are focused on groups for whom evidence-based or research-based criteria have not yet been developed.

- 14.7.1.14 The Contractor shall participate in a workgroup with HCA to explore the extent to which health IT infrastructure can be developed and used to support the tasks described above. The workgroup shall gather information on the technology currently used, and whether it supports interoperable information exchange and re-use. The workgroup shall gather information on other methods used by Care Coordination services, and the barriers to using Interoperable Health IT.
- 14.7.1.15 The Contractor will provide Care Coordination to Enrollees who are named on the HCA Referral List, also known as the “high utilizer list,” in the Trueblood, et al., v. Department of Social and Health Services Settlement Agreement. HCA will provide the HCA Referral List to the Contractor monthly. The Contractor will support connecting Enrollees with Behavioral Health needs and current or prior criminal justice involvement to receive Care Coordination. The Contractor will report semi-annually, using the Semi-Annual Trueblood Misdemeanor Diversion Fund report template. Reports must be submitted to HCA through MC-Track by January 31, for the reporting period of July through December of the previous year, and by July 31, for the reporting period of January through June of the current year.
- 14.7.1.16 The Contractor shall provide Care Coordination for Youth that utilize Private Duty Nursing (PDN). The Contractor will submit the PDN Utilization Youth Transition Care Coordination report on the last day of each month via MC-Track using the HCA provided template. The report will include a list of Enrollees currently receiving PDN who are twelve (12) months from their eighteenth birthday.

## 14.8 Care Management Services

- 14.8.1 The Contractor shall implement activities for Enrollees identified as requiring Complex Case Management (CCM), or those with multiple Chronic Conditions.
  - 14.8.1.1 Support of a person-centered approach to care in which Enrollee’s needs, strengths, and preferences play a central role in the development and implementation of the care plan by:
    - 14.8.1.1.1 Ensuring the clinical appropriateness of care;
    - 14.8.1.1.2 Addressing gaps in care, including appropriate use of Evidence- or Research-Based Practices, trauma-informed approaches, Promising Practices, and Culturally Appropriate Care;
    - 14.8.1.1.3 Promoting recovery using Certified Peer Counselors, Community Health Workers and community and

- Natural Supports;
- 14.8.1.1.4 Requesting modifications to treatment plans to address unmet service needs that limit progress;
- 14.8.1.1.5 Assisting Enrollees in relapse/crisis prevention planning that goes beyond crisis intervention and includes development and incorporation of recovery action plans and Advance Directives for individuals with a history of frequent mental health readmissions or crisis system utilization;
- 14.8.1.1.6 Assuring coordination of assessments and evaluations with mental health, SUD and other providers; and
- 14.8.1.1.7 Supporting to the maximum extent possible, the development and implementation of, and updates to interoperable electronic care plans, to include at a minimum information in subsections 14.8.1.4.1 through 14.8.1.4.3. The Contractor shall participate in a workgroup with HCA to assess the utilization of interoperable care plans and barriers to using electronic care plans.
- 14.8.1.2 Individuals identified by HCA as Health Home eligible shall receive Health Home Services as described in Exhibit E if the Enrollee consents to participate.
  - 14.8.1.2.1 The Contractor shall coordinate with Health Homes Care coordinators to ensure service delivery and prevent duplication of services.
  - 14.8.1.2.2 The Contractor shall coordinate with Health Homes Care coordinators to support transitions into D-SNP Health Home services as Health Home engaged Enrollees become eligible for Medicare.
- 14.8.1.3 Individuals identified by the Contractor as requiring CCM shall receive services in accordance with NCQA Standards and interventions as described elsewhere in Section 14.
- 14.8.1.4 Complete or verify the PCP completion of an Enrollee care plan. The care plan shall be developed in partnership with the Enrollee and in consultation with Specialists and social service Providers serving the Enrollee, updated at minimum annually and maintained in the Enrollee's health record (42 C.F.R. § 438.208(c)(3); 42 C.F.R. § 438.208(c)(3)(i)). The care plan shall include all of the following:
  - 14.8.1.4.1 Presenting diagnosis(es) and health problems;
  - 14.8.1.4.2 An action plan, including agreed-upon health goals;
  - 14.8.1.4.3 Documentation of Behavioral Health, social service, and community resource interventions that promote child development, healthy behaviors, and early referral and treatment for mental health and SUD

conditions, including recovery-based programs; and

- 14.8.1.4.4 Documentation of Advance Directives (physical health and mental health).
- 14.8.1.5 The Contractor shall respond to EPSDT referrals from primary medical care Providers with a written notice that must at a minimum include date of intake and diagnosis.
- 14.8.1.6 The Contractor shall provide information on how to obtain a Provider for children/Youth who do not have a PCP.
- 14.8.1.7 For Enrollees with Special Health Care Needs, the Contractor will develop the Enrollee's care plan in accordance with the requirements described throughout Section 14 and will ensure the plan is reviewed and revised upon reassessment, at least every twelve (12) months or when the Enrollee's circumstances or needs change, or when the Enrollee requests an update.
  - 14.8.1.7.1 For Enrollees determined to have LTSS needs, the Contractor shall coordinate with staff of Home and Community Services (HCS) to ensure the Enrollee has access to and appropriate evaluation and LTSS services.

#### **14.9 Data Exchange Protocols**

- 14.9.1 The Contractor shall develop data exchange protocols, including consent to release before initiating services with any subcontracted entity. Protocols must support integrated Behavioral Health-physical health coordination, including sharing of claims and pharmacy data, treatment plans or care plans, crisis plans, critical incidents, and Advance Directives necessary to coordinate service delivery, and Care Management for each Enrollee in accordance with applicable privacy laws, including HIPAA and 42 C.F.R. Part 2.

#### **14.10 Allied System Coordination**

- 14.10.1 Allied System Coordination Plan: For each RSA in which the Contractor participates, the Contractor shall develop a written Allied Systems Coordination Plan that describes how the Contractor will coordinate and collaborate with healthcare and other allied systems that serve Contractor Enrollees. The Contractor shall collaborate with ACH representatives and representatives of the entities listed in Subsection 14.12 to develop and update this plan as needed. The plan must describe how the Contractor will address the elements below and how the Contractor will interact with any Allied System that chooses not to participate in the jointly developed coordination plan and include the following elements:
  - 14.10.1.1 Clearly defined roles and responsibilities of the allied systems in helping Enrollees served by more than one system.
    - 14.10.1.1.1 For children, this includes EPSDT coordination for any child serving agency and a process for participation by the agency in the development of a cross-system ISP when indicated under EPSDT.
    - 14.10.1.1.2 For individuals with Behavioral Health needs, who

have current or prior criminal justice involvement, this includes processes for improving access to timely and appropriate treatment.

- 14.10.1.2 Identification of needed local resources, including initiatives to address those needs.
- 14.10.1.3 A process for facilitation of community reintegration from out-of-home placements (e.g., state hospitals, State Psychiatric Care Facilities and other facilities that provide care for individuals with 90 and 180-day civil commitments, Children's Long-term Inpatient facilities, Juvenile Rehabilitation facilities, foster care, nursing facilities, and acute inpatient settings) for Enrollees of all ages.
- 14.10.1.4 A process for working with ACH, the BH-ASO managing Crisis Services, and First Responders, evaluate the need to develop procedures to engage and collaborate with First Responders that address:
  - 14.10.1.4.1 Education about Behavioral Health resources and crisis intervention to de-escalate volatile situations and prevent the use of lethal force.
  - 14.10.1.4.2 Strengthening relationships between First Responders and Behavioral Health Providers to improve access to timely crisis response services or to improve engagement in Behavioral Health treatment.
  - 14.10.1.4.3 Ensuring support to PCPs, emergency department, and local emergency management (fire, police) when Behavioral Health emergencies and urgent problems are encountered.
  - 14.10.1.4.4 Jail diversion response for TAY and adults with Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SMI) or Co-Occurring Disorders (COD).
  - 14.10.1.4.5 Transition of incarcerated adults and TAY with SMI for the continuation of prescribed medications and other Behavioral Health services prior to re-entry to the community.
  - 14.10.1.4.6 Prevention and treatment of overdose.
- 14.10.1.5 Facilitating linkages with social services and criminal justice/courts and Providers under contract with the county or state.
- 14.10.1.6 A procedure for Contractor's representatives attending relevant stakeholder, planning, and advocacy meetings and communicating/coordinating with other entities to ensure the Contractor is aligned with state and local Behavioral Health initiatives, including the Protocols for Coordination with Tribes and non-Tribal IHCPs once completed by the HCA.

14.10.2 The Contractor's Allied Coordination Plan shall include the following:

- 14.10.2.1 Processes for the sharing of information related to eligibility, access and authorization;
- 14.10.2.2 A process for sharing system issues;
- 14.10.2.3 Procedures to identify and address joint training needs; and
- 14.10.2.4 A process or format to address disputes related to service or payment responsibility, including attribution for hospital-related claims.

#### **14.11 Health Information Technology (HIT) Tools for Integrated Care**

- 14.11.1 The Contractor shall support the use by contracted Providers, of Health Information Technology (HIT)/Health Information exchange (HIE) tools and services such as:
  - 14.11.1.1 Certified EHR Technology (CEHRT);
  - 14.11.1.2 Emergency Department Information Exchange (EDIE);
  - 14.11.1.3 PreManage tools (including use by Behavioral Health providers);
  - 14.11.1.4 Services offered by OneHealthPort (OHP), (such as the Clinical Data Repository); and
  - 14.11.1.5 Other HIT/HIE tools and services to support the integration, coordination and Continuity of Care.
- 14.11.2 The Contractor shall consider how HIT/HIE can be used to support data exchange protocols and tools to support Provider integration of Behavioral Health and medical services, transitional services, Care Coordination oversight and transitional planning for incarcerated individuals, and coordinate with the state to advance the use of statewide HIT/HIE tools/services and engage in the implementation of the HIT Operational Plan.
- 14.11.3 The Contractor shall develop policies and procedures for Care Coordination and Care Management services that encourage and support the use of HIT and HIE technologies (Certified EHRs, existing statewide HIE and HIT, and other technology solutions) to coordinate care across the care continuum, including physical health, Behavioral Health, social service, and other community-based organizations.

#### **14.12 Coordination Between the Contractor and External Entities**

- 14.12.1 The Contractor shall coordinate with, and refer Enrollees to, health care and social services/programs, including, but not limited to:
  - 14.12.1.1 The Department of Social and Health Services:
    - 14.12.1.1.1 Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (AL TSA) Home and Community Services, including contracted Area Agencies on Aging;
    - 14.12.1.1.2 Skilled nursing facilities and community-based residential programs;

- 14.12.1.1.3 Behavioral Health Administration;
- 14.12.1.1.4 Developmental Disabilities Administration; and
- 14.12.1.1.5 Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.
- 14.12.1.2 Ombuds services;
- 14.12.1.3 Oral Health services, including the promotion of oral health screening and prevention;
- 14.12.1.4 Department of Health (DOH) and Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) services, including Title V services for Children with Special Health Care Needs;
- 14.12.1.5 Department of Children, Youth and Families: Juvenile Rehabilitation, Early childhood and family support services, including home visiting, ESIT, ECLIPSE, ECEAP/Head Start;
- 14.12.1.6 Department of Corrections (DOC);
- 14.12.1.7 Criminal Justice Systems (courts, jails, law enforcement, public defenders, Youth correctional facilities);
- 14.12.1.8 State hospitals and State Psychiatric Care Facilities;
- 14.12.1.9 Community hospitals/evaluation and treatment Facilities that provide care for individuals with 90 and 180-day civil commitments;
- 14.12.1.10 Children's Long-term Inpatient facilities;
- 14.12.1.11 Community Health Clinics, FQHCs, Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), and Apple Health MCOs;
- 14.12.1.12 Educational Service Districts (ESDs);
- 14.12.1.13 Support Services for families and family/kinship caregivers;
- 14.12.1.14 HCA First Steps Program - Maternity Support Services (MSS);
- 14.12.1.15 HCA AH-IFC program;
- 14.12.1.16 Qualified Health Homes contracted with HCA;
- 14.12.1.17 Supported Housing and Employment programs;
- 14.12.1.18 State and/or federal agencies and local partners that manage access to housing;
- 14.12.1.19 Tribal entities and IHCPs;
- 14.12.1.20 Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation services;
- 14.12.1.21 Interpreter Services;



- 14.12.1.22 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Providers and programs;
    - 14.12.1.22.1 The Contractor shall provide Care Coordination and referral for all WIC eligible Enrollees. The Contractor shall submit the WIC Eligible Referral report by the 10th of the month for the prior months reporting period via MC-Track using the HCA provided template.
  - 14.12.1.23 HCA's contracted third-party administrator for supportive housing and supported employment;
  - 14.12.1.24 BH-ASOs outside of the RSA regarding state only, federal block grant, Crisis Services, and any other areas where information sharing would improve the services of either system; and
  - 14.12.1.25 Any Re-entry Community Services Program (RCSP) within the boundaries of the Contractor that is not a Subcontractor of the Contractor.
- 14.12.2 The Contractor shall designate one or more social determinant of health liaisons to work within Washington State and post these resources in an accessible location on their websites. This shall include liaisons to assist with coordination with all entities and service identified in subsection 14.12.1 of this Contract. Coordination is to include but not be limited to out-of-state coordination, TPL, NEMT, broker relations, complaints, etc.
  - 14.12.3 The Contractor shall participate with, cooperate with, and coordinate with regional health alliances, such as the Southwest Washington Regional Health Alliance, Eastern Washington Regional Health Alliance, and CHOICE Regional Health Network.
  - 14.12.4 The Contractor shall participate in the management or discussions held at the Bree Collaborative, or with the Foundation for Health Care Quality in their work on COAP, OB COAP, and SCOAP programs as well as coordinate with other organizations engaged in quality improvement in Washington State.
  - 14.12.5 The Contractor shall participate in multi-payer and data-sharing initiatives as requested by HCA.
  - 14.12.6 The Contractor will coordinate with HCA dental program to reduce emergency room visits for oral health services and ensure Enrollees with urgent or emergent oral health care needs are referred to a FFS dentist.
  - 14.12.7 The Contractor shall join and pay a fee to be a member of the Washington Health Alliance (WHA) no later than February 15 of each calendar year.
    - 14.12.7.1 The Contractor shall actively cooperate and participate with the WHA in efforts to improve the quality and efficiency of Health Care Services.
    - 14.12.7.2 The Contractor shall submit data to the WHA for the purpose of producing results for the Community Checkup, the Washington State Common Measure Set on Health Care Quality and Cost, and all other health care measurement and reporting completed by WHA, according to the terms and schedule defined by the WHA.

- 14.12.7.2.1 As part of routine data submissions provided to the WHA as required under this subsection, the Contractor must include claim-line level financial information (e.g., Billed, Allowed, and Paid dollar amounts) as defined by the WHA.
- 14.12.8 The Contractor shall coordinate Enrollee information, including initial assessments, relevant SON reviews, and care plans, with other managed care entities as needed when an Enrollee changes from one MCO to another or, changes from one Health Home lead to another to reduce duplication of services and unnecessary delays in service provision for Enrollees.
- 14.12.9 For Enrollees who receive services through Centers of Excellence (COE) for hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, the Contractor shall coordinate care with the COE to avoid duplication or delays in service provision and factor replacement products and medications to AHMC Enrollees. The Contractor shall provide all Care Coordination and Care Management services other than those related to management of the Enrollee's hemophilia, but will ensure exchange of information necessary to coordinate these services with the COE.
- 14.12.10 The Contractor shall participate in the local Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) in each RSAs in which the Contractor provides services under this Contract. The Contractor is not required to participate in all committees and workgroups that each ACH identifies, but must participate as follows:
  - 14.12.10.1 Serve in a leadership or other supportive capacity;
  - 14.12.10.2 Participate in the design and implementation of transformation projects;
  - 14.12.10.3 Collaborate with Provider Networks to implement Value Based Purchasing Models; and
  - 14.12.10.4 Provide technical assistance as needed on subjects relating to Managed Care programs.

**14.13 Coordination and Continuity of Care: Behavioral Health Services Only (BHSO)**

- 14.13.1 The Contractor shall Coordinate Care for any BHSO Enrollees who receive only Behavioral Health services but receive physical health services through another Managed Care program or the FFS delivery system. The Contractor's Care Coordination activities must include all of the following:
  - 14.13.1.1 Identification of the MCO or Medicare Advantage Health Plan that provides medical services to the following BHSO Enrollees:
    - 14.13.1.1.1 Enrolled in a non-Dual Special Needs Plan Medicare Part C plan;
    - 14.13.1.1.2 Enrolled in the aligned Dual Special Needs Plans (D-SNP); and
    - 14.13.1.1.3 Enrolled in the unaligned D-SNP.
  - 14.13.1.2 A signed MOU/MOA between the Contractor and the other Managed Care delivery system that describes the process for coordinating BHSO and medical benefits.

- 14.13.2 For Enrollees who receive their physical health benefits in the Medicare or Medicaid FFS delivery system, the Contractor must develop data sharing protocols between the Contractor and the Enrollee's PCP for Enrollees in an active course of Behavioral Health treatment.
- 14.13.3 For Enrollees who are enrolled in HCA's FFS Health Home program, the Contractor must develop data sharing protocols between the Contractor and the Enrollee's Qualified Health Home.
- 14.13.4 The Contractor shall ensure that in the process of coordinating care, an Enrollee's privacy is protected under the privacy requirements in 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164 subparts A and E and 42 C.F.R. part 2, to the extent they are applicable.

**14.14 Children's Long-Term Care Inpatient Program (CLIP)**

- 14.14.1 The Contractor will designate a single person within each region to be their "CLIP Liaison" who will participate in the monthly Regional CLIP Committee that acts as the referral mechanism for Enrollees seeking voluntary CLIP treatment and will coordinate with the BH-ASO to facilitate the CLIP Committee's review of all the region's Voluntary applications. Each AH-IMC Contractor is responsible for coordinating the CLIP Committee's review with the BH-ASO's Regional CLIP Committee Coordinator within thirty (30) calendar days.
- 14.14.2 The Contractor will collaborate with the BH-ASO and other MCOs operating in the RSA to develop a written Regional CLIP Committee Agreement that includes all the Managed Care Entities operating within the RSA and outlines roles and responsibilities for the operation of the region's monthly CLIP Committee meeting. The Region's BH-ASO will be responsible for submitting the CLIP Committee Agreement to the CLIP Administration Office for approval by HCA's CLIP Administrator and CLIP Coordinator within thirty (30) calendar days of the start date of the Contract.
  - 14.14.2.1 Contractor's CLIP Committee Roles and Responsibilities:
    - 14.14.2.1.1 The Regional CLIP Committee determines whether appropriate, less restrictive services are available to the Enrollee, and when requested, must offer a plan of less restrictive alternatives to CLIP when an Enrollee is hospitalized involuntarily.
- 14.14.3 Upon request, the Contractor must collaborate on any Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) transfers of youth court ordered for Forensic services on a 10.77 Evaluation and Restoration Order, and Parent Initiated Treatment (PIT) voluntary applicants. The Contractor must integrate resources for all children and Youth applying, awaiting admission, or admitted to CLIP.
- 14.14.4 CLIP Committee determination to "recommend" or "not recommend" CLIP:
  - 14.14.4.1 For all Voluntary CLIP applicants, within thirty (30) calendar days, the regional CLIP Committee will make a determination of whether CLIP treatment is recommended based on medical necessity criteria, whether CLIP treatment is the most appropriate level of treatment to address the needs of the client, or whether there are less restrictive services available that meet the Enrollee's needs. CLIP is not intended to be utilized as a placement resource.

14.14.5 Contractor CLIP Liaison Role:

14.14.5.1 The Contractor will designate a single person who is familiar with local resources and services to act as the Contractor's local "CLIP Liaison" and who attends the Region's monthly CLIP Committee. The CLIP Liaison provides guidance and support in preparing the Enrollee's CLIP applications, presents the Enrollee's application for CLIP consideration at the regional CLIP Committee meetings, and participates on a regular basis in Care Coordination activities, which may include preadmission meetings, facility admissions when necessary, treatment team meetings while the Enrollee is in CLIP treatment, and coordination with the CLIP Administration Office.

14.14.5.2 CLIP Liaison Role on Region's CLIP Committee:

14.14.5.2.1 The Contractor's designated CLIP Liaison is responsible for presenting all of the relevant facts, including clinical profile and treatment needs of the Enrollee to the CLIP Committee, as well as presenting any less restrictive services that have been attempted prior to consideration of CLIP treatment. The Contractor's CLIP Liaison may request that the CLIP Committee review an Enrollee's case *prior* to the CLIP application being complete. Before a CLIP Application is considered complete, the CLIP Liaison must submit the application and all required application materials to the CLIP Administration office.

14.14.6 Requirements for a Voluntary CLIP Application: The Contractor or CLIP Liaison must ensure that the completed CLIP Application Form includes the following:

14.14.6.1 A signed Youth Agreement to CLIP Treatment signature page attesting that the Enrollee agrees to the CLIP admission;

14.14.6.2 The Enrollee's identifying information;

14.14.6.3 A current psychiatric evaluation completed within the last six (6) months;

14.14.6.4 Contact information for the youth/family team and case manager responsible for coordination if/when the Enrollee is admitted to a CLIP Program;

14.14.6.5 Challenges and/or behavioral issues that lead to the request for CLIP treatment;

14.14.6.6 Enrollee's treatment needs to be addressed while in CLIP treatment;

14.14.6.7 Strengths and interests of the Enrollee and their family; and

14.14.6.8 A detailed Continuity of Care plan and post-discharge plan that outlines community-based Behavioral Health Care Services and involvement of other agencies and support services that may be needed post-discharge.

- 14.14.7 Contractor Notification of a Completed Voluntary CLIP Application:
- 14.14.7.1 The Contractor must notify the family within three (3) Business Days of receipt of a completed CLIP application. The regional CLIP Committee will convene within thirty (30) calendar days to review the application and make a final determination whether CLIP is recommended. The Contractor's CLIP Liaison may request the CLIP Committee review an Enrollee's application prior to having a completed application when the CLIP Liaison can demonstrate the following conditions have been met:
- 14.14.7.1.1 The Enrollee has a severe psychiatric illness that warrants intensive inpatient treatment;
- 14.14.7.1.2 The Enrollee has consented by signature attesting that the Enrollee is in agreement to CLIP treatment; and
- 14.14.7.1.3 A psychiatric evaluation has been completed within the last six (6) months by a Psychiatrist or a Psychiatric ARNP, and less restrictive services available in the community have not been able to meet the Enrollee's needs.
- 14.14.7.2 If the CLIP Committee makes the determination that CLIP "is recommended," the Contractor's CLIP Liaison is responsible to ensure that all required materials are submitted to the CLIP Administration for the application to be deemed "complete".
- 14.14.8 CLIP IS Recommended: If the regional CLIP Committee recommends CLIP treatment, a written response will be provided to the legal guardian and Enrollee outlining suggestions for stabilizing the child or Youth while the CLIP application is processed by the CLIP Administration. The Contractor's designated CLIP Liaison must ensure that all Medically Necessary services continue for the Enrollee and family to ensure intensive community services and plan of care continue while the Youth awaits admission to a CLIP facility.
- 14.14.9 CLIP Is Not Recommended: The Contractor must provide the legal guardian and Enrollee aged 13 years and over with a written copy of the Appeal Process at the time the Contractor makes a determination to "not recommend" a voluntary application for CLIP services. If CLIP is not recommended by the regional CLIP Committee, this is considered an Adverse Benefit Determination and a written response will be provided to the legal guardian and Enrollee specifying the reasons for not recommending CLIP and an outline of recommendations for alternative less restrictive services for the child or Youth, along with the Enrollee's appeal rights.
- 14.14.10 180-day ITA Court Orders:
- 14.14.10.1 When an Enrollee under age 18 years is committed on an Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) court order for up to one hundred eighty (180) calendar days under chapter 71.34 RCW, the Contractor's CLIP Liaison must be available to consult and assess the Enrollee's needs prior to CLIP admission. This includes consideration of less restrictive treatment options that may meet the needs of the Youth and that are acceptable to the court.

- 14.14.10.2 The Contractor's CLIP Liaison must collaborate with the CLIP Administration for children subject to court-ordered involuntary treatment and provide Care Coordination and assistance in the development of a less restrictive community plan when appropriate. The Contractor's CLIP Liaison will share the community and/or Family recommendations with the CLIP Administration Office for purposes of CLIP program assignment of committed youth.
- 14.14.11 Reasonable Efforts for Less Restrictive Orders and Services: The Contractor must collaborate and consult with the CLIP Administration Office and the CLIP facility regarding the Behavioral Health needs of Enrollees being transferred for evaluation purposes to the Child Study and Treatment Center under the requirements of chapter 10.77 RCW or by the Rehabilitation Administration-Juvenile Rehabilitation (RA-JR) to a Juvenile Rehabilitation Facility. The CLIP Liaison will remain available to collaborate and consult with the CLIP facility and the CLIP Administration Office when the Enrollee returns to the community.
- 14.14.12 Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Screening Requirements: The Contractor must ensure that a CANS screen is completed within the ninety (90) calendar days prior to the actual admission date to a CLIP facility and provide a full CANS within thirty (30) calendar days post-discharge from a CLIP facility for all Medicaid or Medicaid-eligible voluntary Enrollees.
- 14.14.13 Initial Contact with CLIP Facility Post-Admission: The Contractor's CLIP Liaison must ensure that initial contact with CLIP facility treatment staff occurs within three (3) Business Days of a CLIP admission.
- 14.14.14 Prioritizing WISe For Youth Discharging From CLIP and Juvenile Rehabilitation Facilities: The Contractor must prioritize access to WISe services for all Youth qualified to receive WISe services that the Contractor has been notified are discharging from CLIP and Juvenile Rehabilitation Facilities.
- 14.14.15 The Contractor must provide Behavioral Health Coordination and Community Integration services throughout the entirety of the CLIP treatment from preadmission through discharge. RCM includes a range of activities conducted in or with a facility for the direct benefit of the admitted Youth to improve treatment gains and plan for successful discharges from CLIP. Activities include:
- 14.14.15.1 Assessment for discharge from the CLIP facility or admission to community Behavioral Health care;
  - 14.14.15.2 Integrated Behavioral Health treatment planning;
  - 14.14.15.3 Identification of appropriate resources;
  - 14.14.15.4 Involvement of WISe team members while an Enrollee is receiving CLIP treatment;
  - 14.14.15.5 Linkage to Behavioral Health rehabilitative services; and
  - 14.14.15.6 Collaborative development of individualized services that promote continuity of Behavioral Health care. These specialized coordination activities promote discharge from CLIP, maximize the benefits of treatment, minimize the risk of readmission, and increase likelihood that the Enrollee can remain in the community.

- 14.14.16 Coordination with The CLIP Administration Office: The Contractor's CLIP Liaison must coordinate with the CLIP Administration to ensure the Contractor follows the CLIP Policies and Procedures Manual, January 2016, or its successors. The Contractor's CLIP Liaison must provide the CLIP Administration any relevant information regarding the individual's treatment history that can assist in guiding CLIP program assignment, CLIP treatment, and/or Discharge planning.
- 14.14.17 CLIP Recertification of Need for Continued Stay in CLIP: If a recertification for continued stay by the CLIP Administration is required, the Contractor's CLIP Liaison will provide input in a recommendation for continued CLIP treatment. If there is not consensus about the need for recertification, the Contractor will provide documentation to the CLIP Facility and the CLIP Administration outlining a plan of care and services available to support discharge back to the community. The proposed community plan will be considered in the final recertification made decision by the CLIP Administration.
- 14.14.18 CLIP Transfers to Short-Term/Acute Care: If a CLIP facility requests the transfer of an Enrollee from a CLIP facility to an acute care hospital setting, the Contractor's CLIP Liaison will collaborate with the CLIP Administration Office and the CLIP Program to decide if authorization is needed for transfer to short-term/acute Hospitalization.
- 14.14.19 For AI/AN Enrollees receiving CLIP Services, the Contractor's Tribal Liaison shall coordinate with the Enrollee's IHCP to ensure the IHCP can participate in treatment and discharge planning, including Continuity of Care in the nearest IHCP clinically appropriate setting for all AI/AN Enrollees admitted for voluntary inpatient psychiatric or residential SUD services, or if not available, the nearest clinically appropriate setting.

#### **14.15 Children Eligible for Apple Health Integrated Foster Care**

- 14.15.1 When the Contractor is notified an Enrollee has been placed in foster care and enrolled with the AH-IFC program, the Contractor shall coordinate with the AH-IFC Contractor to ensure the Enrollee is transitioned to AH-IFC with minimal disruption in services.
- 14.15.2 Within the limits of available information, the Contractor shall ensure continuity of services if an Enrollee has been re-enrolled with the Contractor at the end of a foster care placement.

#### **14.16 Children's Health Care Coordination**

- 14.16.1 The Contractor shall ensure coordination for all Enrollees under age 21 in accordance with EPSDT requirements. The Contractor shall follow up to ensure children receive the physical, mental, vision, hearing, and dental services needed to treat health problems and conditions when the Contractor becomes aware of an unmet need. This requirement does not preclude Enrollees under age 21 from receiving any other Care Coordination activity described in this Contract.
- 14.16.2 The Contractor shall have a dedicated phone line for use by Enrollees and Providers seeking ABA services. This phone line must be monitored and messages responded to within one (1) Business Day to ensure direct access to a Care Coordinator who can assist with connecting Enrollees to necessary ABA services.
- 14.16.2.1 The Contractor must provide the dedicated ABA phone number to

Enrollees and Providers upon request who are seeking ABA services.

- 14.16.2.2 The Contractor must post the ABA dedicated phone line on the Contractor's website. The ABA dedicated phone line must be clearly labelled as the ABA dedicated phone line on the website.
- 14.16.3 When the Contractor receives notification or identifies children requiring mental health treatment, including behavioral intervention to treat autism, the Contractor will, as necessary:
  - 14.16.3.1 Coordinate mental health treatment and care based on the child's assessed needs, regardless of referral source, whether the referral occurred through primary care, school-based services, or another Provider;
  - 14.16.3.2 Follow-up to ensure an appointment has been secured; and
  - 14.16.3.3 Coordinate with the PCP regarding development of a treatment plan, including Medication Management.
- 14.16.4 The Contractor will submit a report to HCA of children who have been identified as needing mental health care and appointment status. The quarterly Children's Mental Health report is due on the last Business Day of October, January, April, and July.
- 14.16.5 The Contractor will collaborate with Seattle Children's to receive Washington's Mental Health Referral Service for Children and Teens consultation letters. When Enrollee consultation letters are received, the Contractor will contact the Enrollee to ensure the Enrollee's needs are met and follow the provisions in this subsection as indicated.
- 14.16.6 The Contractor shall provide the following for Enrollees who are aged 20 and younger, receiving Medically Necessary services in a facility outside of Washington State, and experiencing one or more chronic or acute physical or Behavioral Health conditions:
  - 14.16.6.1 Ensure Continuity of Care for Enrollees in, or discharging from an active course of treatment; and
  - 14.16.6.2 Coordinate Medically Necessary services, including those required outside of the facility and upon discharge.
- 14.16.7 The Contractor shall submit a quarterly Out of State Care Coordination report using the template provided in MC-Track. The quarterly report shall be submitted no later than the last Business Day of January, April, July, October, reporting for the preceding quarter.

#### **14.17 Coordination of Care with IHCPs and Tribes**

- 14.17.1 The Contractor must notify and coordinate care and transitions with any IHCP when the Contractor becomes aware an Enrollee is AI/AN or is receiving care from an IHCP and the Enrollee consents to such notification. To meet this requirement, the Contractor must develop and maintain a process for asking whether an Enrollee is a member of a federally recognized Tribe or is receiving care from an IHCP and, if applicable, whether the Enrollee consents to the



Contractor notifying such IHCP or federally recognized Tribe.

- 14.17.2 With respect to voluntary psychiatric hospitalization authorization, the Contractor shall:
- 14.17.2.1 Develop and maintain policies and procedures that explain how IHCPs request voluntary psychiatric hospitalization authorizations for Enrollees.
  - 14.17.2.2 Obtain the approval of HCA's Office of Tribal Affairs for such policies and procedures before they are implemented; and
  - 14.17.2.3 Make available to IHCPs information on how to request voluntary psychiatric hospitalization authorizations for Enrollees, including policies and procedures, and how to submit appeals and expedited appeals.
- 14.17.3 The Contractor's Tribal Liaison shall coordinate with the IHCP to ensure the IHCP can participate in treatment and discharge planning, including Continuity of Care in the nearest clinically appropriate setting for all AI/AN Enrollees (including BHSO) admitted for voluntary inpatient psychiatric and/or residential SUD services.
- 14.17.3.1 The Contractor require participating psychiatric hospitals and Evaluation & Treatment (E&T) facilities to notify and coordinate with the AI/AN Enrollee's IHCP for discharge planning.
- 14.17.4 The Contractor will comply with the Protocols for Coordination with Tribes and Non-Tribal IHCPs applicable to the Contractor's RSAs.
- 14.17.5 HCA will provide the Contractor with a copy of each set of Protocols as soon as they are agreed upon by the Tribe or non-Tribal IHCP.
- 14.17.6 The Contractor shall collaborate with HCA to resolve Contractor-related issues submitted to HCA by Tribes or IHCPs, including, but not limited to, issues with crisis coordination, Care Coordination, and discharge and transition planning.

#### **14.18 Transitional Services**

- 14.18.1 The Contractor shall ensure transitional services described in this Section are provided to all Enrollees who are transferring from one care setting to another or one level of care to another.
- 14.18.2 The Contractor shall provide Transitional Care services to Enrollees who participate in Health Home services in accordance with Exhibit E, Health Homes. When a Health Home Enrollee moves from one coverage area to another, the Contractor in the new coverage area shall provide Care Management coordination services or other services to ensure the care plan established by the Health Home Care Coordinator in the previous county of residence continues for the Enrollee. If Health Home services were not available in the previous county of residence, the Contractor shall ensure a Health Home-eligible Enrollee receives Health Home services in the new coverage area consistent with Exhibit E of this Contract.
- 14.18.3 The Contractor shall work with appropriate staff at any hospital, including HCA contracted long-term civil commitment facilities and CPE facilities, to implement a safe, comprehensive discharge plan that assures continued access to Medically Necessary Covered Services which will support the client's recovery

and prevent readmission. The Contractor shall have in place operational agreements or shall incorporate transitional language into existing subcontracts with the Contractor's contracted state and community physical and Behavioral Health hospitals, residential treatment facilities and long-term care facilities, to ensure timely Enrollee care transitions. The written agreements shall define the responsibility of each party in meeting the following requirements:

- 14.18.3.1 Development of an individual Enrollee plan to mitigate the risk for re-institutionalization, re-hospitalization or treatment recidivism to include:
  - 14.18.3.1.1 Information that supports discharge care needs, Medication Management, interventions to ensure follow-up appointments are attended, and follow-up for self-management of the Enrollee's chronic or acute conditions, including information on when to seek medical care and emergency care. Formal or informal caregivers shall be included in this process when requested by the Enrollee;
  - 14.18.3.1.2 A written discharge plan, including scheduled follow-up appointments, provided to the Enrollee and all treating Providers;
  - 14.18.3.1.3 Systematic follow-up protocol to ensure timely access to follow-up care post discharge and to identify and re-engage Enrollees who do not receive post discharge care;
  - 14.18.3.1.4 Organized post-discharge services, such as home care services, after-treatment services, and occupational and physical therapy services;
  - 14.18.3.1.5 Telephonic reinforcement of the discharge plan and problem-solving two (2) to three (3) Business Days following Enrollee discharge;
  - 14.18.3.1.6 Information on what to do if a problem arises following discharge;
  - 14.18.3.1.7 For Enrollees at high risk of re-hospitalization, a visit by the PCP or Care Coordinator at the Facility before discharge to coordinate transition;
  - 14.18.3.1.8 For Enrollees at high risk of re-hospitalization, the Contractor shall ensure the Enrollee has an in-person assessment by the Enrollee's PCP or Care Coordinator for post-discharge support within seven (7) calendar days of hospital discharge. The assessment must include follow-up of: discharge instructions, assessment of environmental safety issues, medication reconciliation, an assessment of support Network Adequacy and services, and linkage of the Enrollee to appropriate referrals;
  - 14.18.3.1.9 Scheduled outpatient Behavioral Health and/or primary care visits within seven (7) calendar days of

discharge and/or physical or mental health home Health Care Services delivered within seven (7) calendar days of discharge;

- 14.18.3.1.10 Follow-up to ensure the Enrollee saw his/her Provider; and
- 14.18.3.1.11 Planning that actively includes the patient and family caregivers and support network in assessing needs.
- 14.18.3.2 When appropriate, the Contractor will obtain the Enrollee's permission to share information with clinical and non-clinical Providers to facilitate care transitions.
- 14.18.3.3 The Contractor, in collaboration with all hospitals including state hospitals, State Psychiatric Care Facilities, HCA's contracted long-term civil commitment facilities, and other facilities that provide care for individuals with 90 and 180-day civil commitments, shall develop discharge planning policies and procedures to support successful placement back into the community.
  - 14.18.3.3.1 The Contractor shall process hospital Prior Authorization requests for all clinic services required by the Enrollee within two (2) Business Days. Such services shall include authorizations for any therapies, home care services, equipment or pharmaceuticals.
  - 14.18.3.3.2 The Contractor shall educate state hospitals, State Psychiatric Care Facilities, other facilities providing care for individuals with 90 and 180-day civil commitments, and discharge planning staff on clinical services requiring pre-authorization to facilitate timely discharge from these settings.
  - 14.18.3.3.3 The Contractor shall not delay discharge from a hospital because of Contractor authorization procedures that unnecessarily delay such discharges. The Contractor shall utilize procedures, such as the 'honor authorization', to promote timely discharge and prevent unnecessary delays.
  - 14.18.3.3.4 The Contractor must accept the 'honor authorization' for SUD residential admission when services are authorized by the Enrollee's previous MCO, in cases where an incarcerated Enrollee is authorized by one MCO but changes to another MCO upon release. This includes, but is not limited to:
    - 14.18.3.3.4.1 Enrollee selects a different MCO upon release than they were enrolled in at incarceration;
    - 14.18.3.3.4.2 The MCO that the Enrollee was enrolled in at incarceration is no longer being offered in the service area that the Enrollee was released in; or

- 14.18.3.3.4.3 The Enrollee becomes associated with a household that has selected a different MCO than the Enrollee had prior to incarceration.
    - 14.18.3.4 The Contractor shall prioritize Care Coordination and discharge planning for Enrollees who have been involuntarily detained, are in acute care settings, and are likely to experience significant challenges for a civil bed transfer or discharge. The Contractor shall:
      - 14.18.3.4.1 Support discharge planning efforts with timely, streamlined communication across Enrollee’s care teams to include case conferencing as needed to facilitate improved outcomes;
      - 14.18.3.4.2 Explore viable options to create clinically appropriate discharge plans in tandem with the treating Provider/entities and other agency supports;
      - 14.18.3.4.3 Include Medical Director(s) early in discharge planning when medical or behavioral conditions present barriers to discharge, or when appropriate; and
      - 14.18.3.4.4 Participate in case reviews with HCA, as requested.
    - 14.18.3.5 Uniform Discharge Tool
      - 14.18.3.5.1 The Contractor shall complete the Uniform Discharge Tool, within seven (7) calendar days of discharge, for every Enrollee discharging from Western State Hospital, Eastern State Hospital, or a State Psychiatric Care Facility to ensure all components of a successful discharge are utilized. This does not apply to Enrollees discharging to a Long-Term Civil Commitment facility with their 90/180-day commitment still in effect.
        - 14.18.3.5.1.1 HCA may request a copy of the Uniform Discharge Tool for an Enrollee, and the Contractor must provide the completed tool within one Business Day of the request.
- 14.18.4 Care coordination and transitions between levels of care – Inpatient Treatment Agencies.
  - 14.18.4.1 The Contractor must require that Behavioral Health treatment agencies develop policies and procedures that enhance Care Coordination, including transitions between all levels of care.
  - 14.18.4.2 The Contractor must work with Behavioral Health treatment agencies to ensure there is adequate coordination for Enrollees transitioning between various levels of treatment services to ensure continuity of care, including in accordance with RCW 71.24.618, when applicable. As used in this section, “continuity of care” means the situation under which an Enrollee who is receiving services from

an individual Provider is entitled to receive timely and applicable follow-up services from ancillary referral agencies with the goal of providing immediate follow-up to address the holistic needs of the Enrollee. This will include, at a minimum, the following:

- 14.18.4.2.1 The Contractor must work with the Subcontractor to ensure that discharge plans and facilitation to post-discharge services are documented in the Enrollee's EHR. The following must occur when the Enrollee is discharged or transitioned to a lower or higher level of care:
  - 14.18.4.2.1.1 Appropriate referrals are made to a Behavioral Health Provider and coordination with the Enrollee's MCO.
  - 14.18.4.2.1.2 Follow-up appointments must be scheduled to occur within seven (7) calendar days of Enrollee discharge and documented as such in the Enrollee's EHR. Documentation must include:
    - 14.18.4.2.1.2.1 Release of Information between Behavioral Health treatment agencies for the Enrollee; date and time of appointment; any current medications; and
    - 14.18.4.2.1.2.2 If applicable, sufficient supply and compliance plan for prescribed medications is documented as part of the discharge process.
- 14.18.4.2.2 Enrollee's counselor or a designated outreach coordinator at the facility, will follow up via telephone, text message, or email with the Enrollee within 72 hours post-discharge.
- 14.18.4.3 The Contractor must provide housing-related care coordination services for Enrollees who need such services upon being discharged from inpatient Behavioral Health settings.
- 14.18.4.4 The Contractor must ensure continuity of MAT services for an Enrollee who transfers out of their region if that Enrollee was inducted or continued on FDA-approved medications for all SUDs during the course of their treatment. For those receiving FDA-approved medications for SUD, the following must occur:
  - 14.18.4.4.1 The Contractor must ensure an intake appointment takes place within seven (7) calendar days of

discharge from previous treatment facility.

14.18.4.4.2 Upon Enrollee discharge, the Subcontractor must ensure Medication Management to include sufficient medication until the Enrollee's scheduled appointment with community Provider or Behavioral Health treatment agency.

14.18.4.4.3 The Contractor must have enough Subcontractors that provide MAT services to allow for potential referrals from Enrollees who transfer from other regions.

14.18.5 Transition from Inpatient SUD Behavioral Health Agency. The Contractor must coordinate with Subcontractors who provide inpatient treatment to ensure referrals of Enrollees to outpatient services post-discharge from their facility. This includes the following:

14.18.5.1 Inpatient Treatment Provider must have Policies in place for prompt exchange of Enrollee information between Behavioral Health treatment agencies to facilitate continuity of care.

14.18.5.2 Warm Hand-off: When an Enrollee completes or is discharged from an Inpatient BHA, the subcontracting agency will have policies and practices in place to:

14.18.5.2.1 Provide scheduled immediate appointments with community Health Care Providers, to include, but not be limited to the following:

14.18.5.2.1.1 Intensive Outpatient/Outpatient Services. Documentation of and appointment referral for next level of treatment upon completion of residential services.

14.18.5.2.1.2 MAT. If the Enrollee was inducted or continued on FDA-approved medications for SUD during their stay in an Inpatient Behavioral Health facility, the agency will coordinate a same day appointment with an outpatient Provider to coincide with the individual's discharge date.

14.18.5.2.1.3 Peer Support and Recovery Based Services. The Inpatient Behavioral Health facility will document and provide the Enrollee with addresses and phone numbers at discharge for community-based Peer Support and Recovery Support resources.

14.18.5.2.1.4 Housing. Enrollee's housing status must be verified through the Enrollee or authorized representative and documented within the EHR system.

When necessary, the Behavioral Health facility will refer Enrollee to housing and community support services; documentation of any referrals must be placed in the EHR. When the Enrollee is prescribed FDA-approved medications for SUD, the Provider must document efforts to obtain housing to fit the individual's needs.

14.18.5.2.1.5 Transportation- Arrange for transportation for the individual, as needed, to scheduled appointments and recovery-based housing.

14.18.5.3 If the Enrollee discontinues services, the Subcontractor will document as such and attempt to facilitate transition back into the community.

14.18.5.4 If a Behavioral Health treatment agency discontinues treatment of an Enrollee, the agency must meet all discharge requirements noted in subsections 14.18.4.2 and 14.18.5 of this Contract.

14.18.6 The Contractor shall provide Care Coordination for Enrollees while living in an Intensive Behavioral Health Treatment Facility (IBHTF).

14.18.6.1 The Contractor must have policies and procedures consistent with the IBHTF Toolkit. The IBHTF Toolkit can be found at: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/intensive-behavioral-health-treatment-facilities-toolkit.pdf>.

14.18.6.2 The Contractor shall implement the following IBHTF policies and procedures:

14.18.6.2.1 Participate in the planning and implementation of a standardized screening and assessment process and uniform reporting of service level of Enrollees with intensive Behavioral Health needs with the Enrollee consent and according to the timelines and guidelines published by HCA to the extent they are not inconsistent with this Contract or federal regulations.

14.18.6.2.2 Report on actions taken in response to IBHTF Quality Plan reports and associated outcomes

14.18.6.2.3 Support existing Enrollee relationships with Behavioral Health Providers for specialty care situations including cultural connections.

14.18.6.2.4 Prior to discharge and when clinically indicated, refer Enrollee to Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) or Intensive Residential Treatment (IRT).

14.18.7 The Contractor shall use the following criteria and sources to identify Enrollees,

at acute care hospitals, with complex discharge needs who are facing barriers to discharge. Acute care hospital means a licensed facility in which an Enrollee can receive emergency care, observation level of care, and inpatient services.

- 14.18.7.1 Enrollees with denied continued stay due to no longer meeting medical necessity, if:
  - 14.18.7.1.1 Enrollee does not have a discharge plan in place;
  - 14.18.7.1.2 Enrollee is facing barriers to discharge;
  - 14.18.7.1.3 Enrollee receiving Administrative Days;
  - 14.18.7.1.4 Referrals escalated through HCA for discharge planning and Care Coordination support;
  - 14.18.7.1.5 Enrollee is on observation status greater than 72 hours;
  - 14.18.7.1.6 Enrollee is participating in the complex discharge pilot program; or
  - 14.18.7.1.7 Enrollee does not meet the criteria outlined above, and if the Contractor believes that the Enrollee would benefit from being added to the Complex Discharge report, the Contractor may use their own judgment to add these Enrollees to the report.
- 14.18.7.2 The Contractor shall provide timely and appropriate Care Coordination and discharge planning support, which meet contractual expectations, for these Enrollees until they are discharged from the acute care hospital setting to a lower level of care. This includes collaboration with hospitals and other care team members to address barriers to discharge.
- 14.18.7.3 The Contractor shall add these Enrollees to a Complex Discharge report. Enrollees will remain on the report until they are discharged from the acute care setting. The Contractor shall update these reports on a weekly basis and email completed reports to HCA's Complex Discharge mailbox at [HCAComplexDischarge@hca.wa.gov](mailto:HCAComplexDischarge@hca.wa.gov) by close of business every Tuesday. If HCA has follow-up questions on Enrollees, the Contractor must respond in a timely manner.

## **14.19 Skilled Nursing Facility Coordination**

- 14.19.1 Skilled Nursing Care is care provided by trained individuals (RN, PT, OT, ST, or RT) that typically follows an acute hospital stay or is provided as an alternative to skilled care in an acute care facility. It may be necessary for acute medical conditions (for example, rehab) or due to chronic medical conditions or disabilities. Skilled care is:
  - 14.19.1.1 Rehabilitative: Care provided for or post an acute illness or injury with the intent of restoring or improving skills and/or function that was lost or impaired; or
  - 14.19.1.2 Skilled Medical: Care provided daily and including, but not limited to, IV therapy, IM injections, indwelling and suprapubic catheters, tube



feeding, TPN, respiratory therapy, or wound care.

- 14.19.2 The Contractor is responsible for Medically Necessary Skilled Nursing care in a SNF or NF when the Contractor determines Nursing Facility care is more appropriate than acute hospital care. The Contractor shall coordinate with the hospital or other acute care facility discharge planners and nursing facility Care Managers or social workers, as described in the Coordination between the Contractor and External Entities Subsection of this Contract to ensure a smooth transition of the Enrollee to or from a SNF or NF.
- 14.19.3 The Contractor shall coordinate with the SNF or NF to provide Care Coordination and transitional care services and shall ensure coverage of all Medically Necessary services, prescriptions and equipment not included in the negotiated SNF daily rate. This includes but is not limited to: prescription medications, Medical Equipment, therapies, intravenous medications, and any other Medically Necessary service or product.
  - 14.19.3.1 If the Contractor, in coordination with the NF or SNF, anticipates the Enrollee will be in the Facility for additional days after an Enrollee no longer meets criteria for Medically Necessary skilled nursing care or rehabilitative care, the Contractor shall coordinate with the DSHS/ALTSA/HCS to:
    - 14.19.3.1.1 Determine functional, financial, and institutional eligibility, if necessary; and
    - 14.19.3.1.2 Assist the Enrollee to explore all options available for care, including whether the Enrollee will be discharged to his or her home or a community residential setting, or remain in the SNF for Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS).
  - 14.19.3.2 If the Enrollee is discharged home or a community residential setting, the Contractor shall coordinate with SNF/NF and HCS staff to ensure the Enrollee is discharged to a safe location and shall ensure Medically Necessary services are available to the Enrollee including, but not limited to, home health services, Medical Equipment and supplies, outpatient Rehabilitation Services and any other services necessary to facilitate the Enrollee's recovery. The Contractor shall also ensure follow-up care is provided consistent with the Transitional Care Coordination requirements of this Contract.
- 14.19.4 If the Enrollee remains in the SNF/NF, the Enrollee remains enrolled in AH-IMC and ALTSA is responsible for payment of SNF/NF room and board beginning on the date it is determined the Enrollee does not meet or no longer meets criteria for the rehabilitative or skilled benefit. The Contractor continues to be responsible for all Medically Necessary services, prescriptions, and equipment not included in the ALTSA NF rate. The Contractor shall continue to monitor the Enrollee's status and assist in coordination of transitions back to the community.
- 14.19.5 Issuance of an award letter by ALTSA does not constitute a guarantee or promise of payment for nursing home care.
- 14.19.6 The Contractor must provide written notice to the Facility, including dates of service and the date coverage will end, if the Enrollee:

- 14.19.6.1 Is admitted under the rehabilitative or skilled benefit;
  - 14.19.6.2 Does not meet rehabilitative or skilled nursing criteria; or
  - 14.19.6.3 If a previously authorized stay is being reduced.
- 14.19.7 For purposes of this Section, “nursing facility level of care” means ongoing support services provided in a SNF/NF for Enrollees who do not meet the criteria for rehabilitative or skilled nursing services.

**14.20 Care Coordination Oversight**

- 14.20.1 The Contractor shall have internal monitoring processes in place to ensure compliance with the Care Coordination and ICM requirements and the quality and appropriateness of care furnished to Individuals with Special Health Care Needs (42 C.F.R. § 438.330(b)(4)).
- 14.20.1.1 The Contractor shall have policies and procedures to route and effectively address Care Coordination needs. Internal policies must include:
- 14.20.1.1.1 Criteria for when escalation is required;
  - 14.20.1.1.2 Who is to be informed of the escalation;
  - 14.20.1.1.3 Processes for escalation to external agencies and other departments within the Contractor’s organization including utilization management (UM), leadership, medical director, and Behavioral Health medical director; and
  - 14.20.1.1.4 Actions to be taken in response to the escalation to ensure timely resolution.
- 14.20.2 Quality assurance reviews of documented Care Coordination and ICM activities shall include:
- 14.20.2.1 Case identification and assessment according to established risk stratification system;
  - 14.20.2.2 Documented treatment plans and care plans with evidence of periodic revision as appropriate to the Enrollee emerging needs;
  - 14.20.2.3 Effective Enrollee monitoring, including management of barriers;
  - 14.20.2.4 Referral management;
  - 14.20.2.5 Effective coordination of care, including coordination of services that the Enrollee receives through the FFS system; and
  - 14.20.2.6 Identification of appropriate actions for the Care Coordinator to take in support of the Enrollee, and the Care Coordinator’s follow-through in performing the identified tasks.
- 14.20.3 The Contractor shall conduct quality assurance reviews, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis.

**14.21 Direct Access to Specialists for Individuals with Special Health Care Needs**

- 14.21.1 When the required treatment plan of Individuals with Special Health Care Needs, Children with Special Health Care Needs or Enrollees meeting Level 2 eligibility indicates the need for frequent utilization of a course of treatment with or regular monitoring by a Specialist, the Contractor shall allow these Individuals to retain the Specialist as a PCP, or alternatively, be allowed direct access to Specialists for needed care (42 C.F.R. § 438.208(c)(4) and 438.6(m)).

## **14.22 Transitional Planning for Incarcerated Enrollees**

- 14.22.1 For the purposes of this subsection, "correctional facility" includes city and county jails, Department of Corrections facilities, youth correctional facilities, and Juvenile Rehabilitation facilities.

14.22.1.1 The Contractor shall coordinate care for Enrollees as they transition into a correctional facility or upon release from a correctional facility. The Contractor shall initiate development of and make progress toward obtaining data sharing agreements with correctional facilities and reentry partners to enable the Contractor and these facilities to share health information about the Enrollees. Transitional Care Coordination shall be provided for up to the first thirty (30) calendar days of incarceration or as needed and upon the Enrollee's release, including honoring another MCO's Prior Authorization for admission to SUD residential facility.

14.22.1.2 The Contractor shall:

14.22.1.2.1 Provide Transitional Care Coordination services to Enrollees when they enter a correctional facility, including:

14.22.1.2.1.1 Working with the facility to define the responsible party at the facility who will provide Care Coordination activities in the facility;

14.22.1.2.1.2 Ensuring the facility is aware of the Enrollee's special needs, those with a PRISM score of 1 or higher, SUD, mental health needs, or chronic health conditions, and is aware of medications and supplies the Enrollee needs; and

14.22.1.2.1.3 Providing information to enable the Facility to maintain the Enrollee's medication regimen while the Enrollee is incarcerated.

14.22.1.2.2 Provide services and Care Coordination for Enrollees upon release from a correctional facility, or other facilities that provide care for individuals with 90 and 180-day civil commitments, including:

14.22.1.2.2.1 Coordinating with the facility to get copies of the Enrollee's medical records at the time of discharge;

- 14.22.1.2.2.2 Requesting the Enrollee sign a Release of Information to allow exchange of health care information between systems;
- 14.22.1.2.2.3 Using an evidence-based approach to Care Coordination as the Enrollee transitions from incarceration to the community;
- 14.22.1.2.2.4 Ensuring expedited Prior Authorization for medications or supplies prescribed while the Enrollee was incarcerated, and for admissions to SUD residential treatment facilities when previously authorized by another MCO during the client's incarceration period;
- 14.22.1.2.2.5 Prioritizing Care Coordination for Enrollees with special needs, those with a PRISM score of 1 or higher, SUD, mental health needs, or chronic health conditions;
- 14.22.1.2.2.6 Providing the Enrollee with an overview of benefits for which the Enrollee is eligible through the Contractor;
- 14.22.1.2.2.7 Discussing with the Enrollee how to access a PCP, notify the Enrollee who their PCP is or help the Enrollee to find a PCP; and
- 14.22.1.2.2.8 Assisting the Enrollee to access the following services:
  - 14.22.1.2.2.8.1 Transportation to Medicaid appointments;
  - 14.22.1.2.2.8.2 Follow-up appointments for Behavioral Health or medical services;
  - 14.22.1.2.2.8.3 Housing and employment assistance; and
  - 14.22.1.2.2.8.4 Other support services the Enrollee may need.

- 14.22.1.2.3 Submit a quarterly Collaboration with Correctional Facilities report to HCA through MC-Track using the provided template. The report shall demonstrate the Contractor's progress regarding clinical coordination when an Enrollee enters custody as well as Care

Coordination and connection to reentry services upon release. The reports shall also identify any barriers to effective Care Coordination for Enrollees entering and exiting correctional facilities and actions taken or planned to address those barriers. The quarterly reports are due to HCA no later than the last Business Day of the months of January, April, July, and October for the preceding quarter.

14.22.1.3 HCA shall provide:

14.22.1.3.1 Information to the Contractor about the Enrollee's incarceration status when the information is available to HCA.

14.22.1.4 When possible, HCA shall coordinate with the Contractor to re-enroll the Enrollee with the MCO he or she was enrolled in prior to incarceration, even when the incarceration was longer than six (6) months.

14.22.1.5 Reentry Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP) 2.0 Initiative. Leading up to MTP 2.0 implementation, effective on or about July 1, 2025, the Contractor shall collaborate with partners participating in HCA's 1115 MTP waiver to support the health and stabilization of incarcerated individuals and support reentry MTP 2.0 implementation.

14.22.1.5.1 The Contractor shall partner with the reentry third party administrator, participating correctional facilities, and the Providers serving incarcerated individuals to fulfill the requirements in the MTP 2.0 Initiative, including accepting claims from Providers of reentry services via the reentry demonstration claims clearinghouse and other administrative simplification efforts that support the services to incarcerated Enrollees and correctional facilities.

14.22.1.5.2 The Contractor shall participate in statewide reentry workgroups convened by HCA. The Contractor shall abide by recommendations agreed to by the reentry workgroups.

## 14.23 Mental Health Parity

14.23.1 Notwithstanding anything in this Contract to the contrary, Washington State statutes and OIC regulations regarding Mental Health Parity do not apply to the provision of services to Enrollees under this Contract.

14.23.2 The Contractor shall not impose Non-Quantitative Treatment Limits (NQTL) for mental health or SUD benefits in any classification (inpatient, outpatient, emergency care, or Prescription Drugs) unless, under the Contractor's policies and procedures as written and in operation, any processes, strategies, evidentiary standards, or other factors used in applying the NQTL to mental health or SUD benefits in the classification are comparable to, and are applied no more stringently than, the processes, strategies, evidentiary standards, or other factors used in applying the limitation for medical/surgical benefits in the

classification. (42 C.F.R. § 438.910(d)).

- 14.23.3 The Contractor shall monitor the Non-Quantitative Treatment Limits (NQTL) used in providing mental health or SUD benefits to Enrollees, to assure they are comparable to, and are applied no more stringently than, the processes, strategies, evidentiary standards, or other factors the Contractor uses to apply limitations for medical/surgical benefits in the appropriate classifications. (42 C.F.R. § 438.910(d)). The Contractor shall complete the Parity Review Report annually and submit through MC-Track no later than November 1 of the calendar year in review.
  - 14.23.3.1 The Contractor shall also report disparate applications and parity concerns to [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov) within fourteen (14) calendar days of discovery.
- 14.23.4 The Contractor shall use processes, strategies, evidentiary standards, or other factors in determining access to out-of-network Providers for mental health or SUD benefits that are comparable to, and applied no more stringently than, the processes, strategies, evidentiary standards, or other factors in determining access to out-of-network Providers for medical/surgical benefits in the same classification.
- 14.23.5 The Contractor may cover, in addition to services covered under the Medicaid State Plan, any services necessary for compliance with the requirements for parity in mental health and SUD benefits in 42 C.F.R. Part 438, subpart K, and the contract identifies the types and amount, duration, and scope of services consistent with the analysis of parity compliance conducted by either the state or the Contractor. (42 C.F.R. § 438.3(e)(1)(ii)).
- 14.23.6 If Enrollees are provided mental health or SUD benefits in any classification of benefits (inpatient, outpatient, emergency care, or Prescription Drugs), mental health or SUD benefits must be provided to the Enrollee in every classification in which medical/surgical benefits are provided. (42 C.F.R. § 438.910(b)(2)).
- 14.23.7 The Contractor's Prior Authorization requirements shall comply with the requirements for parity in mental health and SUD benefits in (42 C.F.R § 438.910(d)).
- 14.23.8 The Contractor must provide all necessary documentation and reporting to HCA to establish and demonstrate compliance with 42 C.F.R. part 438, subpart K regarding parity in mental health and SUD benefits.
- 14.23.9 The Contractor shall make the criteria for medical necessity determinations made by the Contractor for mental health or SUD benefits available to any Enrollee, Potential Enrollee, or contracting Provider upon request.
- 14.23.10 The Contractor shall not impose aggregate lifetime, annual dollar limits, or any other financial limitations on Enrollees for mental health or SUD benefits, regardless of whether the services are covered by the Contractor.

#### **14.24 Outreach to At Risk Pregnant Women**

- 14.24.1 The Contractor shall provide outreach to pregnant women identified as at risk due to opioid use disorder. Outreach shall include providing information and education as well as disseminating up-to-date and accurate health education information concerning the effects of opioid use and the risks to both themselves and their babies. (RCW 71.24.560(3)).

**14.25 Outreach to Enrollees for Hepatitis C Virus Screening, Connection to Care, Treatment and Cure of Positively Diagnosed Enrollees**

- 14.25.1 The Contractor shall provide outreach to Network Providers to assure screening, connection to care, and treatment of Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) in conformance with [Directive of the Governor 18-13](#) and CDC guidelines. The Contractor's Provider outreach efforts shall include education, assistance in Enrollee connection to care, and medication adherence.
- 14.25.2 The Contractor shall provide HCA with a verbal progress report at the quarterly MCO meeting on their progress of related treatment initiatives. HCA will provide information on the number of Enrollees treated for HCV and the number of newly identified Enrollees prior to the quarterly meetings.
  - 14.25.2.1 The Contractor shall submit a quarterly report with list of HCV network Providers who treat HCV and if they are accepting new Enrollees. The HCV Network Provider List report will be submitted quarterly each year to MC-Track. The report is due thirty (30) calendar days after the end of the quarter: May 1, quarter one; August 1, quarter two; November 1, quarter three; and February 1, quarter four.

## 15 SPECIAL PROVISIONS

### 15.1 Special Provisions Regarding Coordination with IHCPs

#### 15.1.1 Tribal Liaison

- 15.1.1.1 The Contractor shall designate an employee(s) to fulfill the role of Tribal Liaison.
- 15.1.1.2 The Contractor must have a dedicated primary contact for all tribal-related billing and claims issues. Expectations for handling all IHCP escalations shall be as follows:
  - 15.1.1.2.1 Response to the initial escalation shall be no later than three (3) Business Days after receipt of the complaint. The response must include (i) details of the root cause analysis performed, (ii) an actionable plan to remedy the cause of the issue, (iii) an estimated completion date for ultimate resolution, and (iv) an ongoing cadence for future communications. Every tribal escalation shall be tracked by the Contractor to ensure total resolution.
- 15.1.1.3 The Contractor will designate a staff person who is competent in understanding the cultural and legal aspects of Medicaid and IHCPs and AI/AN Enrollees.
  - 15.1.1.3.1 The Contractor must provide for training of its Tribal Liaison, conducted by one or more IHCPs, the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State, or the DSHS Indian Policy Advisory Committee, on AI/AN Health Disparities and needs, the Indian health care delivery system, the government-to-government relationship between the state of Washington and the federally recognized Tribes, applicable federal and state laws and regulations, applicable provisions in this Contract, and matters specific to IHCPs. No later than September 30 of each year, the Contractor will provide written documentation of efforts to obtain this training.
- 15.1.1.4 The Contractor's Tribal Liaison will also serve the role of Indian Health Care Compliance Manager.
- 15.1.1.5 This position will be responsible for monitoring the Contractor's compliance with the requirements in this Contract that apply expressly to IHCPs and AI/AN Enrollees and should report to executive leadership with authority over such compliance.
- 15.1.1.6 The Contractor's Tribal Liaison will participate in HCA's meetings with Tribes and non-Tribal IHCPs to develop the Protocols for Coordination with Tribes and non-Tribal IHCPs.
- 15.1.1.7 The Contractor's Tribal Liaison may seek technical assistance from



HCA Tribal Affairs Office to understand the legal protections applicable to IHCPs and AI/AN Enrollees.

15.1.2 Protocols for Coordination with Tribes and non-Tribal IHCPs.

15.1.2.1 HCA in partnership with the Contractor through the convened meetings will develop and revise protocols for the coordination of Crisis Services (including involuntary commitment assessment), Care Coordination, and discharge and transition planning as part of HCA's government-to-government relationship with each of the Tribes under chapter 43.376 RCW and various federal requirements and as part of HCA's meet-and-confer relationship with each non-Tribal IHCP under HCA policy. These protocols will include a procedure and timeframe for evaluating the protocols' efficacy and reviewing or modifying the protocols to the satisfaction of all parties. These protocols may be jointly developed with more than one Tribe and/or non-Tribal IHCPs in a RSAs. With respect to crisis and involuntary commitment assessment services, these protocols will include at a minimum a description of the procedures or processes for:

- 15.1.2.1.1 Designated Crisis Responders to access Tribal lands to provide services, including crisis response and involuntary commitment assessment;
- 15.1.2.1.2 Providing services on Tribal lands in the evening, holidays, or weekends if different than during Business Hours;
- 15.1.2.1.3 Notifying Tribal authorities when Crisis Services are provided on Tribal land, especially on weekends or holidays or after Business Hours, including who is notified and timeframes for the notification;
- 15.1.2.1.4 How DCRs will coordinate with Tribal mental health and/or SUD Providers and others identified in the protocols, including coordination and debriefing with any Tribal mental health or SUD Providers after Crisis Services have been provided;
- 15.1.2.1.5 When a DCR determines whether to detain or not for involuntary commitment; and
- 15.1.2.1.6 If ITA evaluations cannot be conducted on Tribal land, how and by whom Individuals will be transported to non-Tribal lands for involuntary commitment assessment and detention and/or to a licensed Evaluation and Treatment Facility.

15.1.2.2 Until these protocols are completed and agreed upon for each Tribe or non-Tribal IHCP, the Contractor shall use the most recent annual plan for providing crisis and ITA evaluation on Tribal Lands that was agreed upon by the Contractor and the Tribe.

15.1.3 The Contractor's staff, including Tribal Liaison, shall receive annual training applicable to the AI/AN communities in the RSAs contracted, including Cultural

Humility, IHCPs and services available, and the Protocols for Coordination with Tribes and Non-Tribal IHCPs applicable to the Contractor's RSAs.

- 15.1.4 If the Contractor and the IHCP fail to enter into a Subcontract within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the IHCP's written request, the IHCP may request HCA assistance in facilitating resolution. Executive leadership of the Contractor must attend this meeting in person and are permitted to have legal counsel present.

## **15.2 Special Provisions Regarding Behavioral Health Benefits**

- 15.2.1 The Contractor's administration of Behavioral Health benefits shall comply with the following provisions:
  - 15.2.1.1 Unless otherwise agreed upon, Essential Behavioral Health Functions and required Behavioral Health personnel shall be located in Washington State and available during Business Hours.
  - 15.2.1.2 Outside of Business Hours, information, crisis triage, referral services, and Prior Authorization may be conducted out-of-state. Any Contractor staff that work outside of Washington State must be trained and have knowledge of Washington State-specific Behavioral Health Covered Services, Managed Care rules, UM protocols and Level of Care Guidelines.
  - 15.2.1.3 The Contractor must maintain an adequate complement of qualified and trained staff located in Washington State to accomplish AH-IMC program goals and to meet the needs of individuals with serious emotional disturbance, serious mental illness and SUDs. The Contractor shall have Behavioral Health resources sufficient to meet all Contract requirements and performance standards and shall require that all staff have the required education, experience, credentials, orientation and training to perform assigned job duties.
  - 15.2.1.4 The Contractor shall designate employees who fulfil the following Behavioral Health functions:
    - 15.2.1.4.1 A behavioral health medical director.
    - 15.2.1.4.2 A behavioral health clinical director.
  - 15.2.1.5 The Contractor shall designate managerial positions with the following behavioral health responsibilities:
    - 15.2.1.5.1 A behavioral health children's system administrator.
    - 15.2.1.5.2 An addictions administrator.
    - 15.2.1.5.3 A behavioral health utilization/care management administrator.
    - 15.2.1.5.4 A behavioral health network development manager.
    - 15.2.1.5.5 A behavioral health provider relations manager.
  - 15.2.1.6 In addition to the key and managerial staff, the Contractor shall have a sufficient number of qualified operational staff to meet its responsibilities under this Contract.

- 15.2.1.6.1 The Contractor shall locate a sufficient number of Provider Relations staff within the state to meet requirements under this Contract for Provider education and training, Provider profiling, and Provider performance improvement or problem resolution.
- 15.2.1.6.2 The Contractor shall ensure that one or more Data Management and Reporting Specialists shall have experience and expertise in Medicaid data analytics and Behavioral Health Data Systems to oversee all data interfaces and support the Behavioral Health specific reporting requirements under this Contract. This position can be located outside of Washington State.
- 15.2.1.6.3 The Contractor shall designate one or more Community Liaisons to work within Washington State, county Behavioral Health leadership, and ACHs within its service area. This shall include a liaison to Enrollee and family organizations for children, youth and families and a liaison to other member-serving systems including, but not limited to state and local criminal and juvenile justice agencies, foster care agencies, housing administrators/homeless services and vocational administration. The Contractor shall participate and coordinate with the designated regional ACH and actively participate in at least one health improvement strategy identified by the ACH.
- 15.2.1.6.4 The Contractor shall ensure a sufficient number of qualified staff to meet both new Contract requirements and increased volume including the following functions: administrative and support, member services, Grievance and Appeal, claims, encounter processing, Behavioral Health Supplemental Transactions processing, data analysts, and financial reporting analysts.
- 15.2.1.6.5 The Contractor may administer claims out-of-state. If claims are administered in another location, physical and Behavioral Health Provider relations staff shall have access to the claims payment and reporting platform during business hours.
- 15.2.1.7 The Contractor shall develop and maintain a human resources and staffing plan that describes how the Contractor will maintain adequate staffing:
  - 15.2.1.7.1 The Contractor shall hire employees for the key and required Behavioral Health functions specified in the Contract. Consultants must be prior approved by the state.
  - 15.2.1.7.2 The Contractor may propose a staffing plan, with prior approval by the State, which combines positions and

functions with other positions.

15.2.1.7.3 The Contractor shall develop and implement staff training plans that address how all staff will be trained on the requirements of this Contract.

15.2.1.8 The Contractor must ensure development and implementation of training programs for Network Providers that deliver, coordinate, or oversee Behavioral Health services to Enrollees. The individual(s) responsible for Behavioral Health training must have at least two (2) years' experience and expertise in developing training programs related to Behavioral Health systems comparable to those under the Contract.

## 16 BENEFITS

### 16.1 Scope of Services

- 16.1.1 In accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.210, Exhibit H, Scope of Benefits, has a table that provides a general description of the scope of services included by Apple Health Contract type, i.e., Integrated Managed Care (“IMC”), Integrated Foster Care (“IFC”), and Behavioral Health Services Only (“BHSO”). The limitations of amount, scope, or duration noted in the regulations referenced therein set the minimum standard the Contractor must apply.
- 16.1.2 The Contractor is responsible for covering Medically Necessary physical and Behavioral Health services to Enrollees sufficient in amount, duration, and scope to reasonably be expected to achieve the purpose for which the services are furnished (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(a)(3)(ii)). The Contractor shall cover services that address the following (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(a)(4); and WAC 182-501-0060):
- 16.1.2.1 The prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of an Enrollee’s disease, condition, and/or disorder that results in health impairments and/or disability 42 C.F.R. § 438.210(a)(5)(ii)(A).
  - 16.1.2.2 The ability for an Enrollee to achieve age-appropriate growth and development.
  - 16.1.2.3 The ability for an Enrollee to attain, maintain, or regain functional capacity.
- 16.1.3 Integrated Behavioral Health services that support a bi-directional delivery of care model. The Contractor shall implement coverage of designated services collaboratively with HCA to support an integrated model of care that has no barriers by Provider type or place of service, except as driven by scope of licensure, CPT, or correct coding initiatives. This will include coverage of selected codes, including those classified as collaborative care codes, Behavioral Health integration codes, and primary care codes.
- 16.1.4 Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Contract, the Contractor must provide Contracted Services in the same amount, duration, and scope of services as described in the Medicaid State Plan (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(a)(1) and 2)). For specific Contracted Services, the requirements of this Section shall also not be construed as requiring the Contractor to provide the specific items provided by HCA under its FFS program, but shall rather be construed to require the Contractor to provide the same scope of services. The Contractor is allowed to have guidelines, developed and overseen by appropriate Health Care Professionals, for approving services. All denials of Contracted Services are to be individual medical necessity decisions made by a Health Care Professional without being limited by such guidelines.
- 16.1.5 The Contractor makes the decision whether or not a Contracted Service is Medically Necessary. Medical necessity decisions are to be made based on an individual Enrollee’s healthcare needs by a Health Care Professional with expertise appropriate to the Enrollee’s condition. The Contractor may not make global medical necessity decisions since that is a coverage decision.
- 16.1.5.1 The amount and duration of Contracted Services that are Medically Necessary depends on the Enrollee’s condition (42 C.F.R. §

438.210(a)(3)(i)).

- 16.1.5.2 The Contractor shall not arbitrarily deny or reduce the amount, duration, or scope of required services solely because of the Enrollee's diagnosis, type of illness, or condition (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(a)(3)(ii)).
- 16.1.6 Except as specifically provided in the provisions of the Authorization Requirements Section, the requirements of this Section shall not be construed to prevent the Contractor from establishing utilization control measures as it deems necessary to assure that services are appropriately utilized, provided that utilization control measures do not deny Medically Necessary Contracted Services to Enrollees nor unduly burden Providers or Enrollees. The Contractor's utilization control measures are not required to be the same as those in the Medicaid FFS program (42 C.F.R. § 438.210(a)(4)(ii)).
- 16.1.7 If the Contractor objects on moral or religious grounds to providing a counseling or referral service that it would otherwise be required to provide, reimburse for, or provide coverage for, the Contractor is not required to do so. The Contractor must document the grounds on which it objects to providing this service.
- 16.1.8 The Contractor shall ensure that utilization control measures imposed on family planning services are imposed in such a manner that the Enrollee's right to choose the method of family planning to be used is protected.
- 16.1.9 For services that HCA determines are non-covered, the Contractor shall have policies and procedures consistent with WAC 182-501-0160, Exception to Rule (ETR). The Contractor shall cover a service when the criteria in this WAC are met. The ETR process is not to be applied to Excluded Services.
- 16.1.10 For services that are covered, but with limits in scope, amount, or duration, the Contractor will have policies and procedures consistent with WAC 182-501-0169 Limitation Extension (LE) to determine medical necessity of services outside or more than the limit. The Contractor is responsible for covering a service when the criteria in this WAC are met and results in an approval of services outside or more than the limitation.
- 16.1.11 Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to require or prevent the Contractor from covering services outside of the scope of Contracted Services (42 C.F.R. § 438.3). Services provided outside the scope of Contracted Services shall be reported separately to HCA and shall not be included in the rates development process.
- 16.1.12 The Contractor may limit the provision of Contracted Services to Participating Providers except for the following:
  - 16.1.12.1 Emergency Services;
  - 16.1.12.2 Services provided outside the Service Areas as necessary to provide Medically Necessary services;
  - 16.1.12.3 Coordination of Benefits, when an Enrollee has other primary comparable physical and/or Behavioral Health coverage as necessary to coordinate benefits; and
  - 16.1.12.4 Within the Contractor's service areas, as defined in the Service Areas provisions of the Enrollment Section of this Contract, the

Contractor shall cover Enrollees for all Medically Necessary physical and/or Behavioral Health services.

16.1.13 Outside the Service Areas:

16.1.13.1 For Enrollees who are temporarily outside the service areas or who have moved to a service area not served by the Contractor and have not been enrolled with another MCO, the Contractor shall cover the following services:

16.1.13.1.1 Emergency and Post-Stabilization Services.

16.1.13.1.2 Urgent Care services associated with the presentation of medical signs that require immediate attention but are not life threatening. The Contractor may require Prior Authorization for Urgent Care services as long as the wait times specified in the Appointment Standards provisions of the Access to Care and Provider Network Section of this Contract, are not exceeded.

16.1.13.1.3 Services that are neither emergent nor urgent, but are Medically Necessary and cannot reasonably wait until Enrollee's return to the service area. The Contractor is not required to cover non-symptomatic (i.e., preventive care) out of the service area. The Contractor may require Prior Authorization for such services as long as the wait times specified in the Appointment Standards provision of the Access to Care and Provider Network Section of this Contract are not exceeded.

**16.2 Second Opinions**

16.2.1 The Contractor must authorize a second opinion regarding the Enrollee's health care from a qualified Health Care Professional within the Contractor's Network, or provide authorization for the Enrollee to obtain a second opinion outside the Contractor's Network, if the Contractor's Network is unable to provide for an independent and impartial qualified Health Care Professional. The appointment for a second opinion must occur within thirty (30) calendar days of the request unless the Enrollee requests a delay for the second opinion to a date later than thirty (30) calendar days.

16.2.2 If the Contractor refuses to authorize a second opinion, or a second opinion from a Provider of the Enrollee's choice, the refusal is an Adverse Benefit Determination, which shall be subject to Appeal under the provisions of the Grievance and Appeal System section of this Contract.

16.2.3 This Section shall not be construed to require the Contractor to cover unlimited second opinions, nor to require the Contractor to cover any services other than the professional services of the second opinion Provider.

**16.3 Sterilizations and Hysterectomies**

16.3.1 The Contractor shall assure that all sterilizations and hysterectomies performed under this Contract are in compliance with 42 C.F.R. § 441 Subpart F, and that a Consent for Sterilization form (HHS-687) is used. A hysterectomy requires the

Hysterectomy Consent and Patient Information form (HCA 13-365). These forms can be accessed using the link provided in HCA Sterilization Supplemental Billing Guide.

**16.4 Enrollee in Facility at Enrollment: Medical and Acute Behavioral Health Conditions**

- 16.4.1 If an Enrollee was admitted to a hospital the same month that enrollment occurs, the Contractor is responsible for the admission and all related services unless:
  - 16.4.1.1 The Enrollee is SSI Blind/Disabled and admitted to a CPE hospital. In this case, HCA is responsible for the inpatient claim and the Contractor is responsible for professional services and management of the authorization requirements.
- 16.4.2 HCA is responsible for payment of all hospital and professional services provided from the date of admission until the date the Enrollee is discharged from the acute hospital inpatient stay when:
  - 16.4.2.1 The client was admitted to the hospital in the same month Medicaid eligibility is established but enrollment is not completed until the following month; or
  - 16.4.2.2 The client was on FFS before the admission and is enrolled in AHMC during the admission; or
  - 16.4.2.3 The client's eligibility is retroactive to a month prior to the current month, the client is hospitalized, and enrollment is completed during the admission.
- 16.4.3 If an Enrollee was admitted to a skilled nursing or nursing facility, the same month that enrollment occurs, the Contractor is responsible for the admission and all related services, until the Enrollee no longer meets rehabilitation or skilled level of care criteria.
- 16.4.4 DSHS is responsible for payment of any nursing facility admissions, including when the Enrollee meets rehabilitation or skilled level of care criteria, provided from the date of admission until the date the Enrollee is discharged from the nursing facility when:
  - 16.4.4.1 The client was admitted to the nursing facility in the same month Medicaid eligibility is established but enrollment is not completed until the following month; or
  - 16.4.4.2 The client was on FFS before the admission and is enrolled in AHMC during the admission; or
  - 16.4.4.3 The client's eligibility is retroactive to a month prior to the current month, the client is admitted, and enrollment is completed during the admission.
- 16.4.5 If the Enrollee's admission to a nursing facility is the responsibility of DSHS, under the provisions of subsection 16.4.4, the Contractor is responsible for all other services as described in this Contract, except for the room and board for the nursing facility, that are Medically Necessary and required to meet the Enrollee's needs, including but not limited to professional services, specialty



beds, and specialty wheelchairs. The Contractor is responsible for management of the authorization requirements for these services.

16.4.6 The Contractor is responsible for actively planning from either a hospital or a nursing facility when that admission is the responsibility of HCA or DSHS, respectively. The Contractor is also responsible for the delivery of care pursuant to this Contract once discharge has occurred, including any subsequent care: hospital inpatient, rehabilitation, outpatient, outpatient observation, any professional services, and any subsequent nursing facility placements that meet rehabilitative or skilled stay nursing level of care criteria.

16.4.6.1 If the Enrollee is admitted to a hospital or a nursing facility after the first of the month in which enrollment occurred, the Contractor may conduct retrospective review to establish medical necessity of the admission.

16.4.7 If an Enrollee changes AH MCOs and the change becomes effective during an inpatient admission, including an admission to a Behavioral Health acute inpatient facility, the AH MCO that the Enrollee was enrolled with on the date of admission is responsible for payment of all covered inpatient facility and professional services. If a child is enrolled in AH-IFC, during the month of inpatient admission, the AH-IFC MCO is responsible for payment. The AH MCO that is receiving the Enrollee is responsible for completing the responsibilities described in subsection 16.4.6.

16.4.7.1 This responsibility continues from the date of admission until the date the Enrollee no longer meets criteria for the rehabilitative or skilled benefit, or is discharged from a Facility to home or a community residential setting or readmitted to an inpatient or observation hospital stay, consistent with the Skilled Nursing Facility Coordination subsection of this Contract. The party responsible for payment under this Subsection remains responsible for medical necessity determinations and service authorizations.

16.4.7.2 When a child becomes enrolled in AH-IFC, this responsibility continues from the date of admission until the date the Enrollee becomes enrolled in AH-IFC. The party responsible for payment under this Subsection remains responsible for medical necessity determinations and service authorizations.

## **16.5 Enrollee in Hospice at Enrollment**

16.5.1 If an Enrollee changes AH MCOs and the change becomes effective while the Enrollee is receiving Hospice Services, the AH MCO that the Enrollee was enrolled with on the date of hospice admission is responsible for payment of all covered Hospice Services regardless of place of service. This responsibility continues from the date of admission until the date the Enrollee no longer meets criteria for hospice or is discharged from hospice. The AH MCO that is receiving the Enrollee is responsible for coordinating discharge and ensuring continuity of services for the Enrollee.

## **16.6 Enrollee in Facility at Termination of Enrollment**

16.6.1 If an Enrollee is in a facility at the time of termination of enrollment and the Enrollee was enrolled with the Contractor on the date of admission, the Contractor shall be responsible for payment of all covered facility and

professional services from the date of admission until one of the following occurs:

- 16.6.1.1 The Enrollee is discharged from a Facility to home or a community residential setting, including Behavioral Health residential treatment facilities or a lower level of care.
- 16.6.1.2 The Enrollee's eligibility to receive Medicaid services ends. The Contractor's obligation for payment ends at the end of the month the Enrollee's Medicaid eligibility ends.
- 16.6.1.3 The Enrollee no longer meets the Contractor's rehabilitative or skilled criteria applicable to the skilled nursing facility setting.

## **16.7 In Lieu of Services (ILOS)**

- 16.7.1 The Contractor may provide ILOS services to an Enrollee who chooses to accept them in accordance with Exhibit K, Scope of In Lieu of Services.
- 16.7.2 The Contractor may provide services or settings that are ILOS or as follows:
  - 16.7.2.1 HCA shall determine whether the alternative service or setting is a Medically Appropriate and cost-effective substitute for the Covered Service or setting under the Medicaid State Plan.
  - 16.7.2.2 The Enrollee is not required to use the alternative service or setting.
  - 16.7.2.3 The approved ILOS are authorized and identified in this Contract.
  - 16.7.2.4 The utilization of and actual cost of the ILOS is reported in the Contractor's encounter data submission.
- 16.7.3 Approved ILOS are the following:
  - 16.7.3.1 Intensive Behavioral Supportive Supervision (IBSS).
  - 16.7.3.2 IMD services, for the provision of up to sixty (60) calendar days of inpatient psychiatric treatment.
- 16.7.4 Annually on December 1, the Contractor shall submit an annual narrative report titled Available ILOS Attestation via MC-Track with the ILOS they will offer to their Enrollees who qualify for the next calendar year. These services must be offered equally across the population who qualify, and the Contractor may not remove these ILOS offerings prior to the end of the calendar year.
- 16.7.5 ILOS must be delivered in compliance with all applicable federal and state requirements to be included in rate-setting.
- 16.7.6 The offer or coverage of ILOS(s) by a MCO in no way alters or diminishes an Enrollee's rights to Grievance and Appeal processes pursuant to 42 C.F.R. part 438. The Contractor shall ensure that all Grievance and Appeal Systems requirements are applied to ILOS(s) consistent with this Contract.
- 16.7.7 The Contractor shall ensure that all Prior Authorization and utilization management requirements are applied to ILOS consistent with this Contract.
- 16.7.8 The Contractor shall not deny an Enrollee a Covered Service on the basis that they have been offered an ILOS, are currently receiving an ILOS, or has

received an ILOS in the past.

- 16.7.9 If an Enrollee changes enrollment to another MCO and the new MCO offers the same ILOS as the service the Enrollee received under their previous MCO, then the new MCO must honor the service authorization for that Enrollee according to the Continuity of Care Section of this Contract.
- 16.7.10 The Contractor shall submit the Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Services Utilization report template via MC-Track quarterly no later than the last business day of April, July, October, and January. The deliverable shall include the following:
  - 16.7.10.1 Quarterly data reflecting utilization and payment.
- 16.7.11 Annual HRSN Narrative report of each HRSN service and ILOS offered by the Contractor. Due the last business day of April to include the work of the previous calendar year submitted via MC-Track and shall include the following:
  - 16.7.11.1 Strengths and opportunities identified with recommendations to the state and action taken by the Contractor;
  - 16.7.11.2 The Contractor's evaluation of medically appropriateness of each ILOS; and
  - 16.7.11.3 Data for each service, including annual cost (total and average by service), utilization (total and average by membership), and summary of Adverse Benefit Determinations, Appeals, and Grievances.

## **16.8 Deliveries and Newborn Coverage**

- 16.8.1 For newborns born while their mother is hospitalized:
  - 16.8.1.1 The party responsible for the payment of Covered Services for the mother's Hospitalization shall be responsible for payment of all Covered Services provided to the mother from the date of admission until the date discharged from the acute care hospital.
  - 16.8.1.2 If the newborn is determined eligible and enrolled to the Contractor in the month of birth, the Contractor is responsible for payment of all Covered Services provided to the newborn from birth to date of discharge from the acute care hospital. If the newborn is not enrolled in the month of birth, facility costs, and professional services will be paid FFS.
- 16.8.2 If the mother is not covered during the birth, and the newborn is found eligible and enrolled with the Contractor in the month of birth, the Contractor will be responsible for all Covered Services provided to the enrolled newborn starting from the date of birth or admission.
- 16.8.3 If HCA is responsible for payment of labor and delivery services provided to a mother, HCA shall not pay the Contractor a Delivery Case Rate under the provisions of the Payment and Sanctions section of this Contract.
- 16.8.4 For covered deliveries in a birthing center, the Contractor shall pay for all Covered Services, including Facility costs and professional services provided to the mother and the newborn until the date the enrolled mother and newborn are

discharged from the birthing center.

16.8.5 For home deliveries, the Contractor shall pay for all costs associated with the home delivery, including professional services provided to the mother and newborn.

16.8.6 Donor Human Milk

16.8.6.1 The Contractor is responsible for covering Medically Necessary donor human milk for any inpatient use when ordered by a licensed Health Care Provider with prescriptive authority or an international board-certified lactation consultant certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBCLE) for an infant who is medically or physically unable to receive maternal human milk or participate in chest feeding or whose parent is medically or physically unable to produce maternal human milk in sufficient quantities or caloric density or participate in chest feeding, if the infant meets at least one of the criteria in accordance with RCW 48.43.815(1)(a) – (o):

## 16.9 Qualifying Clinical Trials

16.9.1 The Contractor is responsible for covering routine patient costs (as defined below) associated with Qualifying Clinical Trials. For purposes of this Section, the term “Qualifying Clinical Trials” means a clinical trial meeting all the following criteria within this subsection:

16.9.1.1 Any clinical phase of development.

16.9.1.2 A clinical trial being conducted in relation to the prevention, detection, or treatment of any serious or life-threatening disease or condition.

16.9.1.3 A clinical trial that meets one of the following requirements:

16.9.1.3.1 A study or investigation that is approved, conducted, or supported (including by funding through in-kind contributions) by one or more of the following:

16.9.1.3.1.1 National Institutes of Health (NIH);

16.9.1.3.1.2 CDC;

16.9.1.3.1.3 Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ);

16.9.1.3.1.4 CMS;

16.9.1.3.1.5 A cooperative group or center of any of the previously listed entities or the Department of Defense or the Department of Veterans Affairs; or

16.9.1.3.1.6 A qualified non-governmental research entity identified in the guidelines issued by NIH for center support grants.

16.9.1.3.2 A clinical trial, approved or funded by any of the following entities, that has been reviewed and

approved through a system of peer review that the secretary of DHHS determines comparable to the system of peer review of studies and investigations used by NIH, and that assures unbiased review of the highest scientific standards by qualified individuals with no interest in the outcome of the review:

16.9.1.3.2.1 Department of Energy;

16.9.1.3.2.2 Department of Veterans Affairs; or

16.9.1.3.2.3 Department of Defense.

16.9.1.3.3 A clinical trial that is one conducted pursuant to an investigational new drug exemption under Section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(i)), or an exemption for a biological product undergoing investigation under Section 351(a)(3) of the federal Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262).

16.9.1.3.4 A clinical trial that is a drug trial exempt from being required to have one of the exemptions in the previous bullet.

16.9.2 For purposes of the Qualifying Clinic Trials Section of this Contract, the term “routine patient costs” includes the following:

16.9.2.1 Any item or service that would otherwise be covered by the State Plan outside the course of participation and that is a Covered Service provided by the state, which is not considered a Contracted Service; or

16.9.2.2 Any item or service provided to an Enrollee enrolled in a Qualifying Clinical Trial that is provided to prevent, diagnose, monitor, or treat complications resulting from the participation in the Qualifying Clinical Trial.

16.9.3 “Routine patient costs” do not include any of the following:

16.9.3.1 Any item or service provided to an Enrollee enrolled in a Qualifying Clinical Trial that is required solely for the provision of the investigational drug, item, device, or service;

16.9.3.2 The investigational item or service itself;

16.9.3.3 Items and services for the purpose of determining eligibility for the study that are not related to Medically Necessary clinical care;

16.9.3.4 Items and services customarily provided by the research sponsors free-of charge for any Enrollee in the trial, and items provided by the research sponsors free-of-charge for any Enrollee in the trial;

16.9.3.5 Items and services provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and that are not used in the direct clinical management of the Enrollee. Examples include, but are not limited to, laboratory tests and imaging studies done at a frequency dictated

by the study protocol and not consistent with signs and symptoms and other standards of care for that diagnosis or treatment type; or

- 16.9.3.6 Items and services not covered under the Enrollee's benefit service package, not allowed per Washington statutes or regulations, or not included in the State Plan.
- 16.9.4 A Qualifying Clinical Trial Attestation Form is required to be completed by the Contractor's Provider and submitted to the Contractor prior to the start of all Qualifying Clinical Trials. The CMS attestation form can be found on the CMS website, and HCA's Medicaid Attestation Form on the Appropriateness of the Qualified Clinical Trial (HCA 13-0103) can be found on HCA's Forms and Publications website.
- 16.9.5 When the Contractor requires Prior Authorization for any Qualifying Clinical Trial or any service within the clinical trial, the Contractor must make the determination within 72 hours after receiving the request. The requesting Provider must indicate within the Prior Authorization request whether it is related to a Qualifying Clinical Trial.
- 16.9.6 The Contractor shall maintain Enrollee records of Qualifying Clinical Trial Attestation Forms, including tracking by National Clinical Trial Number.

## 17 General Description of Contracted Services

### 17.1 Contracted Services

The Contractor shall provide the following services, as Medically Necessary, to Enrollees:

- 17.1.1 The Contractor shall provide a wellness exam to each Enrollee that documents the Enrollee's baseline health status and allows the Enrollee's PCP to monitor health improvements and outcome measures.
- 17.1.2 BHSO Enrollees are covered for Behavioral Health services as described in Section 13.d., Rehabilitative Services, of the Medicaid State Plan. Additionally, BHSO Enrollees may have access to other service described in other sections of the Medicaid State Plan, such as services provided in an inpatient hospital, an outpatient hospital, or as necessary under EPSDT, when they are Behavioral Health-related.
- 17.1.3 The Contractor is responsible for providing integrated medical and Behavioral Health services as directed by Section 14.
- 17.1.4 Inpatient Services:
  - 17.1.4.1 Provided by acute care hospitals, including CPE hospitals and Behavioral Health inpatient facilities. Authorization and payment for services provided at CPE hospitals shall be made in accordance with the Payments to Hospitals section of this Contract.
  - 17.1.4.2 Provided by a Nursing Facility, Skilled Nursing Facility, or other acute care setting, when services are determined Medically Necessary and are covered by this Contract.
  - 17.1.4.3 Consultations with specialty Providers, including psychiatric or psychology consultations, are covered during hospital stays.
  - 17.1.4.4 Inpatient professional mental health services associated with an ITA or voluntary inpatient psychiatric admission, for an AH-IMC Enrollee. This includes those professional services provided during admissions where the facility charges are covered by HCA in the Long-Term Inpatient Mental Health Program. Facility charges in these facilities are stated in the Excluded and Non-contracted Services section of this Contract.
  - 17.1.4.5 Inpatient psychiatric mental health services except when the Enrollee is approved for placement in a state hospital or State Psychiatric Care Facility, as stated in the Excluded and Non-contracted Services section of this Contract.
  - 17.1.4.6 Covered Services provided during an inpatient admission for medical detoxification services.
  - 17.1.4.7 Any and all covered facility charges provided during an inpatient admission for the care and treatment of dental conditions.
- 17.1.5 Outpatient Hospital Services: Provided by acute care hospitals, including surgeries, labs, diagnostics, and emergency room, including facility charges for the care and treatment of dental conditions.

17.1.6 Emergency Services:

17.1.6.1 The Contractor will provide all inpatient and outpatient Emergency Services provided by a licensed Provider, acting within their scope of practice, regardless of diagnosis, without regard to whether the Provider is a Participating Provider, including dental and oral health services in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.114, as follows:

17.1.6.1.1 An Enrollee had an emergency medical or Behavioral Health condition, including cases in which the absence of immediate medical attention would not have had the outcomes specified in the definition of an Emergency Medical Condition (42 C.F.R. § 438.114(c)(1)(ii)(A)).

17.1.6.1.2 A Participating Provider or other Contractor representative instructs the Enrollee to seek Emergency Services (42 C.F.R. § 438.114(c)(1)(ii)(B)).

17.1.6.2 The Contractor shall ensure that an Enrollee who has an Emergency Medical Condition is not held liable for payment of subsequent screening and treatment needed to diagnose the specific condition or stabilize the patient (42 C.F.R. § 438.114(d)(2)).

17.1.6.3 The Contractor shall not refuse to cover emergency or Crisis Services based on the emergency room Provider, hospital, or fiscal agent not notifying the Enrollee's PCP or the Contractor of the Enrollee's screening and treatment within ten (10) calendar days of presentation for Emergency Services (42 C.F.R. § 438.114(d)(1)(ii)).

17.1.6.4 Emergency Services shall be provided without requiring Prior Authorization.

17.1.6.5 What constitutes an Emergency Medical Condition may not be limited on the basis of lists of diagnoses or symptoms (42 C.F.R. § 438.114(d)(1)(i)).

17.1.6.6 If there is a disagreement between a hospital and the Contractor concerning whether the patient is stable enough for discharge or transfer, or whether the medical benefits of an un-stabilized transfer outweigh the risks, the judgment of the attending physician(s) actually caring for the Enrollee at the treating Facility prevails and is binding on the Contractor (42 C.F.R. § 438.114(d)(3)).

17.1.7 Post-Stabilization Services:

17.1.7.1 The Contractor will provide all inpatient and outpatient Post-Stabilization Services provided by a licensed Provider, acting within their scope of practice, without regard to whether the Provider is a Participating Provider, in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 438.114 and 42 C.F.R. § 422.113(c).

17.1.7.2 The Contractor shall cover Post-Stabilization Services under the following circumstances (42 C.F.R. § 438.114(e) and 42 C.F.R. §



438.113(c)(2)(iii):

- 17.1.7.2.1 The services are pre-approved by a Participating Provider or other Contractor representative.
- 17.1.7.2.2 The services are not pre-approved by a Participating Provider or other Contractor representative, but are administered to maintain the Enrollee's stabilized condition within one hour of a request to the Contractor for pre-approval of further post-stabilization care services.
- 17.1.7.2.3 The services are not pre-approved by a Participating Provider or other Contractor representative, but are administered to maintain, improve, or resolve the Enrollee's stabilized condition and the Contractor does not respond to a request for pre-approval within thirty (30) minutes (RCW 48.43.093(1)(d)), the Contractor cannot be contacted or the Contractor representative and the treating physician cannot reach an agreement concerning the Enrollee's care and a Contractor physician is not available for consultation. In this situation, the Contractor shall give the treating physician the opportunity to consult with a Contractor physician and the treating physician may continue with care of the Enrollee until a Contractor physician is reached or one of the criteria identified in 42 C.F.R. § 438.114(e) and 42 C.F.R. § 422.113(c)(3) is met.
  - 17.1.7.2.3.1 The Contractor's responsibility for Post-Stabilization Services it has not pre-approved ends when (42 C.F.R. § 438.114(e) and 42 C.F.R. § 422.113(c)(3)):
    - 17.1.7.2.3.1.1 A Participating Provider with privileges at the treating hospital assumes responsibility for the Enrollee's care;
    - 17.1.7.2.3.1.2 A Participating Provider assumes responsibility for the Enrollee's care through transfer;
    - 17.1.7.2.3.1.3 A Contractor representative and the treating physician reach an agreement concerning the Enrollee's care; or

17.1.7.2.3.1.4 The Enrollee is discharged.

- 17.1.8 Ambulatory Surgery Center: Services provided at ambulatory surgery centers including services for care and treatment of dental conditions.
- 17.1.9 Intensive Behavioral Intervention for Autism Spectrum Disorder and other related disorders (WAC 182-531A-0100 to -1200).
  - 17.1.9.1 Initial Clinical Evaluation by a Center of Excellence (COE) for Enrollees, with a diagnosis, or suspected diagnosis, of autism spectrum disorder, or other developmental delay conditions, for evaluation of the appropriateness of Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) as part of the plan of care.
  - 17.1.9.2 ABA treatment services.
  - 17.1.9.3 Care Coordination activities for Enrollees with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder, when the Contractor becomes aware of a need for services.
- 17.1.10 Provider Services: Services provided in an inpatient or outpatient (e.g., office, clinic, emergency room, pharmacy, or home) setting by licensed professionals, including, but not limited to, physicians, physician assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners, naturopaths, pharmacists, midwives, podiatrists, audiologists, registered nurses, Mental Health Professionals, SUD specialists, certified dietitians, and interns and residents under the supervision of a teaching physician.
  - 17.1.10.1 Medical examinations and mental health evaluations, including wellness exams for adults and EPSDT screenings for children, and referrals for further Behavioral Health assessment and other services, as needed, to include:
    - 17.1.10.1.1 Mouth Matters – The medical extension of the ABCD Program services for children ages 0 through age 5 and for children through age 12 with a disability, as defined by HCA.
    - 17.1.10.1.2 Fluoride varnish for Enrollees of all ages, by a medical Provider regardless of Provider ABCD certification.
  - 17.1.10.2 Annual depression screening for youth ages 12 to 18, and up to age 20 per EPSDT requirements.
  - 17.1.10.3 Depression screening for mothers/caregivers of children up to six months old.
  - 17.1.10.4 Immunizations in accordance with the practice guidelines in subsection 7.11.2.
  - 17.1.10.5 Family planning services provided or by referral from a Participating Provider or practitioner.
  - 17.1.10.6 Performing and/or reading diagnostic tests.

- 17.1.10.7 Medically intensive children's private duty nursing services for children age 17 and younger, in home and group home settings. The Contractor shall conduct a mortality review for any Enrollee who expires while authorized for these services. The mortality review shall include identification and analysis of trends or patterns and result in implementation of needed training, policy change, or other related action.
- 17.1.10.8 Surgical services.
- 17.1.10.9 Services to correct defects from birth, illness, or trauma, and mastectomy reconstruction.
- 17.1.10.10 Anesthesia.
- 17.1.10.11 Administering pharmaceutical products.
- 17.1.10.12 Fitting prosthetic and orthotic devices.
- 17.1.10.13 Physical Medicine Rehabilitation Services.
- 17.1.10.14 Enrollee health education.
- 17.1.10.15 Nutritional counseling by a certified registered dietician for specific conditions such as failure to thrive, feeding problems, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, high blood pressure, and anemia.
- 17.1.10.16 Bio-feedback training when determined medically necessary.
- 17.1.10.17 Genetic testing for all Enrollees. Genetic counseling for children and non-pregnant adults.
- 17.1.10.18 Palliative care for adults and children.
- 17.1.10.19 Hormone therapy for any transgender Enrollees and puberty-blocking treatment for transgender adolescents consistent with HCA's gender dysphoria treatment benefit.
- 17.1.10.20 Medication Assisted Treatment, including assessment, counseling, medical management, and prescribing to assist clients in treatment for SUD in a medical office setting.
- 17.1.10.21 MAT including medications prescribed or administered as part of a MAT protocol, except for methadone, when treatment is provided in a SUD clinic setting.
- 17.1.10.22 Eyeglass and contact lens fitting fees.
- 17.1.11 Tissue and Organ Transplants: Heart, kidney, liver, bone marrow, lung, heart-lung, pancreas, kidney-pancreas, cornea, small bowel, and peripheral blood stem cell. The MCO shall use the same standards respecting coverage and delivery of the services as the state uses.
- 17.1.12 Laboratory, Radiology, and Other Medical Imaging Services: Screening,

diagnostic services and radiation therapy.

- 17.1.13 Vision Care: Eye examinations once every twenty-four (24) months for adults and once every twelve (12) months for children under age 21. (WAC 182-531-1000. These limitations do not apply to additional services needed for medical conditions.
- 17.1.14 Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services. The Contractor shall provide the following Behavioral Health services, as defined in the Medicaid State Plan:
  - 17.1.14.1 Behavioral Health Care Coordination and Community Integration;
  - 17.1.14.2 Crisis Intervention;
  - 17.1.14.3 Crisis Stabilization;
  - 17.1.14.4 Intake Evaluation, Assessment, and Screenings (mental health);
  - 17.1.14.5 Intake Evaluation, Assessment, and Screenings (Substance Use or Problem Gambling Disorder);
  - 17.1.14.6 Medication Management;
  - 17.1.14.7 Medication Monitoring;
  - 17.1.14.8 Mental Health Treatment Interventions;
  - 17.1.14.9 Peer Support;
  - 17.1.14.10 Substance Use Disorder Brief Intervention;
  - 17.1.14.11 Substance Use Disorder Case Management;
  - 17.1.14.12 Substance Use or Problem Gambling Disorder Treatment Interventions; and
  - 17.1.14.13 Substance Use Disorder Withdrawal Management.
- 17.1.15 Opiate Treatment Programs.
- 17.1.16 WISE Services and Monitoring:
  - 17.1.16.1 The Contractor shall provide intensive in-home and community-based services to help children receive Behavioral Health treatment and connect with natural supports in their homes, schools, and communities consistent with the requirements of WISE. The WISE service delivery model shall be based on medical necessity criteria.
  - 17.1.16.2 The Contractor shall ensure that the Enrollee has access to Medically Necessary mental health services, including supports that are sufficient in intensity and scope, based on available evidence of effectiveness, and are individualized to each Enrollee's needs consistent with the WISE service delivery model and state and federal Medicaid laws and regulations.
  - 17.1.16.3 WISE provides a combination of the services identified in the

rehabilitative State Plan. Provision of WISe services must include, at a minimum, access to:

- 17.1.16.3.1 Intake Evaluation;
  - 17.1.16.3.2 Intensive Care Coordination;
  - 17.1.16.3.3 Intensive Services;
  - 17.1.16.3.4 24/7 Crisis Intervention and Stabilization Services;  
and
  - 17.1.16.3.5 Peer Support.
- 17.1.16.4 Provision of WISe services must also include any rehabilitative Behavioral Health service as determined medically necessary. The delivery of services must be focused on needs and strengths of the Enrollee and driven by youth and family voice and choice.
- 17.1.16.5 Evaluation of WISe service includes:
- 17.1.16.5.1 Semi-annual review of Service Encounters.
  - 17.1.16.5.2 Individual chart review – quarterly by supervisors, annually by state.
  - 17.1.16.5.3 Feedback on service effectiveness to meet desired goals from youth/families through annual interviews.
  - 17.1.16.5.4 Quarterly review of Notices of Adverse Benefit Determinations that reflect an adverse decision.
  - 17.1.16.5.5 Quarterly review of Grievances and Appeals related to WISe.
  - 17.1.16.5.6 Annual Quality Improvement Review findings, based on outcomes from the Quality Improvement Review tool.
  - 17.1.16.5.7 Additional elements as detailed in the AIM of the WISe Quality Management Plan.
- 17.1.17 The Contractor shall provide intensive community-based services in alignment with the IBHTF Toolkit.
- 17.1.17.1 IBHTF must also include any rehabilitative Behavioral Health service as determined Medically Necessary.
- 17.1.18 Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and Physical Therapy: Services for the restoration or maintenance of a function affected by an Enrollee’s illness, disability, condition or injury, or for the amelioration of the effects of a developmental disability.
- 17.1.18.1 The Contractor shall contract with DOH recognized Neurodevelopmental Centers, recognizing them as a COE for treating children with significant health care needs. The Contractor will not impose Prior Authorization requirements for physical, occupational, or speech therapy services to ensure no delay in access to services, and shall enroll all qualified Providers employed at the COE to ensure timely access to services and Continuity of

Care. The Contractor may use Concurrent Review and retrospective review to ensure therapy services are medically necessary. The Contractor may contract with these Providers for therapy services described above, but may also choose to contract for any other services the COE offers to children.

17.1.18.2 The Contractor shall contract with DCYF recognized ESIT Provider Agencies to support Enrollees' timely access to Medically Necessary early intervention services, with the exception of school specific services included in a Medicaid eligible student's IEP or ISP that are reimbursed as FFS. The Contractor will not impose PA requirements for physical, occupational, or speech therapy services. The Contractor may require PA for services outside of early interventions. The Contractor may use Concurrent Review and retrospective review to ensure these services are medically necessary. The Contractor may contract with ESIT Provider Agencies for therapy services described above but may also choose to contract for any other Covered Services the Provider offers.

17.1.19 Non-pharmaceutical birth control products, including:

17.1.19.1 ParaGard® (T 380A);

17.1.19.2 Fertility awareness-based methods, such as cycle beads, basal body temperature thermometers, and charts; and

17.1.19.3 Essure© sterilization method.

17.1.20 Enteral nutrition products, including the following:

17.1.20.1 Parenteral nutritional supplements and supplies for all clients.

17.1.20.2 Enteral nutrition products and supplies for tube-feeding are covered for all clients.

17.1.20.3 Medically Necessary oral enteral nutrition products, including prescribed infant formulas not covered by WIC or additional quantities beyond amounts allowed by WIC, for clients 20 years of age and under.

17.1.21 Home Health Services: Home health services, including palliative care, through state-licensed agencies.

17.1.22 Home Health Social Work Services: Providing Care Management to home health clients based on assessment of needs.

17.1.23 Medical Equipment and Supplies and any applicable sales tax including, but not limited to: Medical Equipment; surgical appliances; orthopedic appliances and braces; prosthetic and orthotic devices; breast pumps; incontinence supplies for Enrollees over 3 years of age; medical supplies; and bed and pillow covers for Enrollees under age 21 diagnosed with asthma and dust mite sensitivity. Incontinence supplies shall not include non-disposable diapers unless the Enrollee agrees. The Contractor shall consult with the Washington State Department of Revenue for guidance on the applicable sales tax.

17.1.24 Respiratory Care: Equipment, services and supplies.

- 17.1.25 Services rendered under the Collaborative Care model (CoCM) by an HCA-approved CoCM Provider.
- 17.1.26 Palliative Care and Care Coordination: Provision of skilled care services and Care Coordination to Enrollees with a life-limiting medical condition under a palliative care model. Services can be provided in the following settings, but not limited to, hospice care centers, hospitals, clinics, and the Enrollee's home.
- 17.1.27 Hospice Services: Includes services for adults and children and provided in Skilled Nursing Facilities/Nursing Facilities, hospitals, hospice care centers and the Enrollee's home. Hospice services include:
  - 17.1.27.1 Pediatric Concurrent Care- Treatment, including diagnostics, that is related to an Enrollee's terminal condition for an Enrollee aged 20 and younger who voluntarily elects hospice care. Pediatric concurrent care preserves the Enrollee's rights to hospice care without waiving any rights to services that the Enrollee is entitled to under Title XIX Medicaid and Title XXI CHIP. (WAC 182-551-1860).
- 17.1.28 Treatment for Renal Failure: Hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, and other appropriate procedures to treat renal failure, including equipment needed in the course of treatment.
- 17.1.29 Smoking Cessation Services with or without PCP referral or Contractor Prior Authorization. The Contractor shall submit a quarterly report to HCA. The report shall include the number of Enrollees that have accessed the Contractor's Quit Line in the previous quarter. The quarterly reports are due to HCA no later than the fifteenth of the month of January, April, July and October.
- 17.1.30 Newborn Screenings: The Contractor shall cover all newborn screenings required by the DOH and shall contract with the DOH lab and cover all newborn screening by midwives for home births and other birthing scenarios in which the screening is not billed as part of the inpatient claim. These screenings shall be billed separately by the DOH lab.
- 17.1.31 Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) (42 U.S.C. §§ 1396a(a)(43), 1396d(a)(4)(b), 1396d(r)):
  - 17.1.31.1 The Contractor shall meet all requirements under the Social Security Act (SSA) Section 1905(r) and WAC 182-534-0100.
    - 17.1.31.1.1 Covered screening services include, but are not limited to: a complete health and developmental history that assess for physical and mental health conditions, developmental disorders, autism and SUDs, a comprehensive, unclothed physical exam, immunizations according to age and health history, laboratory tests, including required blood lead screening, health education and anticipatory guidance for both the child and caregiver, and screenings for: vision, dental, substance use conditions, mental health and hearing.
    - 17.1.31.1.2 The Contractor shall conduct outreach efforts with Enrollees to promote completion of EPSDT services and coordinate EPSDT screening services both at established times and as requested

(<https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/EPSTD-bi-20180101.pdf>). The Contractor may implement Enrollee and PCP incentives to ensure that Enrollees under the age of 21 receive screening services at least as frequently as the periodicity requirements for such services established by HCA. Screening services are also covered at other times, when Medically Necessary (42 U.S.C. § 1396(r)(1)).

- 17.1.31.1.3 Diagnostic and treatment services include vision, dental and hearing services and developmental screenings for all children at 9 and 18 months of age, one screening between 24 and 36 months of age, and autism screenings for all children at 18 and 24 months of age, as well as any other services prescribed to correct or ameliorate physical, mental, psychological, medical, developmental or other health conditions discovered by and determined to be Medically Necessary by a physician, ARNP, or PA acting within his or her scope of practice (42 U.S.C. § 1396d(r)(2)-(5)).
  - 17.1.31.1.4 When the Contractor becomes aware of a need for an EPSTD diagnostic or treatment service, the Contractor shall ensure coordination of such service and shall follow up to ensure children receive the physical, mental, vision, hearing, and dental services they need to treat health problems and conditions.
  - 17.1.31.1.5 The Contractor shall be responsible for all EPSTD screening, diagnostic, and treatment services found to be Medically Necessary. HCA has determined that EPSTD is available to and shall be covered by the Contractor for all children eligible for any of its medical programs. The Contractor may apply utilization management requirements to screening, diagnostic, and treatment services identified by the child's PCP or another Provider with authority to write orders for services for the child.
- 17.1.31.2 Pursuant to WAC 182-501-0050, the Contractor shall review any request for a non-covered service to determine the medical necessity of the service, including evaluating the safety and effectiveness of the requested service and to establish it is not experimental. If a non-covered healthcare service is determined to be Medically Necessary under the EPSTD benefit, the Contractor shall provide the service, unless it is specifically addressed in the Excluded and Non-contracted Services section of this Contract.
- 17.1.31.2.1 If any EPSTD service exceeds the "soft" limit placed on the scope, amount, or duration of a service, the Contractor shall use LE procedures in accordance with WAC 182-501-0169 to determine medical necessity of the requested services and authorize the



additional services as indicated.

- 17.1.31.2.2 If the Contractor receives a request for an Excluded Service for which the Contractor believes there may be medical necessity under EPSDT, the Contractor shall route the request to [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov) for technical assistance.
- 17.1.31.3 If a child with special health care needs is assigned to a Specialist for primary care, the assigned Specialist is responsible for ensuring the child receives EPSDT services.
- 17.1.31.4 The Contractor may enter into contractual agreements with school-based health centers and family planning clinics to promote delivery of EPSDT services to children and Youth accessing such services. Such contracts shall:
  - 17.1.31.4.1 Require Providers to follow EPSDT requirements;
  - 17.1.31.4.2 Coordinate identified needs for specialty care, such as referrals for vision, mental health or SUD evaluation and treatment services with the PCP;
  - 17.1.31.4.3 Not deny payment for EPSDT services delivered by more than one provider (PCP, school-based Provider or family planning clinic) within a calendar year;
  - 17.1.31.4.4 Ensure the policies and procedures for accessing such services by contracting school-based health centers and family planning clinics are compliant with applicable federal and state statutes; and
  - 17.1.31.4.5 The Contractor shall coordinate with school-based health centers and other appropriate entities to assure activities performed by the Contractor are not duplicated.
- 17.1.31.5 The Contractor shall follow the guidelines found at the following website:  
<https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/epsdt/index.html>.
- 17.1.32 Monaural and binaural hearing aids, including fitting, follow-up care, batteries, and repair.
- 17.1.33 Bilateral Cochlear Implants, including implants, parts, accessories, batteries, chargers, and repairs.
- 17.1.34 Bone-Anchored Hearing Aids (BAHA), including BAHA devices (both surgically implanted and soft band headbands), replacement parts, and batteries: For Enrollees age 20 and younger.
- 17.1.35 Services to Inmates of City and County Jail Facilities: The Contractor shall provide inpatient hospital services to Enrollees who are inmates of a city or county jail facility when an inpatient admission occurs during the first month of the incarceration period and HCA has paid a Premium for that month to the Contractor. The Contractor's existing policies about establishing medical necessity for the inpatient admission and procedure(s) may be applied, even

retrospectively, to determine payment. The Contractor shall provide transitional Care Coordination services to inmates upon release from jail in accordance with Subsection 14.22 of this Contract.

17.1.35.1 HCA may recoup a Premium payment and retroactively terminate enrollment for an inmate if the inpatient hospital services occur after the first month of incarceration period and HCA has paid a Premium for the full month of enrollment.

17.1.36 Habilitative Services: Limited to Enrollees in the Medicaid expansion population that are eligible for the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP). Devices for adults and children provided for this purpose are covered under the DME benefit.

17.1.36.1 For Children: No limitation.

17.1.36.2 For Adults: Twenty-four (24) units each for physical and occupational therapy and six (6) units of speech therapy, subject to Limitation Extensions as determined Medically Necessary.

17.1.36.3 Habilitative services do not include:

17.1.36.3.1 Day habilitation services designed to provide training, structured activities and specialized services to adults;

17.1.36.3.2 Chore services to assist with basic needs;

17.1.36.3.3 Vocational services;

17.1.36.3.4 Custodial services;

17.1.36.3.5 Respite care;

17.1.36.3.6 Recreational care;

17.1.36.3.7 Residential treatment;

17.1.36.3.8 Social services; and

17.1.36.3.9 Educational services.

17.1.37 Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) services (services are provided by SBIRT-certified Providers) for adolescents and adults who are at who are at high risk for SUD, to include substances with or without anxiety or depression. Screening conducted without Brief Intervention and referral to treatment is not reimbursable. SBIRT activities for identifying and reducing risk in individuals with substance use concerns shall be one of the screening tools/interventions selected. Included as part of this effort are screens for depression and anxiety.

17.1.38 Comprehensive Medication Therapy Management Services.

17.1.39 Bariatric surgery consistent with WAC 182-531-1600 and WAC 182-550-2301 and other applicable law.

17.1.40 Early, elective inductions (before 39 weeks) that meet Medically Necessary indicators set by the Joint Commission. Because the Joint Commission's criteria do not capture all situations in which an early delivery is medically indicated, the Contractor shall provide a process for facilities to request a review of cases that do not meet that criteria, but which the hospital and delivering Provider believe

were medically necessary.

- 17.1.41 Services identified in this Section that are Medically Necessary to treat complications resulting from a Non-Covered or an Excluded Service (e.g., antibiotics to treat infection that occurs post operatively of a non-covered surgery or a Non-contracted Service such as a voluntary termination of pregnancy procedure).
- 17.1.42 Community Behavioral Health Support (CBHS) services consistent with Section 1915(i) of the Social Security Act and the State Plan.

## **17.2 Enrollee Self-Referral**

- 17.2.1 Enrollees have the right to self-refer for certain services to participating or nonparticipating local health departments and participating or nonparticipating family planning clinics paid through separate arrangements with the state of Washington.
- 17.2.2 The Contractor is not responsible for the coverage of the services provided through such separate arrangements.
- 17.2.3 The Enrollees also may choose to receive such services from the Contractor.
- 17.2.4 The Contractor shall ensure that Enrollees are informed, whenever appropriate, of all options in such a way as not to prejudice or direct the Enrollee's choice of where to receive the services. If the Contractor in any manner prejudices, directs, or influences Enrollees' free choice to receive services through the Contractor, the Contractor shall pay the local health department or family planning facility for services provided to Enrollees up to the limits described herein.
- 17.2.5 The Contractor shall make a reasonable effort to subcontract with all local health departments, school-based health centers, family planning agencies contracted with HCA, and IHCP providers.
- 17.2.6 If the Contractor subcontracts with local health departments, school-based health centers, family planning clinics, or IHCP providers as Participating Providers or refers Enrollees to them to receive services, the Contractor shall pay the Provider for services provided up to the limits described in this Contract.
- 17.2.7 The services to which an Enrollee may self-refer are:
  - 17.2.7.1 Family planning services and supplies, and sexually transmitted disease screening and treatment services provided at participating or Non-participating Providers, including but not limited to family planning agencies, such as Planned Parenthood.
  - 17.2.7.2 Immunizations, sexually transmitted disease screening and follow-up, immunodeficiency virus (HIV) screening, tuberculosis screening and follow-up, and family planning services through and if provided by a local health department.
  - 17.2.7.3 Immunizations, sexually transmitted disease screening, family planning, and Behavioral Health services through and if provided by a school-based health center.
  - 17.2.7.4 All services received by American Indian or Alaska Native Enrollees at an IHCP.

- 17.2.7.5 Crisis Response Services, including crisis intervention; crisis respite; investigation and detention services; and, evaluation and treatment. Self-referrals can also be made for assessment and intake for Behavioral Health services.

### **17.3 Pharmacy Benefits and Services**

#### **17.3.1 General Requirements:**

- 17.3.1.1 The Contractor shall ensure that the amount, duration, and scope of covered outpatient drugs provided under this Contract is consistent with coverage under the FFS program. The Contractor shall cover all covered outpatient drugs when determined to be Medically Necessary, unless otherwise excluded from coverage. This includes brand name and generic drugs, and over-the-counter drugs (OTCs), prescribed by licensed Providers and sold or distributed by drug manufacturers that participate in the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program.
- 17.3.1.2 The Contractor shall provide coverage for all medically accepted indications, as described in Section 1927(k)(6) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396r-8(k)(6). This includes any use which is approved under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C.A. 301, et seq., or whose use is supported by the nationally recognized pharmacy compendia, or peer-reviewed medical literature, unless otherwise directed by HCA.
- 17.3.1.3 The Contractor must cover all Prescription Drugs produced by rebate-eligible manufacturers, with the exception of those indicated as non-covered on the Apple Health Preferred Drug List (AHPDL), Non-contracted Drugs, or those eligible for exclusion under 42 U.S.C. §1396r-8(d)(2) which HCA has specifically instructed the Contractor not to cover.
- 17.3.1.4 The Contractor shall ensure that drugs produced by non-rebate eligible manufacturers are not covered, unless otherwise instructed by HCA to cover these products as defined on the AHPDL.
- 17.3.1.5 The Contractor shall have in place a mechanism to deny prescriptions:
  - 17.3.1.5.1 Written by excluded providers; and
  - 17.3.1.5.2 Prescribed for non-medically accepted indications.
- 17.3.1.6 The Contractor shall allow up to a ninety (90) day supply as an early prescription refill for prescriptions that are lost, stolen, or destroyed once per prescription per 6-month period. The period replacement prescription shall be for the same quantity and number of days of supply as the lost, stolen, or destroyed prescription. Exceptions to the 6-month period may be granted for extreme circumstances (e.g., fire, flood, natural disaster, etc.) at the MCOs discretion.
- 17.3.1.7 The Contractor shall allow, once every 6 months, up to a ninety (90) day supply as an early prescription refill for a vacation for each

prescription due during the vacation period.

17.3.2 The Contractor shall have a refill threshold in place that is no higher than an 80 percent refill allowance.

17.3.2.1 Any proposed changes to the refill threshold must be submitted to HCA for review and approval prior to implementation, at least ninety (90) calendar days prior to implementing any changes.

17.3.3 Apple Health Preferred Drug List

17.3.3.1 The Contractor must use the AHPDL as its primary preferred drug list. HCA has final authority on the status of products included on the AHPDL. HCA will provide the Contractor with opportunities to offer feedback on the preferred status of products on the AHPDL. Contractor's representatives may attend the DUR Board and provide feedback directly to the DUR Board at the meeting.

17.3.3.1.1 The Contractor must use the AHPDL Specialty Drug List as its primary Specialty Drug List and only require members to obtain medications through specialty pharmacies when designated by HCA.

17.3.3.2 The Contractor will follow the preferred status, authorization criteria, quantity limits, step therapy protocols, specialty drug designation, 90-day supply designation, and other restrictions recommended by the DUR Board or approved by HCA, unless otherwise directed by HCA. In the absence of an HCA-approved authorization criteria or clinical policy, the Contractor shall use its own drug specific policy if available, when HCA requires Prior Authorization for medical necessity.

17.3.3.3 HCA will notify the Contractor of major changes to the preferred status, authorization criteria, quantity limits, step therapy protocol, specialty drug designation, 90-day supply designation or other restrictions for products on the AHPDL at least ninety (90) calendar days prior to implementation of the changes, unless it is an urgent request, see subsection 17.3.3.4.3. The Contractor has ten (10) Business Days to review the file and submit questions or requests for changes to HCA. HCA will respond and provide final determination no later than sixty (60) calendar days prior to implementation.

17.3.3.3.1 HCA may request urgent implementation of new criteria when an existing product receives a new indication or when a new drug comes to market. The Contractor must implement those policies within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt.

17.3.3.4 HCA shall provide the Contractor with comprehensive files detailing the preferred status, authorization criteria, quantity limits, step therapy protocols, and other restrictions for products included in the AHPDL. The file will also contain product specific information such as product identification number, active pharmaceutical ingredient, dosage form, route of administration, strength, and specific National

Drug Code (NDC).

- 17.3.3.4.1 HCA will provide the AHPDL file through MFT protocol posted on HCA website. The file will be submitted in a format and at a frequency mutually agreed upon by all participating Apple Health Managed Care Contractors and HCA.
- 17.3.3.4.2 The Contractor will adjudicate claims using the AHPDL file within ten (10) Business Days of notification the file is available.
- 17.3.3.4.3 The Contractor has three (3) Business Days to review the file and request an extension if the Contractor determines any change is too complex to implement within the required timeframe. HCA will review the request and notify the Contractor whether an extension is granted on the next Business Day.
- 17.3.3.5 The Contractor shall place new drugs to market on Prior Authorization until otherwise directed by HCA.
- 17.3.3.6 The Contractor must achieve a threshold of at least 90 percent of the number of prescriptions written for preferred versus non-preferred products on the AHPDL per calendar quarter, excluding drugs that were given on-going continuation status. For drugs that were given continuation status for three or six months, this provision applies to the first quarter after the continuation expired. The Contractor shall provide data to HCA forty-five (45) calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter in a format determined by HCA. The first quarter AH PDL Compliance report is due May 15.
- 17.3.3.7 HCA may require a corrective action for any AHPDL non-compliance. HCA may impose sanctions if corrective actions fail to improve AHPDL compliance.
- 17.3.4 Wrap-around Drug Formulary Requirements for drugs not on the AHPDL
  - 17.3.4.1 The Contractor must develop and maintain a wraparound formulary for drugs not included within a class on the AHPDL.
  - 17.3.4.2 The Contractor's wrap-around formulary shall cover the following products and supplies unless specifically detailed in the AHPDL:
    - 17.3.4.2.1 Antigens and allergens;
    - 17.3.4.2.2 Therapeutic vitamins and iron prescribed for prenatal and postnatal care;
    - 17.3.4.2.3 Psychotropic medications according to the Contractor's approved formulary when prescribed by a medical or Mental Health Professional, when he or she is prescribing medications within his or her scope of practice.
    - 17.3.4.2.4 Antihemophilic Blood Product – Blood factors VII, VIII, and IX and the anti-inhibitor provided to

Enrollees with a diagnosis of hemophilia or von Willebrand disease when the Enrollee is receiving services in an inpatient setting.

- 17.3.4.2.5 All Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved contraceptive drugs, devices, and supplies, including emergency contraception, all long-acting reversible contraceptives, all over-the-counter (OTC) contraceptives and contraceptive methods which require administration or insertion by a Health Care Professional in a medical setting. Coverage of contraceptive drugs, devices and supplies must include:
- 17.3.4.2.5.1 All OTC contraceptives without a prescription. This includes but is not limited to condoms, spermicides, sponges and any emergency contraceptive drug that is FDA-approved to be dispensed over-the-counter. There are no limits to these OTC contraceptives. OTC contraceptives must be covered without authorization or quantity limits.
  - 17.3.4.2.5.2 Coverage when dispensed by either a pharmacy or a Family Planning Clinic at the time of a family planning visit. Contraceptives dispensed by a Family Planning Clinic must be covered under the medical benefit.
  - 17.3.4.2.5.3 Dispensing of twelve (12) months of contraceptives at one time without authorization requirements related to quantity or days supplied. Duration of any authorization for contraceptives for other reasons must be no less than twelve (12) months.
  - 17.3.4.2.5.4 Contraceptive dispensing in twelve (12) month supplies unless otherwise prescribed by the clinician or the Enrollee requests a smaller supply.
  - 17.3.4.2.5.5 Promotion of appropriate prescribing and dispensing practices in accordance with clinical guidelines to ensure the health of the Enrollee while maximizing access to effective birth control methods or contraceptive drugs.
- 17.3.4.2.6 All drugs FDA labeled or prescribed as MAT or maintenance therapy for SUDs, with the exception of methadone dispensed directly by Opiate Substitution

Treatment Programs. The Contractor will cover all MAT according to detailed guidelines and requirements determined by HCA.

- 17.3.4.2.7 The term "Formulary" as used in this subsection includes lists of products and their formulary status, preferred status, authorization requirements and coverage limitations available through retail specialty, and mail order pharmacies, and drugs paid by the Contractor under the medical benefits.
- 17.3.4.2.8 HCA may require changes to the formulary at any time, upon sixty (60) calendar days' written notice of the change. Required formulary changes may include any aspect of drug coverage, including, but not limited to: formulary status, limitations, Prior Authorization requirements, approval criteria, use of automated overrides, or determination of the benefit under which a product will be available. Failure to make requested changes by the date specified in HCA's notice may result in sanctions as described in the Sanctions subsection of this Contract.
- 17.3.4.2.9 If HCA determines the Contractor's online formulary does not accurately reflect coverage requirements, or the Contractor is not providing coverage as previously required by HCA, the Contractor shall make the necessary changes in coverage and update its online formulary and related materials as required by HCA within five (5) Business Days of the request.
- 17.3.4.2.10 The Contractor shall have a process in place to allow access to all non-formulary drugs, other than those that are Non-contracted, when determined to be Medically Necessary.
- 17.3.4.2.11 The Contractor shall produce their wrap-around drug formulary and related materials to HCA, upon request. The submission shall be in an electronic format according to HCA specifications.
  - 17.3.4.2.11.1 Any change to the formulary must be approved in writing by HCA before publication. Any proposed changes to the formulary and utilization management programs, such as Prior Authorization, step therapy, partial fills, specialty pharmacy, pill-splitting, etc., must be submitted to HCA for review and approval prior to implementation, at least ninety (90) calendar days prior to implementing any changes.
- 17.3.4.2.12 The Contractor shall provide prominent public online access to the AHPDL, the plan formulary and coverage criteria shall include information on how to



request authorization for covered drugs, non-preferred drugs, and non-formulary drugs. The online formulary shall be easy to access and the website in which it is situated will be designed to use easily understandable language.

- 17.3.5 Management of HCA Non-contracted Drugs and Administrative Services Only (ASO) Non-contracted Drugs.
  - 17.3.5.1 The Contractor shall not authorize any procedures in conjunction with or used to administer an HCA Non-contracted Drug therapy until the Contractor has verified the Provider has obtained approval for the Non-contracted Drug therapy from HCA.
  - 17.3.5.2 The Contractor will not establish barriers to alternative treatments that shift utilization to any HCA Non-contracted Drug or ASO Non-contracted Drug.
  - 17.3.5.3 For ASO Non-contracted Drugs, the Contractor will require Prior Authorization when indicated on the AHPDL.
    - 17.3.5.3.1 HCA will establish clinical policy criteria for authorization of payment for ASO Non-contracted Drugs. HCA will provide the final policy to be used by the Contractor. In the absence of an HCA-approved policy the Contractor will use their own medical necessity criteria for ASO Non-contracted Drugs.
    - 17.3.5.3.2 The Contractor will provide case management and Care Coordination for ASO Non-contracted Drugs. Expectations of Care Management and Care Coordination will be explicitly described in the clinical policy.
- 17.3.6 Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act).
  - 17.3.6.1 The Contractor will apply the drug status, authorization criteria, quantity limits, and other restrictions established by HCA policy 65.10.00 Analgesics Opioid Agonists found at: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/opioid-policy.pdf>
    - 17.3.6.1.1 The Contractor will apply the exception criteria established by HCA policy 65.10.00 Analgesics Opioid Agonists as an expedited authorization (EA) using the EA codes published on the Apple Health EA list.
    - 17.3.6.1.2 The Contractor will use the attestation forms provided by HCA in relation to HCA policy 65.10.00 Analgesics Opioid Agonists. The Contractor may modify the forms to include branding and the Contractor's specific contact information.

17.3.6.1.2.1 The Contractor and its Subcontractors shall maintain the member specific attestation form(s) as part of the member's medical record and follow the record requirements in Section 2 of this Contract.

17.3.6.1.3 The Contractor will use the approval and denial language provided by HCA when reviewing requests in relation to HCA policy 65.10.00 Analgesics Opioid Agonists. For situations not accounted for in the provided approval or denial language the Contractor may use their own language for notifications and send a copy to the [AppleHealthPharmacyPolicy@hca.wa.gov](mailto:AppleHealthPharmacyPolicy@hca.wa.gov) mailbox.

17.3.7 Second Opinion for Children Prescribed Mental Health Medications.

17.3.7.1 The Contractor shall require a medication consultation by an HCA-approved Second Opinion Network (SON) Provider before authorizing coverage of any psychotropic medication or medication regimens for children under 18 years of age that exceed the medication review thresholds established by HCA unless otherwise specified below:

17.3.7.1.1 For Enrollees who have previously filled prescriptions for the same drug at the same daily dosage, within one business day of identifying psychotropic medication prescriptions that require a second opinion, the Contractor shall authorize continuation of psychotropic medications exceeding these review thresholds for a minimum of ninety (90) calendar days while waiting for the receipt of written report containing treatment recommendations from the SON. If report is not received within ninety (90) calendar days, the Contractor shall contact HCA's SON program manager ([AppleHealthPharmacyPolicy@hca.wa.gov](mailto:AppleHealthPharmacyPolicy@hca.wa.gov)) for direction.

17.3.7.2 HCA will provide the Contractor with a list of products and definitions of review thresholds for certain psychotropic medications which require a second opinion. Changes to the medication review thresholds established by HCA will be communicated to the Contractor no less than ninety (90) calendar days before any required implementation date.

17.3.7.2.1 HCA may request urgent implementation of new review thresholds when existing products receive a new indication or dosing recommendation, or when a new drug comes to market. The Contractor must implement those thresholds within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt.

17.3.7.3 The Contractor must identify all psychotropic medication

prescriptions that require a second opinion. HCA may require corrective action or apply sanctions if the Contractor incorrectly authorizes or fails to identify psychotropic medications requiring consultation.

- 17.3.7.4 For the defined list of psychotropic medications, the Contractor is prohibited from applying any clinically or therapeutically based claim rejections or authorization requirements which have not been reviewed and approved by HCA.
  - 17.3.7.4.1 No later than two (2) Business Days after an Enrollee is determined to exceed review thresholds, the Contractor shall contact the prescriber to request relevant clinical information and chart notes detailing the need for the requested medication(s). In the event that multiple prescribers are prescribing mental health medications for the same Enrollee, the Contractor shall request relevant documentation from each prescriber.
  - 17.3.7.4.2 If a prescriber fails to provide documentation to support a prescription which exceeds HCA defined review thresholds within ten (10) Business Days, the Contractor shall deny all medications exceeding thresholds within two (2) Business Days.
  - 17.3.7.4.3 No later than close of business of the first Business Day after obtaining all relevant documentation, the Contractor shall send notification of required authorization to [AppleHealthPharmacyPolicy@hca.wa.gov](mailto:AppleHealthPharmacyPolicy@hca.wa.gov). Documentation received after close of business is considered received on the next Business Day. Notification shall include Enrollee's name, date of birth, ProviderOne client ID, National Drug Code of the drug(s), prescribed quantity and days' supply, National Provider Identifier of prescriber, name of prescriber, fax or phone number for prescriber, National Provider Identifier of dispensing pharmacy, name of dispensing pharmacy, fax or phone number of dispensing pharmacy, date of request, and reason for rejection.
  - 17.3.7.4.4 Upon receipt of a written report from HCA, the Contractor shall approve or deny medications according to the recommendations of the SON within five (5) Business Days.
  - 17.3.7.4.5 The Contractor shall have processes in place to accurately follow up with SON recommendations for future care, such as gradual tapering of medications, or required re-review based on other medication trials.
  - 17.3.7.4.6 The Contractor shall provide case management to

assist and facilitate the provision of any psychosocial recommendations made by SON.

- 17.3.7.4.6.1 If the Contractor is unable to contact the Enrollee to provide case management, the Contractor shall inform the prescriber that participated in the SON review.
- 17.3.7.4.7 Upon notification by HCA that a prescriber has failed to participate in an SON consultation, the Contractor shall deny all medications exceeding thresholds within five (5) Business Days.
- 17.3.7.4.8 Changes to medications or medication regimens which exceed HCA review thresholds and which are not addressed in an existing SON report require the initiation of a new SON review by the Contractor. Reduction of medication doses or discontinuation of medications in a psychotropic polypharmacy regimen do not require a new SON.
- 17.3.7.4.9 If the Provider submits a SON report or Partnership Access Line (PAL) consultation letter that addresses the requested medication regimen, the Contractor shall submit to HCA, HCA will review and document the recommendations and provide the Contractor direction to approve or deny medications according to the recommendations in the SON report or PAL consultations letter.
- 17.3.7.4.10 Payment to the SON Provider for required reviews are the responsibility of HCA according to the provisions of HCA's contract with the SON Provider.
- 17.3.7.4.11 The Contractor is responsible for payment to the prescribing practitioner for time spent engaging in medication review process with the SON.
- 17.3.7.4.12 To assist prescribers in meeting the needs of Enrollees who are children with a mental health diagnosis, and in order to minimize the need for required medication reviews, the Contractor shall inform network prescribers that HCA provides access to consultation with a child psychiatrist through the Partnership Access Line (PAL). The Contractor is not required to provide payment to prescribers for voluntarily accessing the PAL.

#### 17.3.8 Provider and Enrollee Notification

17.3.8.1 The Contractor shall have policies and procedures for notifying Providers and Enrollees of changes to the Contractor's Formulary or AHPDL, and any changes to Prior Authorization requirements.

17.3.8.1.1 The Contractor shall provide:

- 17.3.8.1.1.1 Written notification for changes to the Formulary or AHPDL and Prior Authorization requirements to all affected Providers and Enrollees at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of the change.
- 17.3.8.1.1.2 Written information about changes to the Formulary or AHPDL and Prior Authorization requirements upon request by Providers or Enrollees.
- 17.3.8.1.1.3 Provide information about Formulary, AHPDL, and Prior Authorization changes through Member and Provider newsletters, its web site, or other regularly published media of general distribution.

### 17.3.9 Medication Therapy Management

- 17.3.9.1 The Contractor shall ensure its Provider contracts include Provider reimbursement methods within the medical billing processes that incentivize pharmacists or other qualified Providers licensed in Washington State to provide chronic Care Management including comprehensive Medication Management services to individuals, consistent with the goals established in RCW 74.09.522.

### 17.3.10 Rebates

- 17.3.10.1 The Contractor or the Contractor's PBM is prohibited from negotiating and collecting rebates for utilization by Apple Health Enrollees with drug companies for preferred or non-preferred pharmaceutical products included on the AHPDL. If the Contractor or its Subcontractor has an existing rebate agreement with a manufacturer for a product on the AHPDL, all Medicaid outpatient drug claims, including Provider-administered drugs, must be exempt from such rebate agreements.
- 17.3.10.2 The Contractor or the Contractor's PBM, is authorized to negotiate and collect rebates with drug manufacturers for any product that is not included in a class on the AHPDL.
- 17.3.10.3 Section 2501(c) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) expanded the drug rebate requirement to include drugs dispensed to Enrollees. Covered outpatient drugs dispensed by the Contractor to Enrollees, including those administered by physicians in their offices, are subject to the same manufacturer rebate requirements as HCA's FFS outpatient drugs.
- 17.3.10.4 The Contractor is subject to requirements for rebate agreements as defined in Section 1927 of the Social Security Act found at: [http://www.ssa.gov/OP\\_Home/ssact/title19/1927.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title19/1927.htm)
- 17.3.10.5 The Contractor shall ensure that:

- 17.3.10.5.1 Products in the Contractor's drug formulary are purchased from a Participating Rebate Eligible Manufacturer as defined in this Contract and show as rebate eligible on the weekly AHPDL file. A list of eligible manufacturers can be found at: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/rebate-customer-list.xlsx>.
- 17.3.10.5.2 Bulk chemicals used in the compounding of medications are exempt from the federal rebate requirements.
- 17.3.10.5.3 Drug rebate records are kept in accordance with the Records section of this Contract and are made available to HCA upon request.
- 17.3.10.6 The Contractor will have processes in place to ensure the validity of medical claim data for rebate collection purposes, including but not limited to:
  - 17.3.10.6.1 Validating the association between submitted HCPC codes and their corresponding National Drug Code (NDC) using sources other than the CMS NDC - HCPCS Crosswalk for Medicare Part B Drugs. Validation must include processes for correctly paying claims with previously unknown NDC-HCPC associations as well as denying claims for invalid associations.
  - 17.3.10.6.2 Denying claims for products that come in unbreakable package sizes such as single-dose vials when the number of units billed is not a multiple of the number of units included in the unbreakable package.
- 17.3.10.7 HCA retains all funds collected from pharmaceutical manufacturers from rebates under the federal Medicaid Drug Rebate Program based on drug utilization by the Contractor's Enrollees.
- 17.3.10.8 HCA retains all funds collected from pharmaceutical manufacturers from rebates negotiated by HCA under its supplemental rebate program for utilization of drugs by the Contractor's Enrollees that are listed on the AHPDL.
- 17.3.10.9 The Contractor retains all funds from rebates or discounts negotiated by the Contractor with pharmaceutical manufacturers for drugs not included in the AHPDL, and must report those to HCA as an offset to the costs of providing healthcare.

### 17.3.11 Reports

#### 17.3.11.1 Prior Authorization

- 17.3.11.1.1 The Contractor shall submit a report of all Prescription Drug authorizations forty-five (45) calendar days after the end of the calendar quarter in a format determined by HCA. Detail must be provided

by drug label name, number of requests, number denied, and number approved. The first quarter Prescription Drug Authorization report is due May 15.

#### 17.3.11.2 Rebates and Pharmacy Reimbursement

17.3.11.2.1 The Contractor shall provide a Network Pharmacy Reimbursement Reconciliation report detailing the actual ingredient cost and dispensing fee paid to network pharmacies by the Contractor or by the Contractor's PBM for all paid claims as well as total amount paid to the PBM for the same claims that the Contractor reported to HCA through submission of encounter data. The Network Pharmacy Reimbursement Reconciliation report is due on an ad hoc basis.

17.3.11.2.2 The Contractor shall provide a quarterly Drug Rebate report no later than forty-five (45) calendar days following the end of the calendar quarter estimating the amounts of rebates or discounts negotiated with drug manufacturers that will be invoiced to manufacturers for drug utilization by Managed Care Enrollees in the preceding calendar quarter. The reports shall be in a format determined by HCA and will include, at a minimum, detail by NDC of units invoiced, rebate amounts per unit, and total rebate projected or collected. The first quarter Drug Rebate report is due May 15.

17.3.11.2.3 The Contractor shall provide an annual Drug Rebate report, no later than June 30, of any actual savings collected from manufacturers for rebates or discounts negotiated by the Contractor with drug manufacturers for utilization in the previous calendar year. The reports shall be in a format determined by HCA and will include, at a minimum, detail by NDC of units invoiced, rebate amounts per unit, and total rebate projected or collected.

#### 17.3.11.3 Confidentiality of Proprietary Rebate Information

17.3.11.3.1 The Contractor shall identify any confidential or proprietary information contained within reports. Failure to label such materials or failure to respond timely after notice of request for public disclosure has been given shall be deemed a waiver by the Contractor of any claim that information contained in the submitted reports is confidential, proprietary or trade secrets.

### 17.4 Excluded and Non-contracted Services

17.4.1 The following services and supplies are excluded from coverage under this Contract.

- 17.4.1.1 Unless otherwise required by this Contract, Ancillary Services resulting solely from or ordered in the course of receiving Non-contracted or Excluded Services are also Non-contracted or an Excluded Service (e.g., dressing supplies as a medical supply to care for an incision related to a cosmetic abdominoplasty).
- 17.4.1.2 The Contractor shall not provide or pay for services that violate the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997 (SSA § 1903(i)(16)).
- 17.4.1.3 The Contractor is not responsible for coverage of any services when an Enrollee is outside the United States of America and its territories and possessions.
- 17.4.1.4 Early, elective inductions (before 39 weeks) that do not meet Medically Necessary indicators set by the Joint Commission.
- 17.4.2 Services listed as Covered Services in the HCA Integrated Managed Care Wraparound Contract, and all other non-Medicaid expenditures related to state-specific programs or SAMHSA-specific Federal Block Grant services and supports are excluded in this Contract unless otherwise strictly restated.
- 17.4.3 The following Covered Services are provided by the state and are not Contracted Services. The Contractor is responsible for coordinating and referring Enrollees to these services through all means possible, e.g., Adverse Benefit Determination notifications, call center communication, or Contractor publications:
  - 17.4.3.1 Inpatient Hospital charges at Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) hospitals for Categorically Needy – Blind and Disabled identified by HCA;
  - 17.4.3.2 Hospital services relating to the implantation of Allogeneic Processed Thymus Tissue (Rethymic) for the treatment of congenital athymia;
  - 17.4.3.3 School-based Health Care Services for Children in Special Education with an Individualized Education Plan or Individualized Family Service Plan who have a disability, developmental delay or are diagnosed with a physical or mental condition;
  - 17.4.3.4 Eyeglass frames, lenses, and fabrication services covered under HCA’s selective contract for these services for children under age 21, and associated dispensing services. The Contractor is encouraged to inform eye practitioners of the availability of Airway Heights Correctional Center to access glasses for adult Enrollees age 21 and over if not offered by the Contractor as a value-added benefit;
  - 17.4.3.5 Voluntary Termination of Pregnancy;
  - 17.4.3.6 Court-ordered transportation services, including ambulance services;



- 17.4.3.7 Long-Term Inpatient Psych Program covered by HCA: Per diem bed rate for court-ordered mental health Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) commitment starting the date the ninety (90) to one hundred eighty (180) day court order is issued, where the individual is approved for placement in a state hospital or HCA-contracted long-term mental health community hospital bed or E&T;
- 17.4.3.8 Transportation Services other than ambulance, including but not limited to: taxi, cabulance, voluntary transportation, public transportation, and common carriers;
- 17.4.3.9 Ambulance services, including air and ground ambulance transportation services with dates of service;
- 17.4.3.10 Professional services provided by a dentist, dental surgeon, dental hygienist, denturist, dental anesthesiologist, endodontist, periodontist, or other dental Specialist for care and treatment of a dental condition, including anesthesia for dental care;
- 17.4.3.11 Orthodontics;
- 17.4.3.12 HCA First Steps Program - Maternity Support Services (MSS), consistent with the Marketing and Information, Subcontracts, and Care Coordination provisions of this Contract;
- 17.4.3.13 Sterilizations for Enrollees under age 21, or those that do not meet other federal requirements (42 C.F.R. § 441, Subpart F);
- 17.4.3.14 Services provided by a health department when an Enrollee self-refers for care if the health department is not contracted with the Contractor;
- 17.4.3.15 HIV Case Management;
- 17.4.3.16 Prenatal Genetic Counseling;
- 17.4.3.17 HCA Non-contracted Drugs and ASO Non-contracted Drugs;
  - 17.4.3.17.1 HCA will review and determine which new drugs are to be Non-contracted Drugs. A drug may be Non-contracted if it is indicated for treatment of patients with rare diseases that are not likely to be equally distributed across the Medicaid plans or if it has a price such that the Contractor's Premium is no longer actuarially sound. Non-contracted Drugs will be designated as either ASO Non-contracted Drugs or HCA Non-contracted Drugs. HCA Non-contracted Drugs are listed in Exhibit I, HCA Non-contracted Drugs. ASO Non-contracted Drugs are listed in Exhibit J, ASO Non-contracted Drugs.
  - 17.4.3.17.2 Hemophiliac Products – Anti-hemophiliac blood factors VII, VIII, and IX, anti-inhibitor, and biological products FDA-approved with an indication for use in

treatment of hemophilia or von Willebrand disease when distributed for administration in the Enrollee's home or other outpatient setting. Hemophiliac products are listed in Exhibit I, HCA Non-contracted Drugs.

- 17.4.3.17.3 The drugs listed in Exhibit I, HCA Non-contracted Drugs and Exhibit J, ASO Non-contracted Drugs are not included in the calculation of the premium payment described in subsection 5.2.1 of this Contract for the Apple Health Family Adult, Apple Health Family Child, Apple Health State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), Apple Health Blind Disabled (AHBD), Apple Health Community Options Program Entry System (COPES), Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) and Apple Health Adult Coverage (AHAC) populations.
- 17.4.3.17.4 The drugs listed in Exhibit I, HCA Non-contracted Drugs will be published on HCA's website and a link to the published list will reside in HCA's professional billing guide(s).
- 17.4.3.17.5 No services will be considered ancillary under subsection 17.4.1.1 to the administration of HCA and ASO Non-contracted Drugs, including services related to the treatment or diagnosis of conditions for which the Non-contracted Drugs may be prescribed, treatment of complications from or adverse reactions to treatment with the Non-contracted Drugs. The Contractor shall cover all new drugs regardless of cost.
- 17.4.3.17.6 If a Non-contracted Drug is administered as part of a procedure, the Contractor is not responsible for the cost of the Non-contracted Drug only. Ancillary drugs and services provided pursuant to the administration of the Non-contracted Drug are the responsibility of the Contractor.
- 17.4.3.17.7 HCA Non-contracted drugs are fully carved out and covered by HCA. ASO Non-contracted Drugs are carved out through an administrative services only arrangement and will be reimbursed through a service based enhancement.
- 17.4.3.17.8 The Contractor shall continue to administer the drugs included on Exhibit J, ASO Non-contracted Drug and submit paid encounters for pharmacy products in the NCPDP Batch format as required in Subsection 5.16.
  - 17.4.3.17.8.1 HCA shall reimburse the Contractor for the expenditures for outpatient Prescription Drugs included on Exhibit J, ASO Non-contracted Drug.
- 17.4.3.17.9 HCA Non-contracted Drugs are not the Contractor's

responsibility regardless of claim reimbursement type other than inpatient, except when indicated on Exhibit I, HCA Non-contracted Drugs.

- 17.4.3.18 Sexual reassignment surgery as described in WAC 182-531-1675(6)(d) and (e) as well as Hospitalizations, physician, and Ancillary Services required to treat postoperative complications of these procedures.
  - 17.4.3.19 Substance Using Pregnant People (SUPP) program as described in WAC 182-533-0730 when provided by an HCA-approved SUPP Provider.
  - 17.4.3.20 "Treat and Refer", or treatment with no transport when provided by eligible Providers defined as fire departments pursuant to a community assistance referral and education services program (CARES) as described in RCW 35.21.930.
  - 17.4.3.21 Birth doula services.
- 17.4.4 The following services are covered by other state agencies and are not Contracted Services. The Contractor is responsible for coordinating and referring Enrollees to these services through all means possible, e.g., Adverse Benefit Determination notifications, call center communication or Contractor publications.
- 17.4.4.1 Community-based services (e.g., COPES, CFC and Personal Care Services) covered through DSHS/DDA, and ALTSA;
  - 17.4.4.2 Nursing facility stays that do not meet rehabilitative or skilled criteria are covered through ALTSA;
  - 17.4.4.3 Health Care Services covered through DSHS/DDA for institutionalized clients;
  - 17.4.4.4 Infant formula for oral feeding provided by the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program through the DOH;
  - 17.4.4.5 Any service provided to an Enrollee while incarcerated with the Washington State Department of Corrections;
  - 17.4.4.6 Early Childhood services (e.g., home visiting, non-medically necessary ESIT IDEA Part C services, ECLIPSE, ECEAP/Head Start) covered by DCYF which do not meet the definition of Medically Necessary services under this Contract; and
  - 17.4.4.7 Long-term private duty nursing for Enrollees ages 18 and over. These services are covered by ALTSA, and DDA.

## **17.5 Patient Review and Coordination (PRC)**

- 17.5.1 The Contractor shall have a PRC program that meets the requirements of WAC 182-501-0135. PRC is authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 1396n(a)(2) and 42 C.F.R. § 431.54.

- 17.5.2 Clinical oversight of the PRC review process must be provided by a qualified professional who is legally licensed and authorized by law or rule to determine if Enrollees have used Health Care Services at a frequency or amount that is not medically necessary. Licensed professionals that may provide this clinical oversight include Physician, ARNP, Physician's Assistant, and Registered Nurse.
- 17.5.3 If either the Contractor or HCA places an Enrollee into the PRC program, both parties will honor that placement.
- 17.5.4 The Contractor's placement of an Enrollee into the PRC program shall be considered an Adverse Benefit Determination, which shall be subject to Appeal under the provisions of the Grievance and Appeal System section of this Contract. If the Enrollee Appeals the PRC placement, the Contractor will notify HCA of the Appeal and the outcome. The Contractor shall send HCA a copy of Enrollee appeal letter(s) in accordance with the timeframe provided in the Patient Review and Coordination Managed Care Program Guide published by HCA.
- 17.5.5 When an Enrollee is placed in the Contractor's PRC program, the Contractor shall send the Enrollee a written notice of the Enrollee's PRC placement, or any change of status, in accordance with WAC 182-501-0135.
- 17.5.6 The Contractor shall send HCA a written notice of the Enrollee's PRC placement, or any change of status, in accordance with the required format provided in the Patient Review and Coordination Managed Care Program Guide published by HCA.
- 17.5.7 The Contractor shall ensure PRC Enrollees and Providers have direct access to the Contractor's PRC-trained program staff during the Business Day, including access to make needed changes to assigned Providers. The Contractor may also Subcontract to provide this service.
- 17.5.8 The Contractor shall have policies to ensure PRC Enrollees do not experience a lapse in access to program staff that can assist with the Enrollee's ability to obtain needed prescriptions from the narcotics prescriber or PCP.
- 17.5.9 For an Enrollee admitted to a licensed facility for health, treatment or Behavioral Health services, the Contractor shall allow a representative of the facility to make changes to assigned Providers, including pharmacies, on the Enrollee's behalf without the Enrollee's written or oral consent.
- 17.5.10 In accordance with WAC 182-501-0135, HCA will limit the ability of an Enrollee placed in the PRC program to change their enrolled Contractor for twelve (12) months after the Enrollee is placed in the PRC program by HCA or the Contractor unless the PRC Enrollee moves to a residence outside the Contractor's service areas, the Enrollee's assigned PCP no longer participates with the Contractor and is available in another MCO, or if the Enrollee is admitted to a subacute mental health Facility. The Contractor shall allow for a temporary change in PCP or pharmacy for the Enrollee. The Contractor shall accept notification from the Facility of the change in Enrollee status and the need for a newly assigned PCP and pharmacy. The temporary change in Providers is effective until the date of discharge from the Facility.
- 17.5.11 Family members of an Enrollee whose ability to change their enrolled MCO is limited because of placement in the PRC program may still change enrollment as provided in this Contract.

## 18 Third-party Liability

### 18.1 Definitions. For the purposes of this Section:

- 18.1.1 “Coordination of Benefits Agreement” or “COBA” means the national model contract which standardized the way the eligibility and Medicare Claims payment information within a claims crossover context is exchanged to allow plans that provide health or prescription coverage for a person with Medicare to determine their respective payment responsibilities when an individual is covered by more than one plan.
- 18.1.2 “Cost Avoidance” means a method used by HCA to avoid payment when other primary insurance resources are available to the Enrollee. When claims are submitted on behalf of Enrollees who have other primary insurance on file, payment will be denied and claims returned to the Providers, who are then required to bill and collect payment from any liable third parties. (42 C.F.R. § 433.139(b)).
- 18.1.3 “Cost Recovery” (also known as “pay and chase”) means that the payer pays Providers for submitted claims and then attempts to recover payments from liable third parties. Payers pay and chase claims for two primary reasons: post-payment identification of primary third party resources and Social Security Act exceptions to cost avoidance that require States to pay and chase claims instead of using cost avoidance. This is required when (1) the service is preventive pediatric care, (2) the service is covered under EPSDT, or (3) coverage is through a parent whose obligation to pay support is enforced by the states’ child enforcement agency. (Social Security Act §§ 1902(a)(25)(E) and (F), 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(25)(E) and (F). See also 42 C.F.R. § 433.139(b)(3)).
- 18.1.4 “Post Payment Recovery” means seeking reimbursement from third parties whenever claims have been paid for which there is Third-party Liability (TPL). “Cost Recovery”, “Post Payment Recovery” may be referred to as “pay and chase”.

### 18.2 General Provisions

- 18.2.1 HCA authorizes the Contractor to obtain TPL reimbursement by any lawful means in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 433.139, and to coordinate benefits for Enrollees. The Contractor shall take all reasonable measures to ascertain the legal liability of third parties to pay for care and services available under the Medicaid State Plan.
- 18.2.2 The Contractor shall assume full assignment rights as applicable and shall be responsible for making every reasonable effort to determine the liability of third parties to pay for services provided to Enrollees under this Contract. The Contractor also shall be responsible for identifying existing TPL resources, undertaking cost avoidance, and recovering any liability from the third party. The Contractor shall develop and implement policies and procedures to meet its obligations regarding TPL including but not limited to:
- 18.2.2.1 Implementation of Coordination of Benefits Agreement (COBA) with CMS and the Federal Benefits Coordination and Recovery Center (BCRC) to allow for automated crossover claims processing for dual-eligible clients.
- 18.2.3 For Enrollees who have primary health insurance, the Contractor shall coordinate benefits in accordance with the 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(25) and other

applicable law. RCW 41.05A.005. Coordination of Benefits includes paying any applicable cost-sharing on behalf of an Enrollee, up to the Medicaid allowed amount.

- 18.2.4 Nothing in this Section negates any of the Contractor's responsibilities under this Contract, including, but not limited to, the requirement described in the Prohibition on Enrollee Charges for Contracted Services provisions of the Enrollee Rights and Protections section of this Contract. The Contractor shall:
- 18.2.4.1 Identify third party resources consistent with the Contractor's policies and procedures;
  - 18.2.4.2 Not refuse or reduce services provided under this Contract solely due to the existence of similar benefits provided under any other health care contracts;
  - 18.2.4.3 Attempt to recover any third-party resources available to Enrollees (42 C.F.R. § 433 Subpart D) and shall make all records pertaining to coordination of benefits collections for Enrollees available for audit and review under Subsection 12.10 of this Contract;
  - 18.2.4.4 Pay preventive pediatric care, and services covered under EPSDT, including Applied Behavior Analysis treatment services and medically intensive children's program services, and then seek reimbursement from third parties (42 C.F.R. § 433.139(b)(3));
  - 18.2.4.5 Pay claims for Contracted Services when probable TPL has not been established or the third-party benefits are not available to pay a claim at the time it is filed (42 C.F.R. § 433.139(c));
  - 18.2.4.6 Coordinate with out-of-network Providers with respect to payment to ensure the cost to Enrollees is no greater than it would be if the services were furnished within the network;
  - 18.2.4.7 Communicate the requirements of this Section to Subcontractors that provide services under the terms of this Contract, and assure compliance with them;
  - 18.2.4.8 Deny claims the primary payer denied because the Provider or the Enrollee did not follow the payer's payment or adjudication rules; (e.g., claims submission without required Prior Authorization or untimely claims filing); and
  - 18.2.4.9 Make its own independent decisions about approving claims for payment that have been denied by the primary payer if either (a) the primary payer does not cover the service and the Contractor does, or (b) the service was denied as not Medically Necessary and the Provider followed the dispute resolution and/or appeal process of the primary carrier and the denial was upheld.
- 18.2.5 If the Contractor's allowed amount for a service exceeds the primary insurer's paid amount, the Contractor shall pay the Subcontractor or Provider only the amount, if any, by which the Subcontractor's or Provider's allowable claim exceeds the amount paid by the primary insurer.

18.2.6 The Contractor shall have policies and procedures in place to investigate potential TPL resources related to trauma or accident and pursue recoveries.

### **18.3 Provider Agreements**

18.3.1 All Provider agreements executed by the Contractor and all Provider agreements executed by subcontracting entities or organizations shall define the Provider's responsibilities regarding TPL, including the Provider's obligation to identify TPL coverage and, except as otherwise provided in this Contract, to seek such third party payment before submitting claims to the Contractor.

### **18.4 Cost Avoidance**

18.4.1 The Contractor shall ensure coverage by all potential third-party payers is exhausted before the Contractor makes a payment for Covered Services, by directing subcontracted Providers to submit a claim and receive final determination from the identified third-party payer before billing the Contractor for services.

18.4.2 The Contractor shall use a Cost Avoidance procedure for all claims or services subject to third-party payment to the extent permitted by state and federal law. If the Contractor has established the probable existence of TPL at the time the Provider submits a claim, the Contractor shall deny the claim and provide information about the third-party payer to the billing Provider.

18.4.3 The Contractor shall not require an EOB from a Provider when an Enrollee has Medicare primary coverage and the service being billed is known to not be covered by Medicare. In these situations, the Contractor will become primary payer and disregard the Medicare coverage.

18.4.4 The Contractor shall not require an EOB from Provider types that are unable to enroll as a Medicare Provider when the Enrollee has primary Medicare coverage. In these situations, the Contractor shall pay claims from these Provider types as primary payer and disregard the Medicare coverage.

18.4.5 The Contractor shall not require Prior Authorization when a Provider bills the Enrollee's MCO as the secondary payer. If the billing is for a service determined to be a Non-Covered Service through the Enrollee's primary payer, the Provider must then follow the Apple Health MCO Prior Authorization requirements.

18.4.5.1 For pharmacy claims, Prior Authorization will be required if the drug is listed on the Coordination of Benefits Exceptions provided to the Contractor by the HCA pharmacy program.

### **18.5 Post-Payment Recoveries**

18.5.1 The Contractor shall recover funds post payment in cases where the Contractor was not aware of third-party coverage at the time services were rendered or paid for, or the Contractor was not able to use a Cost Avoidance procedure. The Contractor shall identify and pursue all potential TPL payments. Potentially liable third party coverage sources include, but are not limited to:

18.5.1.1 Third party liability insurance (for example, group health plans including medical, pharmacy);

18.5.1.2 Self-insured plans;

18.5.1.3 Managed Care Organizations;

- 18.5.1.4 Pharmacy Benefit Managers;
  - 18.5.1.5 Union and other fraternal organizations; and
  - 18.5.1.6 Certain other state or federal programs.
- 18.5.2 Cost Benefit. (1) The Contractor's Post Payment Recovery processes shall not require the Contractor to spend more on an individual claim basis than the threshold limits established by the Medicaid State Plan. (2) The Contractor shall use Cost Avoidance procedures to avoid payment on any claim where TPL is on file, other than those in Subsection 18.10 below.
- 18.5.3 Contractor must attempt to recover any third-party resources available to Enrollees (42 C.F.R. § 433 Subpart D) and will make all records pertaining to coordination of benefits collections for Enrollees available for audit and review under subsection 12.10 of this Contract.
- 18.5.3.1 Contractor must pay and chase if the claim is for a service provided to an Enrollee on whose behalf child support enforcement is being carried out if, 1) the third-party coverage is through an absent parent; and 2) the Provider certifies that, if the Provider has billed a third party the Provider has waited one hundred (100) calendar days from the date of billing without receiving payment before billing Medicaid (42 C.F.R. § 433.139(b)(3)(ii).
- 18.5.4 Retention of Recoveries. The Contractor is entitled to retain any amounts recovered through its efforts. Distributions of recoveries will be made to the Contractor, in an amount equal to the Contractor's expenditures for the individual on whose behalf the collection was based, and to the beneficiary, any remaining amount.
- 18.5.5 Unsuccessful Effort. If the Contractor is unsuccessful in its efforts to obtain necessary cooperation from an Enrollee to identify potential third-party resources after a period of sixty (60) calendar days of such efforts, pursuant to 42 C.F.R. §§ 433.145 and 433.147, the Contractor must inform HCA in a format to be determined by HCA that its efforts have been unsuccessful.

**18.6 Data**

- 18.6.1 HCA shall include information about known TPL resources on the daily 834 enrollment files. Any new TPL resources learned of by HCA through its contractor(s) are added to the next available enrollment file.
- 18.6.2 The Contractor shall:
- 18.6.2.1 Proactively identify those Enrollees with other primary health insurance including their enrollment and disenrollment dates, and provide this information to HCA on the Enrollees with Other Health Insurance (OHI) report;
  - 18.6.2.2 Cooperate with HCA in any manner necessary to ensure collection of this information;
  - 18.6.2.3 Include all third-party payments by Enrollee in its regular encounter data submissions; and
  - 18.6.2.4 Provide TPL data to any contracted Provider having a claim denied



by the Contractor based on the third-party coverage.

## **18.7 Reports**

- 18.7.1 The Contractor shall submit a quarterly *Recovery and Cost Avoidance Report* that includes any recoveries for third party resources as well as claims that the Contractor denies due to TPL coverage. The report shall include recoveries or denied claim payments for any covered service. The Contractor shall calculate cost savings in categories described by HCA. The Contractor shall treat funds recovered from third parties as offsets to claims payments and reflect those offsets in encounter data submitted to HCA. The report is due by the sixtieth (60th) calendar day following the end of the quarter. This report shall be submitted on the template provided in MC-Track.
- 18.7.2 The Contractor shall submit to HCA on the 15th of the month following the end of the monthly reporting period a report (Enrollees with Other Health Care Insurance) of Enrollees with any other health care insurance coverage with any carrier, including the Contractor. This report should only include newly discovered third-party records and any existing records to which changes have been made during the reporting period. This report shall be submitted on the template provided in MC-Track.
- 18.7.3 The Contractor shall submit to HCA on the 20th of the following month a report (Subrogation Rights of TPL – Investigations) of any Enrollees who the Contractor newly becomes aware of a cause of action to recover health care costs for which the Contractor has paid under this Contract. This report shall be submitted on the template provided in MC-Track.
- 18.7.4 HCA will continue to terminate enrollment for clients who become eligible for Medicare.

## **18.8 Compliance**

- 18.8.1 HCA may determine whether the Contractor is in compliance with the requirements in this Section by inspecting source documents for:
- 18.8.1.1 Appropriateness of recovery attempt;
  - 18.8.1.2 Timeliness of billing;
  - 18.8.1.3 Accounting for third-party payments;
  - 18.8.1.4 Settlement of claims; and
  - 18.8.1.5 Other monitoring deemed necessary by HCA.
- 18.8.2 The Contractor shall demonstrate, upon request, to HCA that reasonable efforts have been made to seek, collect and/or report third party recoveries. HCA shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether reasonable efforts have been demonstrated. In making its determination, HCA shall (a) take into account reasonable industry standards and practices and (b) have the right to inspect the Contractor's books and records in accordance with Subsection 12.10.

## **18.9 Subrogation of Rights and Third-party Liability**

- 18.9.1 For the purposes of this subsection:

- 18.9.1.1 “Injured person” means an Enrollee who sustains bodily injury.
- 18.9.1.2 “Contractor's health care expense” means the expense incurred by the Contractor for the care or treatment of the injury sustained, computed in accordance with the Contractor's FFS schedule.
- 18.9.2 If an Enrollee requires Health Care Services from the Contractor as a result of an alleged act or omission by a third-party giving rise to a claim of legal liability against the third-party, the Contractor shall have the right to obtain recovery of its cost of providing benefits to the injured person from the third-party.
- 18.9.3 HCA specifically assigns to the Contractor HCA's rights to such third-party payments for health care provided to an Enrollee on behalf of HCA, which the Enrollee assigned to HCA as provided in WAC 182-503-0540.
- 18.9.4 HCA also assigns to the Contractor its statutory lien under RCW 41.05A.070. The Contractor shall be subrogated to HCA's rights and remedies under RCW 74.09.180(2) and 41.05A.050 through 41.05A.080 with respect to Covered Services provided to Enrollees on behalf of HCA under chapter 74.09 RCW.
- 18.9.5 The Contractor may obtain a signed agreement from the Enrollee in which the Enrollee agrees to fully cooperate in effecting collection from persons causing the injury. The agreement may provide that if an injured party settles a claim without protecting the Contractor's interest, the injured party shall be liable to the Contractor for the full cost of medical services provided by the Contractor.
- 18.9.6 The Contractor shall notify HCA of the name, address, and other identifying information of any Enrollee and the Enrollee's attorney:
  - 18.9.6.1 Who settles a claim without protecting the Contractor's interest in contravention of RCW 41.05A.060; or
  - 18.9.6.2 When a claim has been identified as having potential TPL.

**18.10 Good Cause Exemption from Billing Third-party Insurance**

- 18.10.1 The Contractor must have a policy to allow Enrollees the right to be exempt from billing third-party insurance due to good cause. This includes a procedure that allows for the good cause process to apply on an individual claim basis and a means to flag the Enrollee's account so that the need for additional privacy and precaution can be easily seen. “Good cause” means that the use of the third-party coverage would violate an Enrollee's confidentiality because the third party:
  - 18.10.1.1 Routinely sends verification of services to the third-party subscriber and that subscriber is someone other than the Enrollee;
  - 18.10.1.2 Requires the Enrollee to use a PCP who is likely to report the Enrollee's request for family planning services to the subscriber;
  - 18.10.1.3 The Enrollee has a reasonable belief that cooperating with the Contractor in identifying TPL coverage could result in serious physical or emotional harm to the Enrollee, a child in his or her care, or a child related to him or her; or
  - 18.10.1.4 The Enrollee is incapacitated without the ability to cooperate with the Contractor.

- 18.10.2 A description of this process, including any steps the Enrollee must take to seek exemption based on good cause, must be included in every notice the Contractor provides to Enrollees regarding third-party billing or seeking cooperation with such billing. The notices must include that reasons such as fear of domestic violence or other harm are included in good cause. The Contractor's policy must include a procedure that allows for the good cause process to apply on an individual claim basis. Any denial of good cause is an Adverse Benefit Determination. Any communications or billing must be suspended pending a good cause request or appeal of a request denial.

## 19 BUSINESS CONTINUITY AND DISASTER RECOVERY

### 19.1 Primary and Back-up Systems

19.1.1 The Contractor shall have in place a primary and back-up system for electronic submission of data requested by HCA. This must include the use of the Inter-Governmental Network (IGN); state of Washington, Washington Technology Solutions (WaTech) approved secured Virtual Private Network (VPN) or other WaTech approved dial-up.

19.1.1.1 In the event these methods of transmission are unavailable and immediate data transmission is necessary, an alternate method of submission will be considered based on HCA Enterprise Technology Service's (ETS) review and approval.

### 19.2 Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan

19.2.1 The Contractor shall develop and maintain a business continuity and disaster recovery plan that ensures timely re-establishment of the Enrollee information system following total loss of the primary system or a substantial loss of functionality.

19.2.1.1 The Contractor shall submit through MC-Track an annual statement by January 1 of each Contract Year, certifying that there is an up-to-date business continuity disaster plan in place for both the Contractor and Subcontractors. The certification must indicate that the system, data backup and recovery procedures have been tested, and that copies of the Contractor and Subcontractor plans are available for HCA to review and audit. The disaster plan must include the following:

19.2.1.1.1 A mission or scope statement.

19.2.1.1.2 Identification of the information services disaster recovery staff.

19.2.1.1.3 Provisions for backup of key personnel, identified emergency procedures and visibly listed emergency telephone numbers.

19.2.1.1.4 Procedures for allowing effective communication, applications inventory and business recovery priority and hardware and software vendor list.

19.2.1.1.5 Confirmation of updated system and operations documentation and process for frequent back up of systems and data.

19.2.1.1.6 Description and location of off -site storage of system and data backups and ability to recover data and systems from back up files.

19.2.1.1.7 Designated recovery options which may include use of a hot or cold site.

19.2.1.1.8 Documentation that disaster recovery tests or drills have been performed.

## **20 Health Equity**

### **20.1 Staffing**

- 20.1.1 By January 1, 2025, the Contractor shall retain a full-time health equity director who is part of the executive team. The health equity director responsibilities must include leadership in the design and implementation of the Contractor's strategies and programs to ensure Health Equity is prioritized and addressed.
- 20.1.2 Under the direction of the health equity director, the Contractor's policies and procedures must consider health inequities and be designed to promote Health Equity where possible, including but not limited to:
  - 20.1.2.1 Communication strategies;
  - 20.1.2.2 Medical and other health services policies;
  - 20.1.2.3 Member and Provider outreach;
  - 20.1.2.4 Community Advisory Council (CAC);
  - 20.1.2.5 Quality Improvement activities, including delivery system reforms;
  - 20.1.2.6 Grievances and Appeals;
  - 20.1.2.7 Utilization Management;
  - 20.1.2.8 Training of staff and managing ongoing integration efforts; and
  - 20.1.2.9 AI/AN policies and services.

### **20.2 Trauma-Informed Care Education and Training**

- 20.2.1 The Contractor shall offer education and training about Trauma-Informed Care to all Providers and other Subcontractors with direct Enrollee contact at no charge.
- 20.2.2 The education program shall be designed to make Providers and Subcontractors aware of the importance of providing services in a manner that is based on an understanding of the vulnerabilities and triggers of trauma, so that services can be more supportive and avoid re-traumatization.
- 20.2.3 The Contractor shall make Providers and Subcontractors aware of training and educational opportunities (via website announcements, Provider portals, welcome booklets, etc.).

### **20.3 NCQA Health Equity Accreditation**

- 20.3.1 The Contractor must earn NCQA's Health Equity Accreditation at the level of "accredited" by January 1, 2025, and maintain Health Equity Accreditation throughout the term of this Contract.
  - 20.3.1.1 If the Contractor fails to obtain accreditation as described in this Subsection HCA may pursue enforcement activity (including but not limited to sanctions and requiring a Correction Action Plan).
- 20.3.2 The Contractor shall provide HCA information regarding the Contractor's progress in achieving Health Equity Accreditation upon HCA's request.

20.3.3 The Contractor shall provide HCA with evidence of the Contractor's Health Equity Accreditation, including the results of the Contractor's most recent NCQA review.

20.3.3.1 The Contractor may authorize NCQA to provide HCA a copy of the most recent Health Equity Accreditation review for the Contractor.

## **20.4 Community Advisory Council**

20.4.1 The Contractor shall establish a Community Advisory Council (CAC) that will advise the Contractor on Health Equity to ensure that the health care needs of all Enrollees are being addressed.

20.4.2 Community Advisory Council Membership.

20.4.2.1 Membership of the CAC shall be representative of the diversity of populations within the state, with a specific emphasis on persons who are representative of individuals with diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds, gender identities, sexual orientations, disabilities, and who live in rural or underserved communities.

20.4.2.2 The Contractor shall complete and submit to HCA an annual CAC Member Demographic Report by January 31 of each year.

20.4.2.3 The CAC shall include at least 15 members.

20.4.2.4 The Contractor shall make good faith efforts to recruit CAC members by taking steps that include, but are not limited to:

20.4.2.4.1 Publicizing the opportunity to serve on the CAC in member mailing materials;

20.4.2.4.2 Soliciting member recommendations from Providers, schools, Community Benefit Organizations, Accountable Communities of Health, and others; and

20.4.2.4.3 Hosting community engagement activities and benefit fairs.

20.4.2.5 The Contractor shall make good faith efforts to ensure tribal participation on the CAC. Good faith efforts include personalized outreach to each Tribe, engaging with HCA, and tribal liaisons to garner nominations.

20.4.2.5.1 The Contractor will submit, upon HCA request, evidence of good faith efforts to ensure CAC recruitment and retention, including demonstration of tribal member involvement.

## **20.5 Community Advisory Council Operations**

20.5.1 The CAC shall meet quarterly.

20.5.2 The Contractor shall invite a designated HCA representative to join CAC meetings.

20.5.3 The Contractor shall ensure that CAC meetings are accessible to CAC members.

- 20.5.4 The Contractor shall designate a CAC Coordinator, who may be an employee of the Contractor or a Subcontractor. The Contractor shall maintain a written job description detailing the CAC Coordinator's responsibilities. The description must include having responsibility for managing the operations of the CAC in compliance with all Contract requirements, including:
- 20.5.4.1 Ensuring committee meetings are scheduled and agendas are developed;
  - 20.5.4.2 Maintaining membership that is adequate to carry out the duties of the CAC;
  - 20.5.4.3 Ensuring facilities, materials, and other components necessary to conduct a CAC meeting are accessible by member and other attendees, to facilitate inclusion;
  - 20.5.4.4 Complying with all CAC reporting requirements;
  - 20.5.4.5 Completing and submitting to HCA an annual CAC Policies and Procedures report relating to CAC operations by January 31 of each year; and
  - 20.5.4.6 Distributing a written record of each CAC meeting, supporting materials provided, within ten (10) Business Days after the CAC meeting to all CAC members and to the designated HCA representative.

## **20.6 Duties of the CAC**

- 20.6.1 The Contractor must ensure that the CAC is involved in advancing Quality of Care, including, but not limited to:
- 20.6.1.1 Enrollee experience;
  - 20.6.1.2 Reported outcomes;
  - 20.6.1.3 Access to care;
  - 20.6.1.4 Access to Providers that are representative of the community and that have completed Cultural Humility and Trauma-Informed Care trainings;
  - 20.6.1.5 Addressing HRSN;
  - 20.6.1.6 Coordinating care across specialties;
  - 20.6.1.7 Enrollee and community engagement to address health barriers;
  - 20.6.1.8 Identifying and addressing Health Disparities; and
  - 20.6.1.9 Staging effective quality interventions.

## **EXHIBIT A – RATES**

**The rate exhibits are not included in this online version of the contract.**



**Exhibit B  
Integrated Managed Care (IMC)  
Value-Based Purchasing (VBP)**

**1. Quality Withhold**

- 1.1. HCA will withhold a percentage of monthly Capitation Payments, as defined under subsection 1.5 of this Exhibit, paid by HCA under this Contract. The Contractor will be eligible to earn back part or all of the Withhold (“Withhold”) as set out in this Exhibit.
- 1.2. All incentive arrangements are necessary for the specified activities, targets, performance measures, or quality-based outcomes that support program initiatives as specified in the HCA’s quality strategy.
- 1.3. The time periods covered by the Withhold and the applicable percentage amount of the Withhold for each time period are set out in Table 1. Each Withhold Performance Year, Improvement Baseline Performance Year and Evaluation Period identified in Table 1 shall encompass services provided in the defined time period and payments for those services.

**Table 1  
Performance Years (PY), Time Periods and Thresholds**

Year	Withhold		Improvement Baseline		Benchmark Comparison <sup>3</sup>		Withhold Percent	Evaluation Period <sup>2</sup>	Provider Incentives Threshold <sup>2</sup>	VBP Payments Threshold <sup>2</sup> (2C+)	Advanced VBP Payments Threshold (3B+)
	PY <sup>1</sup>	HEDIS Reporting Year	PY	HEDIS Reporting Year	PY	HEDIS Reporting Year					
1	2017	2018	2016	2017	2014	2015	1.00%	10/1/17 - 12/31/17	0.75%	30%	N/A
2	2018	2019	2017	2018	2015	2016	1.50%	10/1/18 - 12/31/18	1%	50%	N/A
3	2019	2020	2018	2019	2017	2018	1.50%	N/A	1%	75%	N/A
4	2020	MY2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2.00%	N/A	1.25%	85%	N/A
5	2021	MY2021	2020	MY2020	2020	MY2020	2.00%	N/A	1.25%	85%	N/A
6	2022	MY2022	2021	MY2021	2021	MY2021	2.00%	N/A	1.25%	90%	N/A
7	2023	MY2023	2022	MY2022	2022	MY2022	2.00%	N/A	2.00	90%	15%
8	2024	MY2024	2023	MY2023	2023	MY2023	2.00%	N/A	2.00%	90%	15%
9	2025	MY2025	2024	MY2024	2024	MY2024	2.00%	N/A	2.00%	90%	15%

<sup>1</sup>The Withhold Performance Year 2017 preceded the addition of this Exhibit to this Contract, but was subject to a VBP withhold under the Apple Health Managed Care contract.  
<sup>2</sup>The limited Evaluation Period, Provider Incentives Threshold, and VBP Payments Threshold applies only as set out in Sections 2 and 3 of this Exhibit.  
<sup>3</sup>The Benchmark Comparison for Withhold Performance Years 2018 and 2019 includes a mean and a target. The Benchmark Comparison for Withhold Performance Years 2020 and forward is a percentile target only.

- 1.4. Table 1 Definitions
  - 1.4.1. **Withhold Performance Year** – The Withhold Performance Year is a calendar year in which a percentage withhold is applied to managed care rates and paid back contingent on performance in the same calendar year period.
  - 1.4.2. **Improvement Baseline Performance Year** – The Improvement Baseline Performance Year is the calendar year immediately preceding the Withhold Performance Year. The performance in this year is used as a baseline to gauge how well a MCO improved given its performance in the Withhold Performance Year.
  - 1.4.3. **Benchmark Comparison Performance Year** – The Benchmark Comparison Year is, for the component of the QIS that compares the Contractor’s Withhold Performance Year to statewide or national benchmarks, the performance year on which these benchmarks are based.
- 1.5. Following each Withhold Performance Year, HCA will determine the total amount of the Withhold for the Withhold Performance Year and the amount of such Withhold that the Contractor is eligible to earn back. The Contractor will be eligible to earn back part or all of the Withhold based on performance measures in the following three areas:
  - 1.5.1. Up to 10.0 percent of the Withhold may be earned back by implementing qualifying Provider Incentives tied to quality and financial attainment as described in Section 2 of this Exhibit (the “Provider Incentives Portion” of the Withhold);
  - 1.5.2. Up to 10.0 percent of the Withhold may be earned through use of Value-Based Purchasing arrangements as described in Section 3 of this Exhibit (the “VBP Payments Portion” of the Withhold);
  - 1.5.3. Up to 5.0 percent of the Withhold may be earned through use of Advanced Value-Based Payment arrangements as described in Section 3 of this Exhibit (the “Advanced VBP Payments Portion” of the Withhold); and
  - 1.5.4. Up to 75 percent of the Withhold may be earned by achieving quality improvement and attainment targets as described in Section 4 of this Exhibit (the “QIS Portion” of the Withhold).
- 1.6. No later than November 30 following each Withhold Performance Year, HCA will notify the Contractor of the amount of the Withhold that the Contractor has earned back for the Withhold Performance Year. HCA will schedule payment to the Contractor based on the calculated method as described in Section 4 of this Exhibit. HCA will also provide the Contractor with a copy of Value-Based Purchasing Withhold Calculation Summary Form, Attachment B to this Exhibit, signed by the HCA Chief Financial Officer, outlining the percent withhold recovered through Provider Incentive Portion, The VBP Payments Portion, and the QIS Portion.
- 1.7. Capitation Payments subject to the 2 percent Withhold are specified in Section 5.2 of this Contract. They exclude any administrative, Washington State Health Insurance Pool (WSHIP), Safety Net Assessment Fund (SNAF), or Provider Access Payment (PAP) Program funding.
- 1.8. For Sections 2 and 3 of this Exhibit, “Assessed Payments” shall refer to all Contractor payments made to providers using funds that were subject to the Withhold as defined under subsection 1.5 of this Exhibit, with the exception of any case payments for delivery and low birth weight, administrative dollars, or other payments funded through WSHIP, premium tax, or Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) funding.

- 1.9. For purposes of this Exhibit, a “Value-Based Payment Arrangement” means a payment arrangement that is signed by a Provider and Contractor and that meets the definition of Category 2C or higher (excluding Categories 3N and 4N) of the Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network (HCP-LAN) Alternative Payment Model (APM) Framework Whitepaper R e f r e s h e d 2 0 1 7 version dated July 11, 2017, attached as Attachment A (“Whitepaper”).
- 1.10. For the purposes of this Exhibit, an “Advanced Value-Based Payment Arrangement” means a payment arrangement that is signed by a Provider and Contractor and that meets the definition of Category 3B or higher (excluding Categories 3N and 4N) of the Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network (HCP-LAN) Alternative Payment Model (APM) Framework Whitepaper R e f r e s h e d 2 0 1 7 version dated July 11, 2017, attached as Attachment A (“Whitepaper”).
- 1.11. For purposes of reporting regional data, each regional service area is defined as follows:
  - 1.11.1. Better Health Together (BHT) includes Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Lincoln, and Adams Counties.
  - 1.11.2. Community Health Organization Improving Care and Equity (CHOICE) includes Grays Harbor, Mason, Thurston, Pacific, Lewis, Cowlitz, and Wahkiakum Counties.
  - 1.11.3. Greater Health Now (GHN) includes Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Garfield, Whitman, and Asotin Counties.
  - 1.11.4. King includes King County.
  - 1.11.5. Thriving Together North Central Washington (NCW) includes Chelan, Douglas, Grant, and Okanogan Counties.
  - 1.11.6. North Sound (NS) includes Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, Island, and Snohomish Counties.
  - 1.11.7. Olympic includes Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties.
  - 1.11.8. ElevateHealth includes Pierce County.
  - 1.11.9. South West Washington Regional Health Alliance (SW WA) includes Clark, Skamania, and Klickitat Counties.

## **2. Qualifying Provider Incentives – (“Provider Incentives Portion” of the Withhold)**

- 2.1. For purposes of this Section, the term “Provider Incentives” means Positive Incentives and Negative Incentives that apply to base payments that are Assessed Payments in a Value-Based Payment Arrangement.
- 2.2. For purposes of this Section, the term “Positive Incentives” means the maximum portion of contractor rates providers may earn in a Value-Based Payment Arrangement conditioned on the quality of services provided. Examples include:
  - 2.2.1. Potential retrospective bonus payments made on top of a provider's existing reimbursement structure (i.e. upside only); or
  - 2.2.2. The maximum savings that may be achieved by a provider under a shared-savings arrangement whereby the provider's portion of the savings is tied to quality reporting and/or performance; or
  - 2.2.3. Prospective care management incentive or payment, on top of a provider's existing reimbursement structure, that is tied to

quality reporting and/or performance.

- 2.3. For the purposes of this Section, the term “Positive Incentives Earned” means the actual payments made to providers in a Value-Based Payment Arrangement conditioned on the quality of services. Examples include payments providers earn through examples described in Subsection 2.2 of this Exhibit.
- 2.4. For purposes of this Section, the term “Negative Incentives” means the maximum portion of Contractor rates that may be incurred by providers in a Value-Based Payment Arrangement conditioned on the quality of services provided. Examples include:
  - 2.4.1. Downside risk arrangements whereby providers may make payments to contracted payer(s) from their existing reimbursement structure based on quality reporting and/or performance;
  - 2.4.2. The maximum deficit payments a provider may be required to make to contracted payer(s) based on quality reporting and/or performance; or
  - 2.4.3. Potentially withheld payments from existing provider reimbursement structures based on quality reporting and/or performance.
- 2.5. For the purposes of this Section, the term “Negative Incentives Incurred” means the actual charges or withheld payments to providers in a Value-Based Payment Arrangement conditioned on the quality of services provided. Examples include payments providers earn through examples described in Subsection 2.4 of this Exhibit.
- 2.6. The Provider Incentives Portion of the Withhold shall be 10.0 percent of the total Withhold. The Provider Incentives Portion may be earned back in whole or in part by establishing Positive Incentives and Negative Incentives tied to quality and financial attainment, and by satisfying the additional requirements set out in this Section. The formula under which all or part of the Provider Incentives Portion of the Withhold may be earned back is set out in this Section.
- 2.7. During the Withhold Performance Year, the Contractor at its discretion can seek feedback from HCA on whether provider payment arrangements qualify as Provider Incentives.
- 2.8. On or before August 1 following each Withhold Performance Year, the Contractor shall report to a third-party contractor designated by HCA the total statewide and regional Assessed Payments that the Contractor made to providers for the Withhold Performance Year, and the amount of statewide and regional Positive Incentives, Positive Incentives Earned, Negative Incentives, and Negative Incentives Incurred for the Withhold Performance Year (“Provider Incentives Data”). Failure to provide the report by the deadline may result in loss of the Withhold described in this Exhibit. For the purposes of calculating the Provider Incentives Portion earned by the Contractor, HCA will measure Contractor performance by the Positive Incentives and Negative Incentives, while the Positive Incentives Earned and Negative Incentives Incurred are for informational purposes only.
  - 2.8.1. Provider Incentives will be assigned to each region based on the location of the Provider.
  - 2.8.2. Assessed Payments will be considered to have been made when the services have been provided.
- 2.9. The Contractor shall report the Provider Incentives Data, and provide examples of the types of Positive Incentives and Negative Incentives implemented in each region, in the format set out in Table 2. For each Withhold Performance Year, the Contractor shall

provide the data identified in this subsection for the Withhold Performance Year and Evaluation Period, if applicable, using a separate table for the Withhold Performance Year and Evaluation Period.

**Table 2  
Statewide and Regional Qualifying Incentives**

Region	Assessed Payments	Positive Incentives			Negative Incentives		
		Total Positive Incentives	Total Positive Incentives Earned	Describe*	Total Negative Incentives	Total Negative Incentives Incurred	Describe*
BHT							
Cascade							
GC							
King							
NC							
NS							
Olympic							
Pierce							
SW WA							
Statewide total							

*\*For example: "Downside risk arrangement whereby providers make payments to contracted payers from an existing reimbursement structure based on quality reporting and performance."*

- 2.10. HCA’s designated third-party contractor will validate the Contractor’s reported actual Positive Incentives and Negative Incentives to network providers.
- 2.11. Provider Incentives should be reported in the period in which they apply to the effective contracts in the Contractor’s financial statements. Positive Incentives Earned and Negative Incentives Incurred should be reported in the period in which they are paid or accrue in the Contractor’s financial statements, using a consistent method of reporting should be consistent to ensure that amounts are not double-counted from year to year.
- 2.12. HCA will use the data supplied by the Contractor to calculate the total Provider Incentives for the Withhold Performance Year as a percent of total Assessed Payments for the Contractor Withhold Performance Year.
  - 2.12.1. If the percent calculated is less than the Provider Incentives Threshold for the Withhold Performance Year in Table 1, then the percentage calculated under subsection 2.12 of this Exhibit will be recalculated as a percentage of the Provider Incentives Threshold for the Withhold Performance Year. The resulting Provider Incentives “Partial Earn-Back Percentage”

will then be the percentage of the Provider Incentives Portion of the Withhold that the Contractor is eligible to earn back.

2.12.2. The results of the calculations are rounded to the nearest hundredth value. If the thousandths place of a decimal is four or less, it is dropped and does not change. If the thousandths place of a decimal is five or higher, the hundredth value increases by one. For example, rounding 0.857 to the nearest hundredth would give 0.86, or 86 percent.

2.13. For the Contractor to earn back the Provider Incentives Portion of the Withhold in full, the total Provider Incentives for the Withhold Performance Year must equal at least Provider Incentives Threshold percent of Assessed Payments made during the Withhold Performance Year. The Provider Incentives Threshold for each Withhold Performance Year is set out in Table 1.

### **3. Qualifying Value-Based Payments – (“VBP Payments Portion” of the Withhold)**

3.1. For purposes of this Section, “Payments in a Value-Based Payment Arrangement” means Assessed Payments in a Value-Based Payment Arrangement.

3.2. For purposes of this Section, "Hybrid Payment Models" means payment arrangements that incorporate multiple APMs. Payments in Hybrid Payment Model shall assign Total Payments to the most dominant APM Category. The dominant APM Category is defined as the APM Category under which a plurality of payments are made.

3.3. The VBP Payments Portion of the Withhold shall be 10.0 percent of the total Withhold. The VBP Payments Portion of the Withhold may be earned back in whole or in part by ensuring that Assessed Payments are tied to Value-Based Payment Arrangements in HCP-LAN APM Categories 2C and above. The formula under which all or part of the VBP Payments Portion of the Withhold may be earned back is set out in this Section.

3.4. The Advanced VBP Payments Portion of the Withhold shall be 5.0 percent of the total Withhold. The Advanced VBP Payments Portion of the Withhold may be earned back in whole or in part by ensuring that Assessed Payments are tied to Value-Based Payment Arrangements in HCP-LAN APM Categories 3B and above. The formula under which all or part of the Advanced VBP Payments Portion of the Withhold may be earned back is set out in this Section.

3.5. On or before August 1 following the Withhold Performance Year, the Contractor shall report a third-party contractor designated by to HCA the total regional and statewide Assessed Payments in each HCP-LAN Category as defined under subsection 1.7 of this Exhibit. Failure to provide the report by the deadline may result in loss of the amount withheld. Payments will be assigned to each region based on the location of the Provider.

3.6. The Contractor shall report the data outlined in subsection 3.5 of this Exhibit in the format laid out in Table 3.

**Table 3  
Statewide and Regional Payments by HCP-LAN Category**

Medicaid Total Assessed Payments by APM Category													
Category			Region: Accountable Communities of Health										
APM Category	APM Sub-category	Strategy	Better Health Together	Cascade	Greater Health Now	Healthier Here	Thriving Together (NCW)	North Sound	Olympic	Pierce	SWACH	Out-of-State	All
1 FFS - No Link to Quality	1	Fee-for-Service											\$
2 FFS - Link to Quality	2A	Foundational Payments for Infrastructure & Operations											\$
	2B	Pay for Reporting											\$
	2C	Rewards for Performance											\$
3 APMs built on FFS Architecture	3A	APMs with Upside Gainsharing											\$
	3B	APMs with Upside Gainsharing and Downside Risk											\$
	3N	Risk-based payments - no link to quality											\$
4 Population-Based Payment	4A	Condition-Specific Population-Based Payment											\$
	4B	Comprehensive Population-Based Payment											\$
	4C	Integrated Finance &											\$





**Table 4  
Statewide and Regional Covered Lives by HCP-LAN Category**

Medicaid Total Statewide Covered Lives by APM Category													
Category			Region: Accountable Communities of Health										
APM Category	APM Sub-category	Strategy	All										
			Better Health Together	Cascade	Greater Health Now	Healthier Here	Thriving Together (NCM)	North Sound	Olympic	Pierce	SWACH	Out-of-State	All
1 FFS - No Link to Quality	1	Fee-for-Service											0
2 FFS - Link to Quality	2A	Foundational Payments for Infrastructure & Operations											0
	2B	Pay for Reporting											0
	2C	Rewards for Performance											0
3 APMs built on FFS Architecture	3A	APMs with Upside Gainsharing											0
	3B	APMs with Upside Gainsharing and Downside Risk											0
	3N	Risk-based payments - no link to quality											0
4 Population-Based Payment	4A	Condition-Specific Population-Based Payment											0
	4B	Comprehensive Population-											0

		Based Payment											
	4C	Integrated Finance & Delivery Systems											0
	4N	Capitated payments - no link to quality											0
<b>Total Covered Lives</b>			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- 3.9. HCA’s designated third party contractor shall validate the Contractor’s reporting of the total amounts and categorization of the reported Payments in a Value-Based Payment Arrangement and an Advanced Value-Based Payment Arrangement.
- 3.10. HCA will use the data supplied by the Contractor to calculate the total Payments in a Value-Based Payment Arrangement as a percent of total Assessed Payments for the Contractor for the Withhold Performance Year, except that in Withhold Performance Year 2018, HCA calculated the total Payments in a Value-Based Payment Arrangement for the Evaluation Period as a percent of total Assessed Payments for the Contractor for the Evaluation period.
  - 3.10.1. If for the Withhold Performance Year the percentage calculated under subsection 3.10 of this Exhibit is less than the VBP Payments Threshold for the Withhold Performance Year, then the percentage calculated under subsection 3.10 of this Exhibit will be recalculated as a percentage of the VBP Payments Threshold for the Withhold Performance Year. The resulting VBP Payments “Partial Earn-Back Percentage” will then be the percentage of the VBP Payments Portion of the Withhold that the Contractor is eligible to earn back.
  - 3.10.2. The results of the calculation made in subsections 3.10 and 3.10.1 of this Exhibit are rounded to the nearest hundredth value. If the thousandths place of a decimal is four or less, it is dropped and does not change. If the thousandths place of a decimal is five or higher, the hundredth value increases by one. For example, rounding 0.857 to the nearest hundredth would give 0.86, or 86 percent.
- 3.11. For the Contractor to earn back the VBP Payments Portion of the Withhold in full, the total Payments in a Value-Based Payment Arrangement for the Withhold Performance Year must equal at least the VBP Payments Threshold Percent of Assessed Payments made during the Withhold Performance Year. The VBP Payments Threshold for each Withhold Performance Year is set out in Table 1.
- 3.12. HCA will use the data supplied by the Contractor to calculate the total Payments in an Advanced Value-Based Payment Arrangement as a percent of total Assessed Payments for the Contractor for the Withhold Performance Year.
  - 3.12.1. If for the Withhold Performance Year the percentage calculated under subsection 3.12 of this Exhibit is less than the Advanced VBP Payments Threshold for the Withhold Performance Year, then the percentage calculated under subsection 3.12 of this Exhibit will be recalculated as a percentage of the Advanced VBP Payments Threshold for the Withhold

Performance Year. The resulting Advanced VBP Payments “Partial Earn-Back Percentage” will then be the percentage of the Advanced VBP Payments Portion of the Withhold that the Contractor is eligible to earn back.

3.12.2. The results of the calculation made in subsections 3.12 and 3.12.1 of this Exhibit are rounded to the nearest hundredth value. If the thousandths place of a decimal is four or less, it is dropped and does not change. If the thousandths place of a decimal is five or higher, the hundredth value increases by one. For example, rounding 0.857 to the nearest hundredth would give 0.86, or 86 percent.

3.13. For the Contractor to earn back the Advanced VBP Payments Portion of the Withhold in full, the total Payments in an Advanced Value-Based Payment Arrangement for the Withhold Performance Year must equal at least the Advanced VBP Payments Threshold Percent of Assessed Payments made during the Withhold Performance Year. The Advanced VBP Payments Threshold for each Withhold Performance Year is set out in Table 1.

#### **4. Quality Improvement Score Calculation – (“QIS Portion” of the Withhold)**

4.1. The QIS Portion of the Withhold shall be 75 percent of the total Withhold. The QIS Portion may be earned back in whole or in part by achieving quality improvement and attainment targets on the basis of Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) scores and non-HEDIS scores, and by satisfying the additional requirements set out in this Section.

4.2. The Contractor shall report HEDIS® measures in accordance with the Performance Measures subsection of this Contract. HCA will produce the non-HEDIS scores in accordance with the Performance Measures subsection of this Contract. Specific measures will be evaluated to determine the share of the QIS Portion of the Withhold that the Contractor is eligible to earn back and are identified in Tables 5, 6 and 7. Failure to meet the requirements of this paragraph, or failure to pass the HEDIS audit or performance measure validation may result in loss of the amount withheld.

4.2.1. The share of the QIS Portion of the Withhold is rounded to the nearest hundredth value. If the thousandths place of a decimal is four or less, it is dropped and does not change. If the thousandths place of a decimal is five or higher, the hundredth value increases by one. For example, rounding 0.857 to the nearest hundredth would give 0.86, or 86 percent.

4.3. If the value for one or more measures is missing or not available, the HCA Chief Medical Officer (CMO), in his or her sole discretion, will determine the values to be used in place of the missing values using publicly available sources. If the value is missing or not available, using publicly available sources, the HCA CMO will either determine an alternative measure or exclude the measure from the calculation.

4.4. The values in Table 5 shall apply for the Withhold Performance Year two years prior to the contracted year, the values in Table 6 shall apply for the Withhold Performance Year one year prior to the contracted year, and the values in Table 7 shall apply for the current Withhold Performance Year.

4.5. The identified benchmarks used for HEDIS® performance are NCQA Quality Compass Medicaid HMO Values in the year set out in Table 1 and measured by percentile.

4.6. HCA shall annually select performance measures after an analysis by the contracted External Quality Improvement Organization (EQRO). After the contracted EQRO evaluates the change in performance for the selected measures, HCA will then return the

Withhold according to the Contractor's performance when compared to the identified benchmark; or if it is determined by the EQRO that the change represents a statistically significant improvement. The performance measures identified in Tables 5, 6, and 7 were selected by HCA for the Contractor's Withhold Performance Year after EQRO analysis and recommendation. In tables 5 and 6, performance measures are marked according to legislative direction as Common Measures, which are shared quality measures for all AH-IMC Contractors, and MCO-Specific Measures, chosen for individual Contractors. The QIS evaluation will occur in the year following the Withhold Performance Year according to legislation as set out in this Section.

- 4.7. Performance measures are categorized as either Active Improvement and Sustaining Improvement. The Active Improvement category shall consist of measures selected for dedicated improvement activities. The Sustaining Improvement category may consist of measures selected for sustaining the level of performance achieved. The HCA may select measures for the Sustaining Improvement category when the measure was selected as a QIS measure in the prior year and statewide performance was achieved at the benchmark identified by HCA for each measure.
- 4.8. The QIS rewards performance for Active Improvement Quality Measures for which the Contractor in the Withhold Performance Year achieves the identified benchmark within the Benchmark Comparison Performance Year, or demonstrates statically significant improvement relative to the Improvement Baseline Performance Year as listed in Table 1. The QIS rewards performance for Sustaining Improvement Quality Measures for which the Contractor in the Withhold Performance Year achieves the identified benchmark within the Benchmark Comparison Performance Year as listed in Table 1. Identified benchmarks are marked in Tables 5, 6, and 7.
  - 4.8.1. The QIS = equals the number of measures with either performance achieving benchmark or statistically significant improvement, divided by the total number of measures. The Sustaining Improvement category shall account for no more than 10 percent of the 75 percent QIS Portion of the Withhold, and each individual Sustaining Improvement measure shall be no more than 3 percent of the 75 percent QIS portion of the Withhold. The Sustaining Improvement category percent is marked in Tables 5, 6, and 7 if measures were selected in this category. Measures with sub measures will incorporate sub-measure performance according to the measure weights in Tables 5, 6, and 7.
  - 4.8.2. The Active Improvement and Sustaining Improvement QIS are calculated independently and added together to be the QIS Portion of the Withhold. The QIS Portion of the Withhold to be earned back is the QIS times 75 percent of the Withhold amount.

**Table 5  
Performance Measure for Common and MCO-Specific Measures and  
Measure Weights for Withhold Performance Year 2023**

	IMC Quality Measure Description	IMC Quality Sub-measure Description (if applicable)	Measure Steward	Measure Weights	Identified Benchmark	Coordinated Care of Washington	Community Health Plan of WA	Molina Healthcare	UnitedHealthcare	Wellpoint
Common Measures	Antidepressant Medication Management (AMM)	Acute Phase	HEDIS®	Half-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
		Continuation Phase	HEDIS®	Half-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
	Asthma Medication Ratio (AMR)	Total	HEDIS®	Full-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
	Prenatal and Postpartum Care (PPC)	Timeliness of Prenatal Care	HEDIS®	Half-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
		Postpartum care	HEDIS®	Half-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
	Child and Adolescent Well-Child Visits (WCV)	3-11 years	HEDIS®	Full-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
MCO-specific Measures	Breast Cancer Screening (BSC-E)	Total	HEDIS®	zero-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
	Substance Use Disorder Treatment Rate (SUD) - Total (All Eligible Apple Health Enrollees in IMC and AHFC; not including BHSO)	Total; 12-64 years	RDA	Full-weight	36.4%	X	X	X	X	X
	Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication (ADD)	Initiation Phase	HEDIS®	Full-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X

**Table 6  
Performance Measure for Common and MCO-Specific Measures and  
Measure Weights for Withhold Performance Year 2024**

	IMC Quality Measure Description	IMC Quality Sub-measure Description (if applicable)	Measure Steward	Measure Weight	Identified Benchmark	Coordinated Care of Washington	Community Health Plan of WA	Molina Healthcare	UnitedHealthcare	Wellpoint
Common Measures	Antidepressant Medication Management (AMM)	Acute Phase	HEDIS®	Half-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
		Continuation Phase	HEDIS®	Half-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness (FUH) – 30 day	Total	HEDIS®	Full-weight	NCQA 75 <sup>th 1</sup>	X	X	X	X	X
	Prenatal and Postpartum Care (PPC)	Timeliness of Prenatal Care	HEDIS®	Half-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
		Postpartum care	HEDIS®	Half-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
	Child and Adolescent Well-Child Visits (WCV)	3-11 years	HEDIS®	Full-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
	Breast Cancer Screening (BSC-E)	Total	HEDIS®	Full-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
	Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Substance Use (FUA) – 30 day	Total	HEDIS®	Full-weight	NCQA 75 <sup>th 1</sup>	X	X	X	X	X
	Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication (ADD)	Initiation Phase	HEDIS®	Full-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X
	Depression Remission or Response for Adolescents and Adults (DRR-E); Follow-up PHQ9	Total	HEDIS®	Zero-weight	NCQA 75th	X	X	X	X	X

1 Due to HEDIS® Technical Specification changes, NCQA issued a break in trend warning for these measures. In the absence of applicable NCQA benchmarking, achievement will be based on improvement over the Contractor’s prior year score only.

**Table 7  
Performance Measure for Common and MCO-Specific Measures and  
Measure Weights for Withhold Performance Year 2025**

	IMC Quality Measure Description	IMC Quality Sub-measure Description (if applicable)	Measure Steward	Measure Weight	Identified Benchmark	Coordinated Care of Washington	Community Health Plan of WA	Molina Healthcare	UnitedHealthcare	Wellpoint
	Childhood Immunization Status (CIS-E) Combo 10	Total	HEDIS	Full-weight	NCQA 75 <sup>th</sup>	X	X	X	X	X
	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness (FUH) – 30 day	Total	HEDIS®	Full-weight	NCQA 75 <sup>th</sup>	X	X	X	X	X
	Prenatal and Postpartum Care (PPC)	Timeliness of Prenatal Care	HEDIS®	Half-weight	NCQA 75 <sup>th</sup>	X	X	X	X	X
		Postpartum care	HEDIS®	Half-weight	NCQA 75 <sup>th</sup>	X	X	X	X	X
	Child and Adolescent Well-Child Visits (WCV)	3-11 years	HEDIS®	Full-weight	NCQA 75 <sup>th</sup>	X	X	X	X	X
	Breast Cancer Screening (BSC-E)	Total	HEDIS®	Full-weight	NCQA 75 <sup>th</sup>	X	X	X	X	X
	Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Substance Use (FUA) – 30 day	Total	HEDIS®	Full-weight	NCQA 75 <sup>th</sup> 1	X	X	X	X	X
	Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication (ADD-E)	Initiation Phase	HEDIS®	Full-weight	NCQA 75 <sup>th</sup>	X	X	X	X	X
	Depression Remission or Response for Adolescents and Adults (DRR-E); Follow-up PHQ9	Total	HEDIS®	Zero-weight	NCQA 75 <sup>th</sup>	X	X	X	X	X

4.9. HCA's contracted EQRO will assess the Contractor's performance for the HEDIS measures and RDA measures listed in Tables 5, 6 and 7.

- 4.9.1. The Evaluating Entity (EQRO) will determine annually if the following criteria are met for each measure. If either are met, the Contractor is allowed the proportion of the Withhold for that measure.
- 4.9.2. The EQRO will determine if each of the HEDIS scores is equal to or above the identified benchmark for the Benchmark Comparison Performance year designated in Table 1.
  - 4.9.2.1. For the RDA measures, the HCA-determined benchmark for the Withhold Performance Year is the score of the second-best performing MCO for the Benchmark Comparison Year as designated in Table 1. This establishes the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile standard for the RDA behavioral health statewide measures. VBP thresholds for RDA measures are established using the quarter four (Q4) data for the Benchmark Comparison Year, at the time of initial release of that data by RDA.
- 4.9.3. If the above achievement is not met, the Evaluating Entity will compare the Contractor's performance year score with the Contractor's prior year score and determine whether statistically significant improvement occurred by assessing whether an improvement occurred over the previous score for each measure.
- 4.9.4. Note that for those specific measures where a lower score indicates better performance, the current performance score must be below the previous year performance to show statistically significant improvement.

## **5. Payment**

- 5.1. On or before November 30 of the year following the Withhold Performance Year, HCA will provide the Contractor with a completed Value-Based Purchasing Withhold Calculation Summary Form provided in Attachment B, signed by the HCA Chief Financial Officer, or his or her designee, outlining the percent withhold recovered through Provider Incentive Portion, The VBP Payments Portion, and the QIS Portion to notify the Contractor in writing of its percentage of Withhold earned back based on the calculations described this Exhibit.
- 5.2. The Contractor will have 20 calendar days from the date the Contractor is notified of its percentage Withhold earned back to review and sign the Value-Based Purchasing Withhold Calculation Summary Form provided in Attachment B and return to HCA, in writing, any alleged discrepancies with the calculations.
- 5.3. If the Contractor submits in writing any alleged discrepancies with the calculations, HCA will respond in writing to the Contractor within 10 calendar days following HCA's receipt.
- 5.4. HCA will schedule payment for the percentage of the Withhold earned back no later than December 31 of the year following the Withhold Performance Year.

## **6. VBP Data Dashboard**

- 6.1. HCA will create and maintain a VBP performance dashboard on its public website that will include data collected from the Contractor pursuant to Exhibit B, as well as similar data from all other peer Managed Care contractors. The dashboard will present data statewide and for each of the regional service areas and each of the Managed Care contractors. The dashboard will not include proprietary data. For example, HCA anticipates that the dashboard will present (a) the percentage of the Contractor's payments to providers made as positive and negative incentives under a value-based purchasing arrangement as described in Section 2 of this Exhibit, (b) the percentage of the Contractor's payments to providers made through value-based purchasing arrangements as described in Section 3 of this Exhibit, and (c) Managed Care Contractors' quality measure performance scores as described in Sections 4 of this Exhibit.



**Exhibit B**

**Attachment A**

**HCP-LAN APM Framework Whitepaper-Refreshed 2017**

ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT MODEL

# APM FRAMEWORK



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## Executive Summary

The Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network (LAN) was created to drive alignment in payment approaches across the public and private sectors of the U.S. health care system. The CMS Alliance to Modernize Healthcare (CAMH), the federally funded research and development center (FFRDC) operated by the MITRE Corporation, was asked by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to convene this large national initiative.

To advance the goal of aligning payment approaches, the Alternative Payment Model Framework and Progress Tracking Work Group (the “Work Group”) was charged with creating an alternative payment model (APM) Framework (the “APM Framework”) that could be used to track progress toward payment reform. Composed of diverse health care stakeholders, the Work Group deliberated and reached consensus on many critical issues related to the classification of APMs, resulting in a rationale and a pathway for payment reform capable of supporting the delivery of person-centered care. The Work Group published the APM Framework White Paper in January 2016. Subsequently, a multi-stakeholder Advisory Group was convened to update the APM Framework and its principles based on developments that occurred since the original publication. This White Paper reflects that updated APM Framework.

Although not part of the Work Group’s explicit charge, this White Paper advances a working definition of person-centered care because it treats payment reform as one means to accomplish the larger goal of person-centered care. This working definition rests on three pillars: quality, efficiency, and patient engagement. For the purposes of this White Paper, person-centered care is nominally defined as follows: *care in which patients and their care teams form partnerships around high-quality, accessible care, which is both evidence-based and delivered in an efficient manner, and in which patients’ and caregivers’ individual preferences, needs, and values are paramount.*

Transitioning the U.S. health care system away from fee for service (FFS) and toward shared risk and population-based payment is necessary, though not sufficient, to achieve a value-based health care system. Financial incentives to increase the volume of services provided are inherent in FFS payments,

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To achieve the goals of better care, smarter spending, and healthier people, the U.S. health care system must substantially reform its payment structure to incentivize quality, health outcomes, and value over volume. Such alignment requires a fundamental change in how health care is organized and delivered, and requires the participation of the entire health care ecosystem. To enable these reforms, the Health Care Payment Learning & Action Network (LAN) was established as a collaborative network of public and private stakeholders, including health plans, providers, patients, employers, consumers, states, federal agencies, and other partners within the health care community. By making a commitment to changing payment models, by establishing a common framework and aligning approaches to payment innovation, and by sharing information about successful models and encouraging use of best practices, the LAN can help to reduce barriers and accelerate the adoption of alternative payment models (APMs).

and certain types of services are systematically undervalued. This is not conducive to the delivery of person-centered care because it does not reward high-quality, individualized, and efficient care. By contrast, in many cases, population-based payments (including bundled payments for clinical episodes of care) can offer providers the flexibility to strategically invest delivery system resources in areas with the greatest return, to treat patients holistically, and to facilitate care coordination. Shared-risk payments, population-based payments, and other payment mechanisms are better suited than FFS payments to support the care delivery that patients value and incentivize the outcomes that matter to them. Therefore, the health care system should transition toward shared-risk and population-based models. In this context, the updated APM Framework will be useful to establish a common nomenclature and pathway upon which progress can be measured and successful models shared.

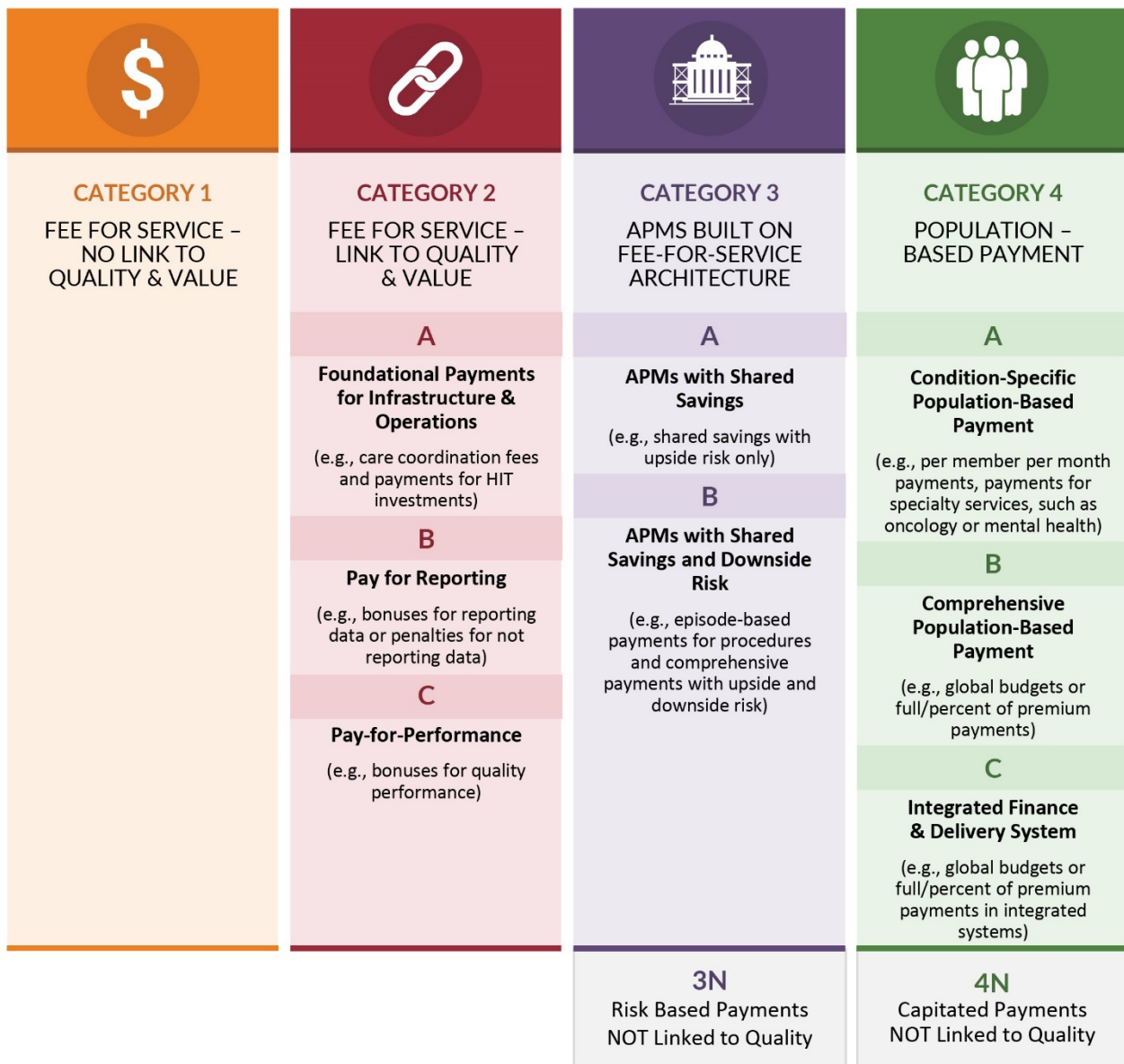
The updated APM Framework rests on eight principles which can be summarized as follows:

1. Changing providers' financial incentives is not sufficient to achieve person-centered care, so it will be essential to empower patients to be partners in health care transformation.\*
2. Reformed payment mechanisms will only be as successful as the delivery system capabilities and innovations they support.\*
3. The goal for payment reform is to transition health care payments from FFS to APMs. While Category 2C APMs can be the payment model for some providers, most national spending should continue moving into Categories 3 and 4.\*
4. Value-based incentives should ideally reach care teams who deliver care.
5. Payment models that do not take quality into account are not considered APMs in the APM Framework, and do not count as progress toward payment reform.
6. Value-based incentives should be intense enough to motivate providers to invest in and adopt new approaches to care delivery, without subjecting providers to financial and clinical risk they cannot manage.\*
7. APMs will be classified according to the dominant form of payment when using more than one type of payment.
8. Centers of excellence, accountable care organizations, and patient-centered medical homes are examples, rather than Categories, in the APM Framework because they are delivery systems that can be applied to and supported by a variety of payment models.

\* - indicates revised or new principle

With these principles in place, the Work Group began with the payment model classification scheme originally put forward by CMS, and subsequently reached a consensus on a variety of modifications and refinements. The resulting Framework is subdivided into four Categories and eight subcategories, as illustrated in the figure below (Figure 1).

Figure 1: The Updated APM Framework



## Overview and Introduction to the 2017 APM Framework Refresh

A LAN Guiding Committee was established in May 2015 as the collaborative body charged with advancing the alignment of payment approaches across and within the public and private sectors of the U.S. health care system. This alignment will accelerate the adoption and dissemination of meaningful financial incentives to reward providers that deliver higher-quality and more affordable care. The LAN’s mission is to accelerate the health care system’s transition to alternative payment models (APMs) by combining the innovation, power, and reach of the public and private sectors.

In July 2015, the Guiding Committee convened the Alternative Payment Models Framework and Progress Tracking (APM FPT) Work Group and charged it with creating a Framework for categorizing APMs and establishing a standardized and nationally accepted method to measure progress in the adoption of APMs across the U.S. health care system (the “APM Framework”). The Work Group brought together public and private stakeholders to assess APMs already in use across the nation, and to define terms and concepts essential for understanding, categorizing, and measuring APMs. (A roster of Work Group members, representing the diverse constituencies convened by the LAN, is provided in [Appendix C](#).)<sup>1</sup> Building on work initially done by CMS, the Work Group sought to create a clear and understandable APM Framework, provide a deeper understanding of payment models and how those models can enhance health and health care, and provide examples of how public and private payment models are organized.

Since the original APM Framework White Paper was released in January 2016, it has become the foundation for implementing APMs and evaluating progress toward health care payment reform. Payers, providers, and purchasers have all used the APM Framework to better understand the payment reform landscape and to set goals for participation in APMs, and health care stakeholders have used the APM Framework to identify common goals for transforming the nation’s health care system. Overall, the APM Framework’s classification system has been adopted by the health care ecosystem.

Significant and fast-moving developments have occurred since the original APM Framework White Paper was published. For example, in November 2016, CMS published the final rule on the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Advanced Alternative Payment Models (Advanced APMs) under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). The final rule established the criteria for determining which APMs are considered Advanced APMs under MACRA and thus offer participants an opportunity for a bonus payment. Additionally, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) released its annual report to Congress, which cataloged more than one hundred APMs in its portfolio, and it released a flagship, multi-payer primary care payment model (Comprehensive Primary Care Plus, or CPC+). Additionally, the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC) has convened and begun recommending APMs for limited scale testing. Moreover, the LAN published 10 White Papers, recommending approaches for implementing population-based, clinical episode, and primary care payment models.

The LAN Guiding Committee recognizes the impact of these developments and market forces in aligning the financing and delivery of health care and in continuing the consolidation and integration of providers. As such, the Guiding Committee believed it was important to revisit the original APM Framework to ensure that it remains an indispensable tool for payment reform. To achieve this, the Guiding Committee convened a multi-stakeholder Advisory Group to reach key positions on revisions to the original APM Framework White Paper. (A roster of Advisory Group members, representing the diverse constituencies convened by the LAN, is provided in [Appendix B](#).)<sup>2</sup> Specifically, the Guiding Committee asked the Advisory Group to do the following:

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- Clarify relationships between Advanced APMs under MACRA and categories in the LAN APM Framework (see discussion of Category 3 and [Appendix A](#));
- Identify opportunities for small, rural, and safety net providers to increase APM adoption (see Principles 3 and 6);
- Consider a new framework category for the growing sector of integrated finance and delivery organizations (see discussion of Category 4); and
- Identify opportunities to modify the APM Framework in ways that expedite and simplify the progress-tracking effort (see discussion of Category 2).

### *Overview of Changes to the APM Framework and Its Supporting Principles*

The Advisory Group’s deliberations tackled both foundational principles and APM classification conventions. With respect to foundational principles, the Advisory Group focused on the importance of viewing payment as a vehicle for driving delivery system transformation, and it closely reviewed key statements in the original White Paper to be sure they did not imply that payment reform was a goal unto itself. These discussions culminated in a new Principle 2, which articulates that payment reforms are only as successful as the delivery transformations they support. Advisory Group discussions also resulted in changes to the original Principles 2 and 5. First, they clarified that Category 2 APMs can be an endpoint for certain types of providers in specific markets. They also clarified that the strength of incentives should balance the potential for delivery system transformation against the risk of physicians taking on greater financial and insurance risk than they can manage. Figure 3, which illustrates the LAN’s national goals for payment reform, has been updated to reflect greater parity in clinical outcomes and cost management in Category 3 and Category 4 APMs. The Advisory Group believes that these changes address challenges that many small, rural, and safety net providers face when participating in APMs.

The Advisory Group also carefully considered classification conventions used in the original APM Framework. Some of these discussions involved relatively minor modifications that would simplify and improve the LAN’s Progress Tracking efforts, such as the decision to consolidate Categories 2C and 2D into a single Category 2C for “Pay-for-Performance.” Other considerations included the need for additional patient protections in APMs with cost accountability. Accordingly, the Advisory Group decided to make “appropriate care” measures a requirement for Category 3 and 4 APMs in order to give providers strong incentives to focus on eliminating care that does not help (and may harm) patients.<sup>3</sup>

The past several years have witnessed a considerable expansion of integrated finance and delivery systems – i.e., joint ventures between insurance companies and health systems, insurance companies that own provider groups, and provider organizations that offer insurance products. Notable examples include not only Kaiser Permanente and Geisinger Health System, but also Vivity (a joint venture between Anthem and seven provider groups), the Allegheny Health Network (a joint venture between Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and the West Pennsylvania Allegheny Health System), the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Intermountain Healthcare, and the Henry Ford Health System. Integrated finance and delivery systems are also expanding rapidly in the Medicare Advantage (MA) market, where

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<sup>3</sup> In this context, appropriate care measures cover topics such as unnecessary imaging, preventable hospitalizations, and adherence to clinical guidelines.



roughly 60% of new MA plans are provider-sponsored.<sup>4</sup> In light of this growth and the potential for these arrangements to better coordinate care, the Advisory Group thought it important to consider a new Category to track payments in these systems. Upon consulting with organizations that are making investments in these areas, the Advisory Group determined that integrated finance and delivery systems have the potential to help build organizational culture and investment strategies around population health management; support investments in key delivery infrastructure, such as care management, and health information technology; advance linkages to community organizations/community health; and promote alignment of value-based financial incentives among plans and providers. The Advisory Group therefore created a new Category 4C, which will enable further assessment of the effectiveness of these organizations in increasing the value of care through these more highly integrated arrangements.

The APM Framework and MACRA are aligned in the goal of moving payments away from FFS and into APMs that reduce the total cost of care (TCOC) and improve the quality of care. Both MACRA and the APM Framework establish designations for APMs that consider the extent to which payments are based on value (as opposed to volume). For MACRA, Advanced APMs receive special consideration, and for the APM Framework, Categories 3 and 4 mark the goal for national payment reform. MACRA and the APM Framework also both aspire to take provider variability into account when making these designations, to ensure they are responsive to the manifold settings in which health care is delivered nationwide. Therefore, comparisons between the two systems for designating level of APM advancement, and the identification of potential incongruities, offer an opportunity to properly designate payment arrangements for particular providers that are specially designed to reward high-value care.

With one exception, all Advanced APMs under MACRA were classified in Categories 3 and 4 according to the original APM Framework. However, the two designation systems inconsistently classified the flagship CMS CPC+ Track 1 program, which fell into Category 2 in the original APM Framework. The Advisory Group therefore considered new conventions for Category 3, which highlighted opportunities for the LAN to adopt more nuanced criteria that better reflect the lessons CMS learned about implementing primary care APMs for the Medicare population. Specifically, CPC+ Track 1 showed that utilization measures can be expected to establish shared-savings arrangements without a formal financial benchmark when smaller primary care providers are unable to bear much financial risk. This type of arrangement may not be appropriate in all settings or market segments, and it will be important to evaluate whether it achieves its intended results for smaller primary care practices. However, the Advisory Group decided that CPC+ Track 1's utility for introducing cost accountability to primary care physicians taking care of the Medicare population warranted its inclusion in Category 3. Although there will be differences in the specific criteria that MACRA and the APM Framework use to categorize APMs,<sup>5</sup> this modification will achieve complete alignment between designations made by MACRA and the LAN

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<sup>4</sup> Avalere. Provider-Sponsored Health Plans: Enrollment, Quality, and Future Impact. Available at: [http://go.avalere.com/acton/attachment/12909/f-0290/1/-/-/-/20160119\\_Aetna%20PSP%20Paper.pdf](http://go.avalere.com/acton/attachment/12909/f-0290/1/-/-/-/20160119_Aetna%20PSP%20Paper.pdf).

<sup>5</sup> Whereas both the APM Framework and MACRA focus on the structural elements of APM design, MACRA focuses more on specific technical requirements. For instance, MACRA highlights the intensity of risk as a distinguishing factor between APMs and Advanced APMs by quantifying a "more than nominal" amount of financial risk. Under the APM Framework, risk differentiates APMs (i.e., between a 3A and 3B classification), but the precise magnitude of risk is not specified.

Framework such that all Advanced APMs under MACRA fall into Categories 3 and 4 in the updated Framework.

Taken together, these changes to the original APM Framework reflect experiences and developments that have occurred since the original White Paper was released. The updates will help ensure that the APM Framework remains fundamental for payment and delivery reform. Changes are embedded in this refreshed White Paper in order to maintain a single source for the LAN's perspectives on APM classification and goals for payment reform. The Advisory Group has incorporated public comments that it received, and it thanks all commenters for providing input on this work.

## The Case for Reforming the Health Care Payment System

Like many health care stakeholders, the LAN is committed to driving payment approaches that improve the quality and safety of care, and the overall performance and sustainability of the U.S. health system. Collectively, we believe that making a positive impact on patient care and health should be the ultimate goal of payment reform, and we envision a health care system that provides person-centered care. For the purposes of this paper, and recognizing that the term may encompass additional characteristics that are not captured below, person-centered care means *patients and their care teams form partnerships around high-quality, accessible care, which is both evidence-based and delivered in an efficient manner, and in which patients' and caregivers' individual preferences, needs, and values are paramount*. Person-centered care, so defined, rests upon three pillars:

- **Quality:** This term indicates that patients receive appropriate and timely care that is consistent with evidence-based guidelines and patient goals, and that results in optimal patient outcomes and patient experience. Measures of performance and impact should be meaningful, actionable, and transparent to consumers, patients, family caregivers, and other stakeholders. Ideally, quality should be evaluated using a harmonized set of appropriately adjusted process measures, outcome measures, patient-reported outcome measures, and patient experience measures that together provide an accurate and comprehensive assessment of clinical and behavioral health. Measure scores should also be meaningfully accessed, understood, and used by patients and consumers.
- **Efficiency:** Eliminating waste and delivering affordable, appropriate health care services, are vital for ensuring that the nation can support investments in education, housing, and other social determinants that can independently improve population health. Efficiency indicates the degree to which services, care delivery models, and payment arrangements achieve the core outcome goals of patients, providers, payers, and purchasers in relation to their costs. Care that is less expensive than expected but that results in poor clinical outcomes is not considered efficient. Conversely, care that is unavoidably costly but results in dramatic improvements in patient outcomes is considered efficient. For **purchasers**, efficiency (and, therefore, value) might mean comprehensive care services that support the health and productivity of their workforces. For **payers**, efficiency might mean adjusting reimbursements to incentivize the delivery of care that achieves outcomes that matter to patients, thereby improving adherence to care plans, decreasing acute episodes that require emergency room visits or hospitalization, and lowering overall costs by reducing utilization of services that do not achieve desired outcomes. For **providers**, efficiency might mean aligning payment rates and incentives to reinforce best practices and remove undesirable incentives for low-value care that does little to achieve patients' goals. And lastly, for **patients**, efficiency is about achieving the outcomes that matter to them in a manner that is affordable and accessible.

- **Collaborative Patient Engagement:** This term encompasses the important aspects of care that improve patient experience, enhance shared decision making, and ensure that patients and consumers achieve their health goals. Patient engagement should occur at all levels of care delivery: with patients and caregivers serving as partners when setting treatment plans and goals at the point of care; when designing and redesigning delivery and payment models; on governance boards and decision making bodies; and when identifying and establishing connections to social support services. Collaborative engagement involves partnering with patients and consumers so they can be informed of their health status and share in their own care; easily access appointments and clinical opinions; seek care at the appropriate site; possess the information they need to identify high-value providers and to tailor treatment plans to individual health goals; provide ongoing feedback that providers can use to improve patient experience; obtain transparent price information from their health plan about services and evidence of their value for patients and consumers based on individualized characteristics and goals; and move seamlessly among providers that are engaged in different aspects of their care. Routine communication with family caregivers and other support members is also a critical part of comprehensive, person-centered care.

As evidenced by the LAN itself, there is an emerging consensus among providers, payers, patients and consumers, purchasers, and other stakeholders that efforts to deliver person-centered care have been stymied, to a large degree, by a payment system that is oriented toward paying for volume, as opposed to value for patients and caregivers. These stakeholders agree that reconfiguring payments to incentivize value, and ensuring that valuable activities (e.g., care coordination) are compensated appropriately, will better enable providers to invest in care delivery systems that are more focused on patient needs and goals. In other words, changes in payment are necessary (though insufficient on their own) to drive delivery system transformations, which ensure that health care costs reflect appropriate and necessary spending for individuals, government, employers, and other payers.

Shifting from traditional FFS payments (i.e., claims-based payments that are not linked to quality or value) to population-based payments (in which all or much of a person's overall care or care for related conditions is encompassed within a single payment), is a particularly promising approach to creating and sustaining delivery systems that value quality, cost effectiveness, and patient engagement. Such payments should therefore include accountability for the quality of care delivered to patients, rather than incentivizing providers to increase the volume of services they provide. Although it is not yet possible to reach a definitive, evidence-based conclusion about the impact of population-based payments on patient care, there is a widespread belief that these types of payment models hold substantial promise. This is because population-based payments give providers more flexibility to coordinate and optimally manage care for individuals and populations. In combination with substantially reduced incentives to increase volume, and stronger incentives to provide services that are currently undervalued in traditional FFS, there is a consensus that this flexibility will expedite fruitful innovations in care delivery, particularly for individuals with chronic, complex, or costly illnesses.

At present, traditional FFS payments are ill suited for initiating investments and sustaining population health management innovations, such as information technology, clinical decision support tools, patient engagement and care coordination functions, and additional opportunities to increase access to care (e.g., payments for telehealth, home visits, group visits, and additional office hours). This is because traditional FFS's price per unit of service system incentivizes providers to produce revenue by increasing

volume, which can encourage unnecessary and harmful care. Population-based payments may enable providers to develop more innovative approaches to person-centered health care delivery because such payments reward providers that successfully manage all or much of an individual's care. Innovative approaches to health care delivery stand to benefit patients and society alike, with patients coming to expect a more coordinated, more accessible, and more effective health care system, and the nation benefiting from reductions in national health care expenditures thanks to a healthier, more productive population.

New payment models require providers to make fundamental changes in the way they provide care, and the transition away from FFS may be costly and administratively difficult even though new payment models will be more efficient over the long term. Participation in shared-risk and population-based payment models involves financial risk for providers, and not all provider organizations currently possess the capacity to successfully operate in these payment models. Such providers will need assistance to develop additional capabilities. To smooth and accelerate this transition, a critical mass of public and private payers must adopt aligned approaches and send a clear and consistent message that payers are committed to a person-centered health system that delivers the best health care possible. If providers were able to participate in APMs that were consistently deployed across multiple payer networks, the administrative burden of making the transition would be reduced and investments could be applied to all patient populations, independent of payer. Aligned payment approaches and performance metrics from a critical mass of payers would enable providers to establish an infrastructure that would increase the likelihood of success for innovative delivery systems over the long term. The adoption and diffusion of these innovative delivery systems should ultimately improve the quality, efficiency, safety, and experience of patient care, while becoming sustainable business models for providers that are eager to take a more comprehensive and coordinated approach to health care delivery.

Safeguards will be needed to ensure that quality and patient engagement are not sacrificed to reduce costs, and that the care delivered is state of the art and takes advantage of valuable advances in science and technology. It will also be important to take into account the time physicians spend on administrative tasks. Physicians already spend as much time doing "desktop medicine" as they do interacting face-to-face with patients.<sup>6</sup> Given the weight of the current administrative burden, particularly in primary care, it will be important to design APMs in a way that minimizes the time providers spend on administrative tasks, and restores this to time spent interacting with patients. In order to mitigate the possibility of increased administrative tasks and other unintended consequences, it will be essential to monitor the impact of population-based payment systems on patient outcomes, affordability, and other indicators of significance to patients and other stakeholders in the health care system. This shift to person-centered, population-based payment should properly be viewed as a course-correcting feedback loop between innovation, implementation, and evaluation. However, the LAN firmly believes that a shift to person-centered, population-based payments will, in concert with significant delivery system reforms, result in an acceleration of high-value care in the United States. As discussed in the next section, the APM Framework will provide a valuable tool in accelerating this process.

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<sup>6</sup> Ming T.S. et al. (2017). Electronic Health Record Logs Indicate That Physicians Split Time Evenly Between Seeing Patients And Desktop Medicine. *Health Affairs*, 36(4), 655-662.

### *Purpose of the White Paper*

To accelerate the transformations described above, the LAN created an APM Framework through which to describe and measure progress toward payment reform. In addition to providing a roadmap to measure progress, the APM Framework helps establish a common nomenclature and a shared set of conventions that can facilitate discussions among stakeholders and expedite the generation of an evidence base for evaluating the capabilities and results of APMs.

This White Paper begins by describing the approach used to develop the APM Framework, followed by the principles upon which the APM Framework is based. With these principles in mind, the White Paper differentiates categories within the APM Framework by explaining how they are defined and where their boundaries lie. The White Paper concludes with a summary of key findings and recommendations, as well as recommendations for how various stakeholders can use the APM Framework to accelerate payment reform. To further clarify the classification of individual APMs, the Work Group has separately released a [collection of APMs](#) that are currently in use as of January 2016.

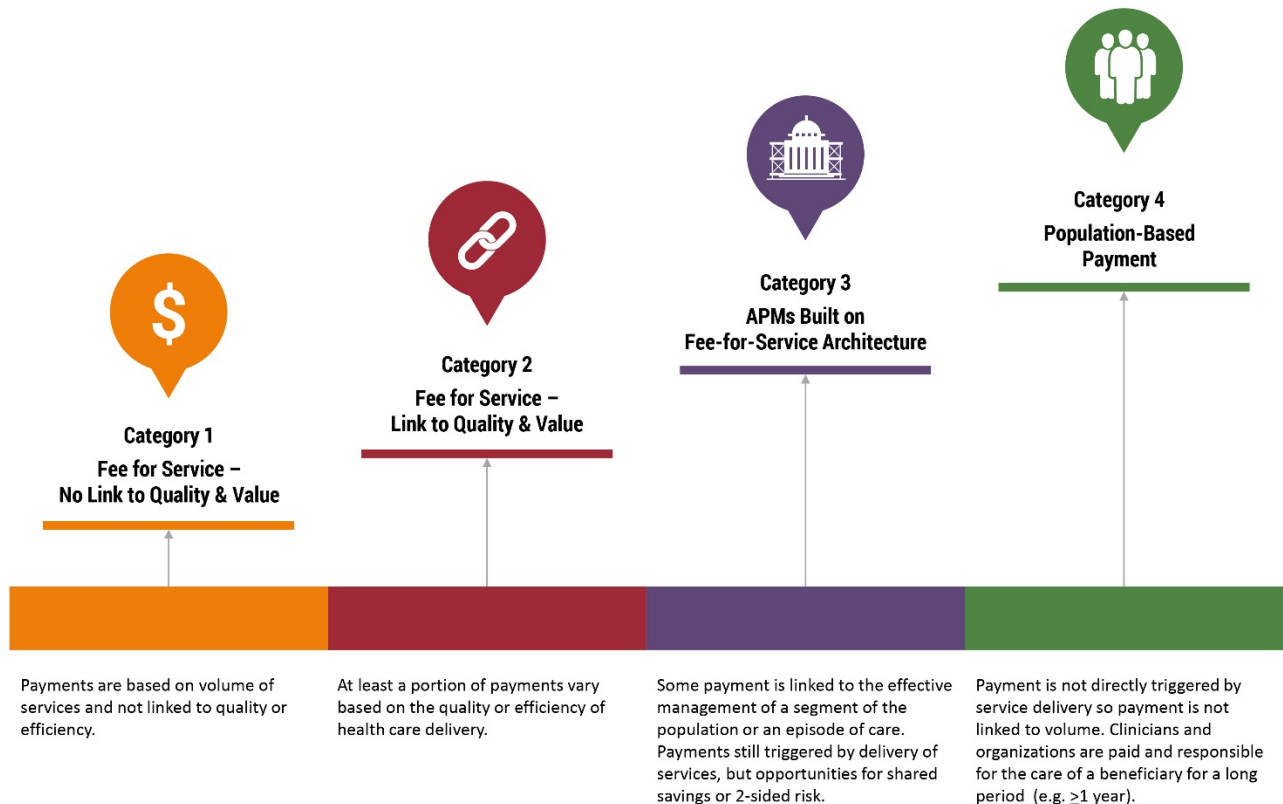
### *Approach*

When developing the APM Framework, the Work Group began with the payment model classification scheme that CMS originally advanced<sup>7</sup> and expanded it by introducing refinements that are described in more detail below. As illustrated in Figure 2, the CMS Framework assigns payments from payers to health care providers to four Categories, such that movement from Category 1 to Category 4 involves increasing provider accountability for both quality and TCOC, with a greater focus on population health management (as opposed to payment for specific services).

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<sup>7</sup> Rajkumar R., Conway P.H., and Tavenner M. (2014). CMS: Engaging multiple payers in payment reform. *JAMA*, 311(19), 1967-8.

Figure 2: CMS's Original Payment Model



The Work Group added to and refined the CMS model by: 1) articulating key principles to explain what the APM Framework does and does not mean to convey; 2) introducing four new Categories to account for payment models that are not considered progress toward payment reform; 3) introducing eight subcategories to account for nuanced but important distinctions between APMs within a single Category; 4) delineating explicit decision rules that can be used to place a specific APM within a specific subcategory; and 5) compiling, with the help of the LAN, examples of APMs that illustrate key characteristics of each of the subcategories.

## Key Principles for the APM Framework

The APM Framework is predicated on several key principles. To provide context for understanding the Framework and recommendations, these principles are delineated and explained below.

***Principle 1:** Changing payment to providers is only one way to stimulate and sustain innovative approaches to the delivery of person-centered care.*

*In the future, it will be important to engage patient representatives in aspects of model design, and monitor progress in initiatives that empower patients to seek care from high-value providers (via performance metrics, financial incentives, and other means) and to encourage patients to become more active participants in shared decision-making.*

Although it was necessary to focus on financial incentives for providers as a critical first step, additional efforts to engage patients and consumers will be needed to achieve a high-value, coordinated health care system. As more providers begin to participate in payment models that are divorced from traditional FFS, all stakeholders will need to collaborate on approaches to empower patients to become active partners as they strive to achieve their health goals. This includes engaging patients in ways that match their needs, capacities, and preferences. Such approaches may include strategies to clearly and meaningfully communicate, to patients and consumers, information about provider and health plan performance on clinical and patient experience measures; provide financial rewards for patients and consumers who select high-value providers and manage chronic disease with interventions that achieve outcomes that matter to patients; and enlist patients and caregivers as partners in setting health goals and developing treatment plans. This includes giving patients direct access to evidence-based tools that allow them to better understand their condition, preferences, and treatment options, as well as the benefits, risks, and out-of-pocket costs for each. Consumers, patients, families, and their advocates should be collaboratively engaged in aspects of design, implementation, and evaluation of payment and care models, and they should be engaged as partners in their own care. As models become more advanced in value-based payment, the corresponding care models should more comprehensively reflect the delivery of true person-centered care and meaningful partnership with patients and families.

To avoid unintended consequences associated with APMs, it is essential for payment models to include safeguards to prevent selection against individuals with more complex illnesses or greater need for social support, and patients and consumers should be informed of providers' financial incentives in APMs. Additional activities and monitoring will also be needed to ensure that the expansion of population-based payments does not lead to inequities in health outcomes or to a decline in access to care. APMs should therefore collect data that allows for assessment of differential impacts on, and the identification and redress of, disparities in health, health outcomes, care experience, access, and affordability.

***Principle 2:** Reformed payment mechanisms will only be as successful as the delivery system capabilities and innovations they support. APMs therefore need to be predicated on knowledge about how specific payment mechanisms drive new models and improvements in care delivery.*

Payment reform is necessary, but not sufficient on its own, for transforming the current volume-based health care system into a system that rewards providers for delivering value-based, person-centered care. This is because the relationship between APMs and the value they are intended to generate is neither deterministic nor universally applicable across provider types and patient populations. For example, payment mechanisms that are appropriate for advanced, highly integrated health systems may have different outcomes in safety-net hospitals or small primary care practices serving rural communities. The characteristics of the patient population can also be an important factor in the success of a given payment model. For example, social determinants and social needs have a much higher impact on some populations, so payments that often effectively address these needs may not work as well in different populations. For these and other reasons, it is important to base APM design on the best available evidence and information about how to optimize care delivery, and to identify payment mechanisms that are capable of stimulating infrastructure investments that maximize value (i.e., deliver the best possible quality and experience of care within the constraints of available resources) in specific clinical settings. Ultimately, positive impact on patient care and health should be paramount.

Because delivery system improvements drive the production of value in the health care system, it is important to identify evidence-based best practices for delivery components that have been demonstrated to improve care. Empirical evidence on the effectiveness of particular delivery components and competencies is still emerging, but several compendiums of best practices and essential components are beginning to be understood. For example, the Peterson Center on Healthcare and Stanford University's Clinical Excellence Research Center identified 10 characteristics of high-value primary care providers, based on their analysis of 11 practices that provide "exceptionally high-value care." Among other activities, these practices increase accessibility through after-hours calls and same-day appointments, provide the most support to patients who need it, refer patients to a selective list of specialists who share their commitment to value, and employ multidisciplinary care teams that work "at the top of their licenses."<sup>8</sup> Similarly, the Accountable Care Learning Collaborative (ACLC) identified competencies that are essential for the success of accountable care organizations (ACOs), based on their review of the evaluation literature.<sup>9</sup> Broken into seven categories (i.e., governance and culture, financial readiness, health IT, patient risk assessment, care coordination, quality, and patient-centeredness), ACLC's proposed list of competencies include:

- Align quality improvement initiatives with ethical obligations;
- Measure shared savings and cost sharing between providers and payers;
- Present useful and usable decision support at the point of care;
- Offer access to and integrate with behavioral health services; and
- Invest in health IT that optimizes your quality improvement and safety efforts.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Peterson Center on Healthcare. Identification: Uncovering America's Most Valuable Care. Retrieved from <http://petersonhealthcare.org/identification-uncovering-americas-most-valuable-care>

<sup>9</sup> Accountable Care Learning Collaborative. ACLC Competencies. Retrieved from <https://www.accountablecarelc.org/aclc-competencies>

<sup>10</sup> Accountable Care Learning Collaborative. Inaugural List of Competencies Spreadsheet. Available at [https://www.accountablecarelc.org/sites/default/files/ACLC%20Competencies%20for%20Public%20Comment%20FINAL\\_0%20%284%29%20-%202.16.17.xlsx](https://www.accountablecarelc.org/sites/default/files/ACLC%20Competencies%20for%20Public%20Comment%20FINAL_0%20%284%29%20-%202.16.17.xlsx)



Payment mechanisms should be selected based on assumptions of how APMs will catalyze the development of essential delivery components and competencies for specific patient populations and provider organizations. Given the relative lack of national experience with APMs, and the time it takes to obtain results from rigorous evaluation studies, there is not at present a large volume of evidence on the relationship between specific payment mechanisms and their impact on delivery system design. However, CMMI has published a helpful list of factors that model designers should take into account (such as alignment with goals for delivery-system reform and extent of clinical transformation in model design) when selecting payment mechanisms.<sup>11</sup> Additionally, typologies of payment mechanisms can provide useful insights into the economic incentives inherent in particular payment approaches.<sup>12</sup> In addition to obtaining information about others' experience implementing APMs, such as through the LAN's Action Collaboratives and other multi-stakeholder networks, model designers can draw on these conceptual resources as results from program evaluations emerge.

*Principle 3: The goal is to effectively transition health care payments from fee for service toward payment mechanisms that are better designed to promote the triple aim of healthier people, better care, and smarter spending, and this can include Category 2C APMs in certain cases. However, in order to achieve improvements in care coordination and support high-quality, evidence-based care, the majority of national spending should continue moving into Category 3 and 4 shared-risk and population-based payment models.*

The overarching objective of the LAN is to encourage multi-payer alignment between and within the public and private sectors, as the health care system moves away from traditional FFS payment and into payment and delivery approaches that are better suited for promoting high-quality, effective care. It is useful to view this transition as a journey with origins, way stations, and destinations, both for individual providers and for national spending as a whole.

Providers at the early stages of the journey may benefit from infrastructure payments to support investments in delivery components that are needed to successfully manage population health and spending. For example, primary care practices may need dedicated care managers, care coordinators, community liaisons, and practice managers, while improving health information technology and data analytic capabilities and offering additional ways to access care around the clock. Although infrastructure investments to support these sorts of activities can be considerable, providers can obtain

<sup>11</sup> The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Alternative Payment Model Design Toolkit. Available at <https://aspe.hhs.gov/system/files/pdf/234386/CMMIAPMToolkit.pdf>

<sup>12</sup> See, for example: Berenson R.A., Upadhyay D.K., Delbanco S.F., and Murray R. (2016). A Typology of Payment Methods. Retrieved from Urban Institute website at <http://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/80316/2000779-A-Typology-of-Payment-Methods.pdf>; and Spector J.M., Studebaker B., and Menges E.J. (2015). Provider Payment Arrangements, Provider Risk, and Their Relationship with the Cost of Health Care. Available at the Society of Actuaries website at <https://www.soa.org/research-reports/2015/2015-provider-payments-arrangements-risk/>.

funding from a variety of sources, including per-member-per-month payments from insurers, their own cash reserves, capital markets, and investment funding from companies that give providers tools and resources to engage in population health management. Irrespective of their source, these initial infrastructure payments should be designed to enable early-stage providers to move into and succeed in Category 2C arrangements (pay-for-performance) by providing high quality health care for their patients. For example, CMS' Multi-Payer Advanced Primary Care Practice model provides Category 2A infrastructure payments for primary care practices to transform into patient-centered medical homes (PCMHs). Similarly, Aetna's PCMH Recognition Program provides a per-member-per-month fee to support investments in care coordination and quality of care.<sup>13</sup>

Certain types of providers face structural constraints and will require extensive technical and financial support to move into and beyond Category 2C arrangements. For example, some providers have difficulty accessing debt markets, cash reserves, and other sources of infrastructure funding needed to initiate the transition to APMs. Other providers lack experience with population health management, face geographic barriers to care integration and coordination, or do not care for enough patients to adequately manage clinical risk. In general, providers who face structural constraints tend to be physicians in solo and small group practices, small and medium-sized primary care practices, rural providers, and safety net providers.

Some providers facing structural constraints will be able to undergo this transformation on their own, in a way that meets their needs and the needs of their patients. New organizations are emerging which provide management services capabilities to some of these clinical practices. There are many options for practices to come together and form partnerships that support shared infrastructural investment and financial risk, which will improve care and enable success in Category 2C and more advanced payment arrangements. For example, providers can form regional collaboratives to share delivery infrastructure and launch joint care coordination and quality improvement initiatives. Providers can also enter into gain-sharing arrangements with companies that specialize and invest in population health management. In addition to providing practices with investment capital for infrastructure development, these types of companies provide practice management support, in the form of data analytics, assistance with practice transformation, and resources to improve care integration and coordination. In return for investments and technical assistance, these companies share in the financial gains the practices produce, which further aligns payers and purchasers around value-based (as opposed to volume-based) incentives for care delivery. Furthermore, smaller provider organizations can join together to achieve panel sizes large enough to allow providers to assume clinical risk they are able to manage. This can be accomplished by entering into contracts with population health management organizations, and in the future it could be accomplished through the formation of "virtual groups," such as those that will be available in CMS' Merit-Based Payment System and CareFirst's PCMH program. Both of these options provide a pathway for small groups to aggregate and receive collective score accountability (even though they may not share in the management of a common group of patients). Irrespective of how it is accomplished, moving structurally constrained providers (especially safety net providers) into Category 3 and 4 APMs

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<sup>13</sup> ASPE. (2016). Examples of Health Care Payment Models Being Used in the Public and Private Sectors. pp. 60-63. Available at <https://aspe.hhs.gov/system/files/pdf/208761/ExamplesHealthCarePaymentModels.pdf>.

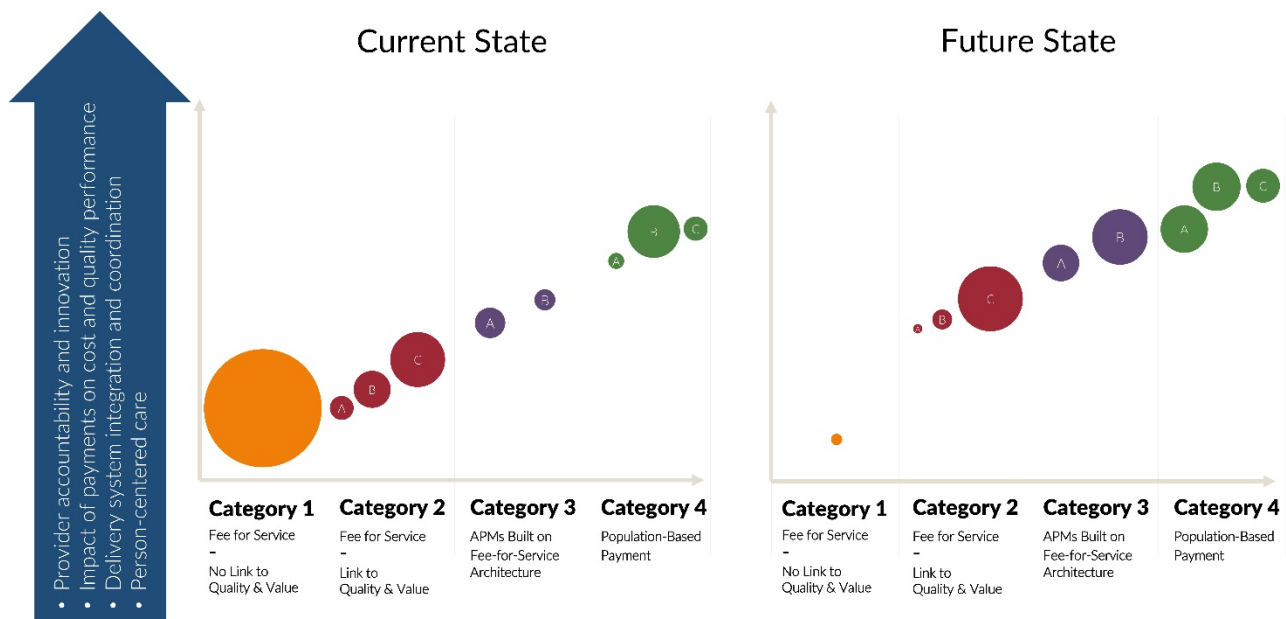
will be critical for achieving the transformations necessary to bend the cost curve and meet the triple aim. Therefore, it will be important to address barriers that today may seem insurmountable.

In addition to steps providers can take on their own, impactful reforms to the fee schedule would go a long way toward accelerating the pace of payment and delivery reform. Assigning values to services (particularly primary care services) that are based on a true indication of their impact over the long term would considerably benefit structurally constrained providers. In particular, primary care plays a critical role in achieving efficiencies for the health care system as a whole, but is undervalued in current FFS; this problem will not be solved by simply adding more codes for services such as chronic care management or behavioral health. Reforming fee schedules is important because FFS is a vital component of many APMs, which would also benefit from a reformed fee schedule.

For some structurally constrained providers (i.e., providers facing the structural constraints described above), Category 2C arrangements may support continuous delivery system improvement and therefore constitute an ultimate payment reform destination. For example, Category 2C payments may be ideally suited for driving increases in underutilized preventive services.

However, for providers who do not face structural constraints, Category 2C should be a way station on the path to Category 3 and 4 arrangements, which offer additional opportunities to improve the management of population health and target spending on care that patients value. The Work Group believes these structural constraints are not pervasive and therefore will not constitute a barrier for the majority of providers to eventually move into Categories 3 and 4, as illustrated below in Figure 3.

Figure 3: Payment Reform Goals



*\* Note: The values presented in the above “current state” graphic are based on available data on private plans from Catalyst for Payment Reform and Medicare FFS allocations. This graphic is meant to represent recommendations for how the health care system should change, and it accounts for the likely impact of Medicare’s Quality Payment Program and private initiatives. Values displayed in the graphic are not precise, and will depend on delivery capabilities, as described elsewhere in this document. The size of the various circles represents spending across various types of payment models. Payments are expected to shift over time from Categories 1 and 2 into Categories 3 and 4. Additionally and over time, APMs within a particular category will increase the extent to which payments are linked to provider accountability, enable more innovation in care, make a greater impact on quality and cost performance, increase coordination in delivery systems, and result in more value-based care.*

Moving national spending into Categories 3 and 4 is critical for several reasons. First, given the already negative impact ineffective health care spending is having on businesses and the national economy, purchasers cannot be expected to indefinitely subsidize infrastructure without a return on investment in the form of improved cost and quality performance. Second, absent accountability for cost, utilization, and appropriate care, FFS is incompatible with person-centered care delivery. Category 2C payments do not incentivize providers either to efficiently distribute resources to the patients for whom improved care can lead to significant cost savings or to adopt measures to reduce the use of low-value care. Third, FFS is not conducive to the pursuit of care delivery innovations that are capable of better addressing complex issues, such as social determinants of health and care management for patients with multiple chronic conditions. This is because solutions to these types of issues require considerable coordination beyond the walls of the clinic or hospital, which cannot realistically be itemized on a fee schedule. By supporting successful initiatives to address social determinants and chronic comorbidities, value-based payments can improve, but not completely remediate, outcomes related to patients’ complexities. As illustrated in Figure 3, Category 4 APMs have the potential to give providers additional opportunities and flexibility when establishing and maintaining delivery system components that improve the value of

care (compared to Category 3 APMs). This is because Category 4 APMs provide stronger incentives to decrease costs while using quality and appropriateness-of-care measures to hold providers accountable for maintaining or improving quality standards. Category 4 APMs can also be more administratively efficient to pay providers prospectively, instead of reimbursing each individual claim and undergoing an extensive retrospective reconciliation at the end of the performance period. However, individual providers should not feel compelled to enter Category 4 arrangements if they believe doing so could adversely impact practices and patients. As discussed in Principle 6, providers should only assume as much risk as needed to maximize the value of care delivered, which means Category 3 will serve as an ultimate destination for some providers. Above all, the systemic imperative to move payments into Categories 3 and 4 will need to be balanced against individual providers' readiness to change payment and delivery models. Striking the proper balance between these potentially conflicting priorities will require considerable trust amongst all stakeholder groups, in order to move at the best pace for patients and consumers.

*Principle 4: To the greatest extent possible, value-based incentives should reach providers across the care team that directly delivers care.*

Payment reforms for quality improvement and cost reduction are most effective when they directly impact payments for clinicians who are principally responsible for providing care to patients. These incentives are effective because providers delivering patient care are best positioned to develop processes and practices, which drive well-coordinated, and high-value care that ultimately leads to better outcomes. For example, an ACO that is at risk for cost and quality would ideally design financial incentives for physicians and their care teams and hospitals that achieve outcomes that matter to patients. It may not always be possible to measure accurately the degree to which incentive payments reach front-line providers. Nevertheless, this should become a best practice, because making population-based payments to provider organizations that, in turn, pay care teams on an FFS basis will not harness the full potential of the incentives in the APM. This is particularly important in light of the recent growth in physician employment, because employed physicians often do not receive performance feedback directly.<sup>14</sup>

The question of how far incentive payments should reach, and whether it is appropriate for individual clinicians to receive incentive payments, raises difficult and complicated issues. On one hand, it is essential to reward clinicians who deliver high-value, person-centered care, because they are the ones who work directly with patients to achieve positive outcomes. On the other hand, risk-adjustment methodologies and illness severity scales do not always sufficiently account for patient complexity, so rewarding individual providers could unintentionally encourage adverse selection against patients with complex medical needs. Additionally, when compared to financial incentives for practices or physician groups, financial incentives for individuals may not be reinvested as much in improvements to care delivery. Therefore, APMs need to carefully evaluate incentive structures for provider groups and

<sup>14</sup> See, for example: Farmer S., Darling M.A., George M., Casale P.N., Hagan E., and McClellan M.B. (2017). Existing and Emerging Payment and Delivery Reforms in Cardiology. *JAMA Cardiology*, 2(2), 210-217.

individual clinicians to ensure that there are sufficient protections for complex patients, that individual clinicians are fairly compensated for delivering exemplary care, and that incentive payments are used to sustain delivery system transformations. Additional patient protections, such as independent oversight and robust venues for voicing patient concerns, may also be needed during the transition from FFS to population-based payment.

*Principle 5: Payment models that do not take quality and value into account will not be designated as value-based. They will not be considered APMs for the purposes of tracking progress toward payment reform.*

As illustrated in Figure 4, the APM Framework represents a continuum of payment approaches across four Categories. Category 1 represents FFS payment not linked to quality incentives. Categories 2 through 4 advance successively beyond traditional FFS payment. There is limited merit in moving toward population-based payments if the resulting payment models do not include incentives to deliver quality care based on current clinical evidence on how to achieve outcomes that matter to patients. Although specific recommendations about what constitutes meaningful quality measurement is beyond the scope of this paper, several general elements are critical. APMs should use harmonized measure sets that include measures of process, clinical outcomes, patient-reported outcomes, and patient experience of care. Quality measures should be appropriately adjusted for patient mix, and whenever possible the measures used should be nationally vetted and endorsed by professional organizations, the National Quality Forum, the Core Quality Measures Collaborative, and others involved in developing consensus on measure specifications and core sets. Measure sets should also be robust enough to provide a comprehensive portrait of a population's clinical and behavioral health. Measure sets should address the full spectrum of care, care continuity, and overall performance of specific models, but individual measures should be granular enough to enable patients to make informed decisions about providers and treatments. Payment models that represent some movement away from traditional FFS, but do not take quality and appropriateness into account, will be placed under the corresponding payment category and marked with an "N" to indicate "No Quality" considerations (e.g., population-based payments not linked to value will fall into Category 4N). Accordingly, such models will not be considered to represent progress toward true payment reform, and are not tracked as part of measuring the achievement of the LAN's goals.

*Principle 6: In order to maximize the value of care that providers deliver and to reach the LAN's goals for payment reform, value-based incentives should be sufficiently meaningful for providers to invest in and implement delivery reforms, without subjecting providers to risk that is beyond their financial means and/or clinical scope of care.*

When considering approaches to making value-based incentives meaningful for providers, it is useful to distinguish between two kinds of risk even though they are difficult to separate in practice (for further discussion, please see the description of Category 4 APMs below): *management risk* and *insurance risk*.

There is widespread agreement on three different principles about how risk should be deployed in APMs. First, individual providers should not be placed in the position of assuming insurance risk, because payers and large health systems are specifically designed to perform this function. Second, APMs can be effective stimuli for delivery system change because providers will develop and sustain innovative approaches to care delivery when they are subjected to certain levels of management risk. Third, excessive levels of management risk can lead to perverse consequences, such as the delivery of inappropriately intensive care (either too much or too little), and potential access problems if critical provider groups are forced out of business. Therefore, value-based incentives should avoid imposing insurance risk on providers, while seeking to find the optimal degree of management risk to maximize beneficial drivers of health care transformation and simultaneously minimizing counterproductive drawbacks. When striking this balance, the overarching objective should be to maximize the value of care for patients and consumers: levels of management risk should not be based on goals for payment reform that are dissociated from goals for improving care delivery.

When considering levels of management risk, it is important to consider attributes of the providers who will assume that risk. For example, compared to small providers, large providers are better equipped to manage financial risk by making service adjustments. Therefore, management risk will need to be higher for large providers to make meaningful transitions to value-based care delivery. Similarly, factors such as practice size, availability of cash reserves, provider readiness, scope of practice, and geography can all impact the amount of financial risk that providers are able to bear. Safety-net providers experience considerable volatility in their financial margins and typically have to operate without substantial cash reserves. These factors make it difficult and potentially counterproductive for safety-net providers to take on significant amounts of performance and financial risk. Practices with a large scope and diversity of care will have greater influence over the total costs of care for its population, which means they are able to assume more financial risk than practices that provide a narrower scope of care. Small and rural practices face similar constraints, in addition to the challenges associated with establishing coordinated networks of care over large geographical regions, which means they also may only be able to assume limited amounts of financial risk.<sup>15</sup> As discussed above in the context of Principle 3, these types of

### *Types of risk for providers in APMs*

**Management or clinical risk:** Potential monetary losses or gains for providers, based on quality and cost performance that providers can reasonably manage with the proper safeguards in place (e.g., risk adjustment, stop loss, and other mechanisms).

**Insurance or actuarial risk:** Unpredictable outcomes or losses, which result from outlier patients in a provider's panel who have unusual and expensive conditions.

<sup>15</sup> Certain approaches to operationalizing financial risk may also impede providers' ability to assume it, irrespective of particular provider characteristics. For example, recouping savings from efficient providers too quickly can

providers may be able to contract with population health management companies and take other steps to increase the amount of performance and financial risk they are able to assume.

Irrespective of which mechanism is used, it is essential for providers to have as much flexibility as possible to determine the amount of financial risk they can assume. Contract negotiation between providers and private payers offers a suitable mechanism for flexibly selecting appropriate levels of risk for specific provider organizations. For public payers, the statutorily mandated use of rulemaking to select risk levels for all providers participating in a given payment model somewhat reduces this flexibility. However, this standardized approach is offset considerably by the wide variety of Medicare APMs that are available, which allows providers to select APMs with risk levels that are appropriate for them. In both the public and private markets, model transparency is critical, because providers cannot tailor financial risk without knowing the financial characteristics of the models in which they participate.

As providers obtain greater experience in advancing quality while managing costs, and as infrastructure investments begin to generate cost savings, it may be desirable to increase performance and financial risk. However, decisions to do so should be based on the performance and stability of health care delivery systems, and not dictated solely by economic imperatives to decrease costs.

Categories in the APM Framework are drawn around qualitatively different approaches to risk, and provider risk increases from one category to the next. Nevertheless, the Framework does not consider the precise, quantitative level of risk within each qualitative approach because there is not a “right” level of risk or reward that will maximize value for all providers. For example, a 10% shared-savings arrangement is classified the same as a 2% shared-savings arrangement.

*Principle 7: For tracking purposes, when health plans adopt hybrid payment models that incorporate multiple APMs, the payment dollars will count toward the category of the most dominant APM. This will avoid double counting payments through APMs.*

A particular payment model may utilize several APMs concurrently, especially as the model is evolving. For example, an ACO may utilize a shared-savings model in years one and two along with nominal pay for performance incentives, and then transition to a shared-risk model in year three. To track progress in such hybrid cases, the entire payment model will be placed in the category that best captures the “dominant” APM (in this case, shared savings for years one and two, and shared risk in year three). It is also possible that bundled payments may be used within upside/downside risk and population-based payment models, and that a PCMH may be supported by FFS-based care coordination fees, pay for performance, and shared savings. In these and other scenarios, payment dollars will count toward the most dominant APM in use, meaning the APM to which the greatest amount of incentive payments are directed. In classifying APMs on the basis of their constituent payments, it is important to note that

disincentivize efforts to generate such savings. Similarly, short contract cycles can have the effect of disincentivizing long term investments in preventative care, which can yield significant improvements in health outcomes and cost savings over the course of decades.



when incentive payments are linked to an FFS architecture (e.g., bonuses of quality in Category 2C or shared savings payments in Category 3A), the most advanced incentive payment and FFS payment are considered together to determine which payment is dominant. For example, if 40% of payments in an APM entail FFS with a link to quality, and 60% of the payments are population-based, then the APM would be classified in Category 4. Similarly, an APM that includes a shared-savings component will be considered 3A, even if the shared-savings payment is less than the payment for quality.

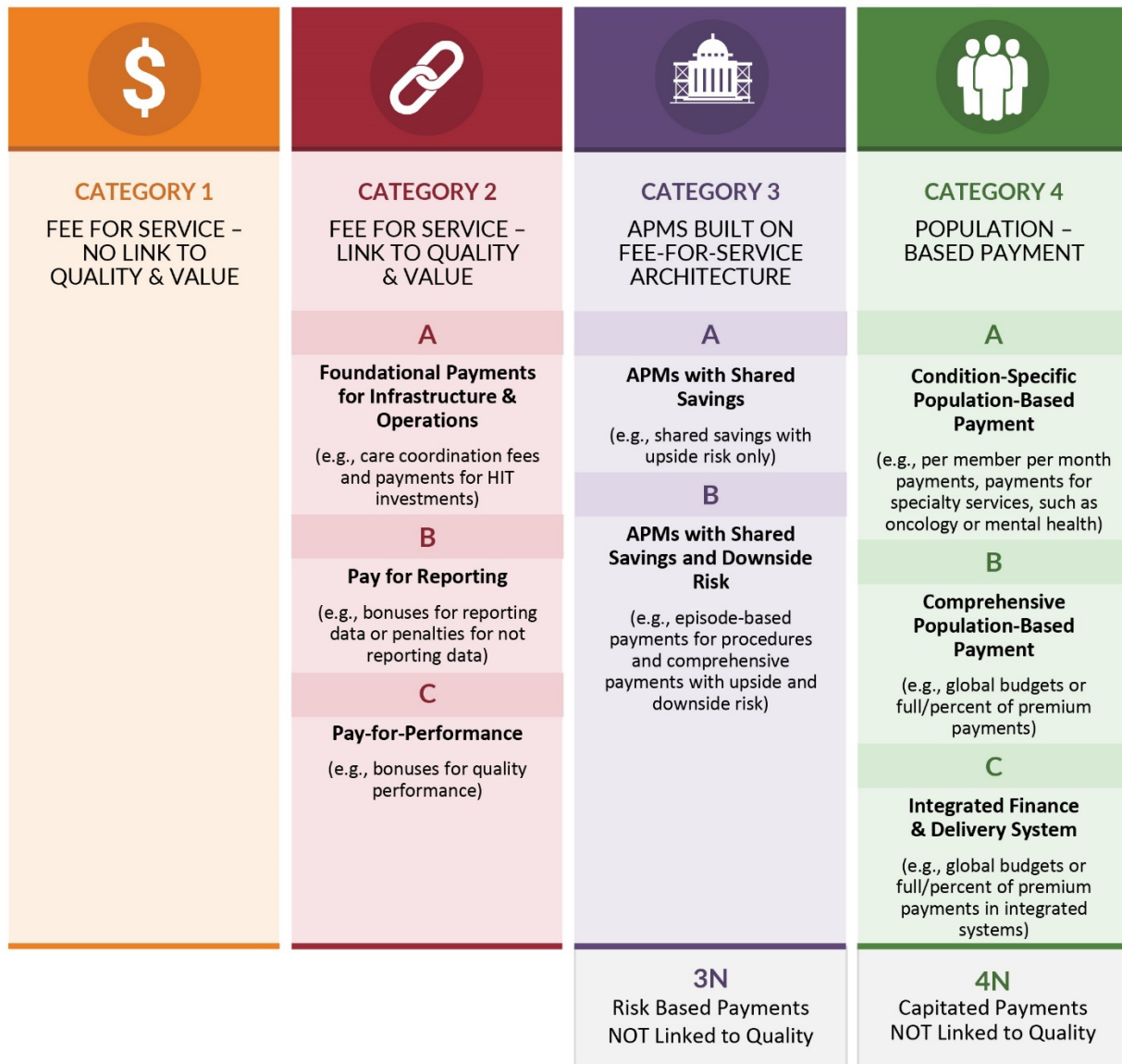
***Principle 8:** Centers of excellence, patient-centered medical homes, and accountable care organizations are delivery models, not payment models. In many instances, these delivery models have an infrastructure to support care coordination and have succeeded in advancing quality. They enable APMs and need the support of APMs, but none of them are synonymous with a specific APM. Accordingly, they appear in multiple categories of the APM Framework, depending on the underlying payment model that supports them.*

Consistent with the mission of the LAN, the scope the APM Framework is limited to payment models, as opposed to delivery models. Because centers of excellence (COEs), PCMHs, and ACOs are delivery models that can accommodate a wide variety of payment arrangements, they are listed in the APM Framework according to their underlying payment arrangement. For example, a PCMH that participates in a shared-savings/risk model will be classified in Category 3, but a PCMH that receives population-based payments linked to value will be classified in Category 4. Although PCMHs and ACOs are commonly understood to be associated with risk-sharing payment models, clear distinctions should be maintained between concepts that describe payment models and those that describe delivery models. At the same time, these delivery models have been developed with the goal of driving care coordination and delivery improvements, and will enable more advanced payment models while at the same time requiring more advanced payment models to succeed.

## **The APM Framework**

The APM Framework is depicted in Figure 4. The Framework represents payments from public and private payers to provider organizations (including payments between the payment and delivery arms of highly integrated health systems). It is designed to accommodate payments in multiple categories that are made by a single payer, as well as single provider organizations that receive payments in different categories—potentially from the same payer. Although payments will be classified in discrete categories, the Framework captures a continuum of clinical and financial risk for provider organizations. The following discussion identifies the organizing principles that serve as the foundation for each Category, explains how the Categories are differentiated, and highlights examples of APMs in each Category.

Figure 4: The Updated APM Framework



**① Fee for Service with No Link to Quality & Value (Category 1):**

Payment models classified in Category 1 utilize traditional FFS payments (i.e., payments made for units of service) that are adjusted to account for neither infrastructure investments, nor provider reporting of quality data, nor provider performance on cost and quality metrics. Additionally, it is important to note that diagnosis related groups (DRGs) that are not linked to quality and value are classified in Category 1. This is because DRGs are used to reimburse a group of services delivered within a hospitalization, and while DRGs drive efficiencies in inpatient care, hospitals typically bill DRGs in much the same way physicians bill services that are paid on a fee schedule. In both instances, the provider's incentive may be to bill for additional services because they are paid more for more volume.

Payments in Category 1 are distinguished from those in Category 2 in that the latter incentivizes infrastructure investments and/or involves some method of reporting or assessing the quality of the care delivered. Unlike payments made in Category 1, payments made in Category 2 are influenced by whether a provider invests in infrastructure, reports quality data, or achieves quality targets.

**② Fee for Service Linked to Quality & Value (Category 2):**

Payment models classified in Category 2 utilize traditional FFS payments (i.e., payments made for units of service), but these payments are subsequently adjusted based on infrastructure investments to improve care or clinical services, whether providers report quality data, or how well providers perform on cost and quality metrics. In addition to their capacity to stimulate and focus quality improvement initiatives, investments in quality performance assessment are also valuable because they can drive the development and expansion of health information technology (HIT).<sup>16</sup>

In certain cases, such as vaccinations and colonoscopies, FFS appropriately incentivizes increased utilization of important services. In these cases, linking FFS payments to quality indicators (e.g., measures that reinforce the right care at the right time) can be an ideal arrangement. However, for the majority of services, Category 2 should be used to smooth the transition into Category 3 and 4 APMs, and spur the delivery system improvements these payments enable.

The Work Group has split Category 2 into subcategories A, B, and C, as outlined below:

- Payments placed into **Category 2A** involve payments for infrastructure investments that can improve the quality of patient care, even though payment rates are not adjusted in accordance with performance on quality metrics. For example, payments designated for staffing a care coordination nurse or upgrading to electronic health records would fall under Category 2A. Because investments in these and similar delivery enhancements will likely improve patient experience and quality of care, these types of FFS or per-member-per-month (PMPM) payments are considered an important—though preliminary—step toward payment reform.

<sup>16</sup> Although the Work Group was not tasked with developing specific recommendations on HIT or data sharing, it believes that providers should invest in interoperable systems; that administrative reporting requirements should be minimized as much as possible; that patients and caregivers should have free and ready access to patient records; and that HIT should be used to maintain patient registries and contribute to the development of clinical measures and guidelines. For additional guidance on how to approach data sharing in population-based payment models, see: LAN (2016). Accelerating and Aligning Population-Based Payment Models: Data Sharing. Available at <https://hcp-lan.org/groups/pbp/ds-final-whitepaper/>.

- Payments placed into **Category 2B** provide positive or negative incentives to report quality data to the health plan and—preferably—to the public. Providers may have initial difficulties reporting clinical data accurately. Participation in a pay-for-reporting program therefore gives providers an opportunity to familiarize themselves with performance metrics, build internal resources to collect data, and better navigate a health plan’s reporting system. Because pay-for-reporting does not link payment to quality performance, participation in Category 2B payment models should be time limited and will typically evolve into subsequent categories.
- Payments are placed into **Category 2C** if they reward providers that perform well on quality metrics and/or penalize providers that do not perform well, thus providing a significant linkage between payment and quality. For example, providers may receive higher or lower updates to their FFS baseline, or they may receive a percent reduction or increase on all claims paid, depending on whether they meet quality goals. In some instances, these programs have an extensive set of performance measures that assess clinical outcomes, such as a reduction in emergency room visits for individuals with chronic illnesses or a reduction in hospital-acquired infections. Payments in this subcategory are not subject to rewards or penalties for provider performance against aggregate cost targets, but may account for performance on a more limited set of utilization measures.

As the evaluation literature demonstrates, Category 2A and 2B payments, for HIT and other infrastructure needed to assess and improve quality performance, are often insufficient on their own to catalyze significant delivery transformations.<sup>17</sup> Providers should therefore use Category 2A and 2B payments as an “on ramp” to participation in subsequent categories. Providers will transition into Category 2C in different ways. In the private sector, few payment plans support pay-for-reporting arrangements, and providers often move directly into pay-for-performance models. By contrast, Medicare pay-for-reporting programs typically precede and serve as the foundation for pay-for-performance programs in the same facility setting. Irrespective of how the transition occurs, it is important for providers to move quickly into Category 2C arrangements.

Payments that fall under Category 2 are distinguished from those that fall under Category 3 in two respects. First, Category 2 payments do not involve arrangements in which providers are rewarded for providing appropriate care or penalized for insufficiently reducing low-value care (e.g., shared savings or shared losses based on established cost targets). Second, FFS-based payments in Category 3 reflect, to a greater degree, care provided longitudinally, such that multiple providers are responsible for the cost and quality associated with a particular set of procedures or services. By contrast, Category 2 payments are typically limited to specific providers.

### ③ *APMs Built on Fee-for-Service Architecture (Category 3):*

Payment models classified in Category 3 are based on an FFS architecture, while providing mechanisms for the effective management of a set of procedures, an episode of care, or all health services provided for individuals. To accomplish this, Category 3 payments are based on cost (and occasionally utilization) performance against a target, irrespective of how the financial or utilization benchmark is established, updated, or adjusted. Additionally, payments in Category 3 are structured to encourage providers to deliver effective and efficient care. Episode-based and other types of bundled payments encourage care coordination because they cover a complete set of related services for a procedure that may be

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<sup>17</sup> See, for example: Mendelson A., et al. (2017). The Effects of Pay-for-Performance Programs on Health, Health Care Use, and Processes of Care: A Systematic Review. *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 166, 341-354.

delivered by multiple providers. Clinical episode payments fall into Category 3 if they are tied to specific procedures, such as hip replacement or back surgery.

Due to the potential that providers may curtail necessary care to meet explicit cost and/or utilization targets in Category 3 APMs, it is essential for these APMs to include safeguards that go beyond the standard types of quality measures used in Category 2 APMs. Accordingly, Category 3 APMs must hold providers financially accountable for performance on

available measures of “appropriate care.” In this context, appropriate care is delivered when patients receive the right care at the right time, in the right place, and at the right intensity. Appropriate care adheres to evidence-based guidelines and comparative effectiveness research; it avoids unnecessarily costly, harmful, and unnecessary procedures; its intensity is commensurate with patients’ goals, prognoses, and needs; and it reflects the outcome of shared decision-making among patients, their caregivers, and their clinicians. Several organizations and initiatives, including the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), the [Choosing Wisely campaign](#), the National Academy of Medicine, and AcademyHealth working with the American Board of Internal Medicine, have further developed this concept of appropriate care by compiling lists of low-value procedures and “never events,” by investigating the root causes of low-value care, by designing decision-support tools to promote appropriate care, and by designing measures to assess rates of low- and no-value care. Some of the many topics used to measure appropriate care include preventable hospital admissions, unnecessary imaging, documentation of shared-decision-making and patient goals for end of life care, adherence to clinical guidelines for pre-term labor and delivery, appropriate use of medications, and rates of never events. Although cost (and/or occasionally utilization) performance is the distinguishing component of Category 3 APMs, Category 3 payments hold providers accountable for this wider range of activities and outcomes. This is consistent with the notion that cost saving on its own is not an appropriate goal for health care reform; rather, the goal is to generate cost savings by reducing the utilization of care that provides little to no value for patients.

### *Measures of “Appropriate Care”*

Appropriate care avoids wasteful tests and procedures that provide no benefit to patients, involves a high degree of care coordination to ensure efficient delivery, and encompasses everything patients need to achieve their personal health-related goals. Measures of appropriate care are essential for Categories 3 and 4 APMs to ensure that providers are incentivized to reduce/eliminate only care that is wasteful and potentially harmful for patients.

All Category 3 payments evaluate providers against financial benchmarks and, occasionally, utilization targets. The Category is further subdivided as follows:<sup>18</sup>

- In **Category 3A**, providers have the opportunity to share in a portion of the savings they generate against a cost target or by meeting utilization targets, if quality targets are met. However, providers

<sup>18</sup> Please note that this definition of a Category 3 APM has been revised in the 2017 APM Framework Refresh. Please see [Appendix A](#) for additional details.

do not need to compensate payers for a portion of the losses that result when cost or utilization targets are not met.

- In **Category 3B**, providers have the opportunity to share in a portion of the savings they generate against a cost target or by meeting utilization targets, if quality targets are met. Additionally, payers recoup from providers a portion of the losses that result when cost or utilization targets are not met.

Most ACO arrangements today can be placed into either Category 3A (most often) or Category 3B, depending on whether the underlying risk arrangement includes only upside shared savings or both upside shared savings and downside risk for providers. These and other Category 3 arrangements will advance clinical integration and affordability to a greater extent than payments in Category 2, because accountability for reductions in low value care provides stronger incentives to manage health care costs and improve care coordination across the span of care.

The most important distinction between Category 3 and Category 4 payments is that the latter involve a single, predominantly prospective payment that encompasses a broad array of services, whereas providers participating in Category 3 models continue to be paid on an FFS basis with retrospective reconciliation after the period of performance. Additional conditions must be met before a payment model can be placed into Category 4. Specifically, Category 4 payments reflect the TCOC for treating a primary (typically chronic) condition (e.g., diabetes or cancer), a more limited set of specialty services (e.g., primary care or behavioral health), or comprehensive care for an entire population. By contrast, payments for a more limited set of services or procedures (e.g., knee and hip replacement) are classified as Category 3, even if they are population-based and patient-centered (e.g., paid for prospectively and include accountability for patient-reported outcomes). For example, a prospective, population-based primary care model would be classified in Category 4A, but a population-based bundled payment for maternity care would be classified as a Category 3B because it only addresses one aspect of a person's care and health. Similarly, population-based clinical episode and bundled payments that are tied to conditions (e.g., diabetes or cancer) fall under Category 4, whereas clinical episode payments tied to procedures (e.g., hip replacement or back surgery) fall under Category 3, even if they are paid prospectively. As such, Category 4 payments are more person-focused, insofar as they include stronger incentives to promote health and wellness throughout the care continuum.

#### ④ *Population-Based Payment (Category 4):*

Payment models classified as Category 4 involve prospective, population-based payments, structured in a manner that encourages providers to deliver well-coordinated, high-quality, person-centered care within either a defined scope of practice (4A), a comprehensive collection of care (4B), or a highly integrated finance and delivery system (4C). For the same reasons as Category 3, Category 4 APMs require accountability for measures of appropriate care to provide additional safeguards against incentives to limit necessary care. Absent this accountability, APMs that use prospective, population-based payments will be classified in Category 4N.

Payments within Category 4 can be used to cover a wide range of preventive health, care coordination, and wellness services, in addition to standard medical procedures typically paid through claims, and this flexibility makes it easier for providers to invest in foundational and innovative delivery system components. Additionally, replacing the volume-based incentives of FFS with prospective, population-based payments creates stronger incentives for providers to maximize quality within a budget. Taken

together, these mutually reinforcing characteristics of Category 4 payments – both the freedom to practice medicine without having to rearrange care delivery to meet strict reimbursement requirements, and the incentives to maximize the quality and efficiency of care delivery – hold special promise for providers and patients who are able and willing to participate in them.

Despite the promise of Category 4 APMs, it is important to recognize that it is very difficult to limit providers’ exposure to insurance risk in these payment arrangements. When designing Category 4 APMs, it is therefore essential to recognize that providers outside of integrated finance and delivery systems are unlikely to have the administrative capabilities or risk-based capital to assume insurance risk. Certain safeguards can be taken to minimize the introduction of insurance risk into population-based payment models. First, these models will need to be carefully risk-adjusted to account for patient case-mix. Second, the models will need to “carve out” payments for essential yet extraordinarily expensive or random events, which should not be attributed to the accountable provider (e.g., in the case of patients needing a heart transplant soon after they are attributed to a provider organization). Third, stop-loss mechanisms should be put into place in order to protect providers against unexpected cost increases for warranted care (e.g., the recent entry of expensive but effective pharmaceuticals), as well as other catastrophic, unpredictable events (e.g., epidemics of infectious disease).

Category 4 is subdivided into subcategories A, B, and C, as outlined below:

- **Category 4A** includes bundled payments for the comprehensive treatment of specific conditions. For example, bundled payments for cancer care fall under Category 4A if providers are responsible for the total cost and quality of care for a patient, rather than covering, for example, only chemotherapy payments. Additionally, prospective payments are classified in Category 4A if they are prospective and population-based, and also cover all care delivered by particular types of clinicians (e.g., primary care and orthopedics).
- Payments in **Category 4B** are prospective and population-based, and they cover all an individual’s health care needs. Category 4B encompasses a broad range of financing and delivery system arrangements, in which payers and providers are organizationally distinct.
- Payments in **Category 4C** also cover comprehensive care, but unlike Category 4B payments, they move from the financing arm to the delivery arm of the same, highly integrated finance and delivery organization. In some cases, these integrated arrangements consist of insurance companies that own provider networks, while in other cases they consist of delivery systems that offer their own insurance products. To be effective, the finance and delivery arms will need to work in tandem to ensure that effective delivery investments are being made and that incentives and strategies within the organization are properly aligned. Additionally, it is important to note that when integrated lines of business comprise a portion of a company’s portfolio, only the integrated payments count toward Category 4C.

### *Integrated Finance and Delivery Systems*

Integrated finance and delivery systems bring together insurance plans and delivery systems within the same organization. These systems may include joint ventures between insurance companies and provider groups, insurance companies that own provider groups, or provider groups that offer insurance products.

Category 4A may be an appropriate endpoint when smaller provider organizations with targeted skill sets deliver patient care that revolves around the management of chronic conditions, such as cancer or heart disease. Nevertheless, in many instances it is preferable to compensate providers for maintaining health and managing illness for an entire population, rather than compartmentalizing and subdividing payments into distinct conditions. Additionally, condition-specific payments should, in time, become part of a comprehensive approach to improving health and reducing costs for an entire population, such that Category 4A arrangements evolve into Category 4B arrangements. Based on interviews with companies involved in integrated finance and delivery arrangements, it appears that Category 4C payments have the potential to carry significant advantages. For example, these arrangements can expedite investments in crucial care delivery infrastructure, such as population health management support, programs to improve care coordination and care transitions, HIT, and community health initiatives. Additionally, highly integrated arrangements can provide important foundations for organizational cultures and strategies directed toward population health management, and they can create stronger alignments between physician groups and hospitals. On the other hand, widespread growth of integrated finance and delivery systems could potentially result in market consolidation, which could, in turn, lead to decreased choices and lack of access for patients, as well as increased costs. Evidence on the effectiveness of highly integrated systems is still in its early stages, and preliminary results are inconclusive. Therefore, Category 4B and 4C APMs should be considered equally effective vehicles for increasing the value of care through delivery system improvements.

Taken together, Categories 4A, 4B, and 4C represent the furthest departure from traditional FFS payments, while they simultaneously ensure that providers possess the strongest possible incentives to deliver high-quality and efficient care. Nevertheless, as discussed above, Category 4 payments are not necessarily appropriate for all providers and markets. To be successful, providers will necessarily travel at different paces and along different trajectories in the collective journey of health payment and delivery reform. But over time, Category 4 APMs will offer an appealing destination for more and more providers and other stakeholders in the health care system.



## Conclusion

As set forth in this document, transitioning from FFS to population-based payments is critical for health care transformation.

Keeping in mind the underlying principles, the APM Framework provides a high-level mapping of payment approaches, as well as a pathway for payment reform and a foundation for measuring progress. These tools should be useful and enduring for all stakeholders as they navigate the health care ecosystem.

Although the Framework identifies and encompasses all models of payment reform, new developments in the health care sector may result in a need for further refinement in future years. Nevertheless, the Framework should be robust enough to accommodate foreseeable changes and become the overarching framework for discussing and evaluating payments in the U.S. health care system. The LAN intends to continue compiling and periodically releasing case studies of payment models. (See [APM Framework White Paper Addendum](#).) This is important because it will disseminate lessons learned and provide the nation with models to consider as public and private plans align around common payment approaches.

## *Stakeholders and the APM Framework*

**Patient Advocacy Groups** can use the APM Framework to understand the context behind plan and benefit design so they can identify and communicate desirable elements and participate in decisions about how to design payment plans and delivery systems.

**Providers** can use the APM Framework to appreciate the types of payment reforms underway; to achieve a better understanding of where they are situated; to begin to conceive of where they might like to end up; and, most importantly, to plan for the future.

**Payers** can use the APM Framework to drive payment and contracting models and as a financial tool to track spending and the distribution of members/beneficiaries and providers. This is crucially important because adopting a common classification scheme represents a first step toward the alignment of payment approaches.

**Purchasers** can use the APM Framework to engage and educate their employees about the health insurance landscape and to share information for population-based plans, along with the information on the safeguards and benefits that would motivate them toward enrolling in such plans.

## Appendix A: Category 3 “Incentive-at-Risk” APMs

Because MACRA and the LAN APM Framework share the goal of transitioning away from FFS and into APMs that achieve better outcomes at lower costs, comparisons between the two systems for designating APM advancement can illuminate alternative ways to effectively tether payment to value, and take better account of variation among providers. Given that CPC+ Track 1 was the only Advanced APM (by MACRA standards) that was not classified as a Category 3 or 4 in the original framework, the Advisory Group closely examined how it used payment to hold providers accountable for quality and cost. As a result of these discussions, the Advisory Group determined that payments in CPC+ Track 1 drive value in a manner that is functionally equivalent to shared-savings arrangements in Category 3A. The Advisory Group therefore decided to classify CPC+ Track 1 and other “incentive-at-risk” APMs in Category 3A.

Incentive-at-risk APMs give providers the opportunity to share in a portion of the savings they generate as a direct result of meeting utilization targets. These APMs possess two important characteristics. First, utilization measures that provide very strong proxies for TCOC take the place of formal financial benchmarks. Second, incentive payments for performance on utilization measures are used to reallocate derived savings (if any) between payers and providers. Because incentive payments (as opposed to payments made through the FFS architecture) are at risk for utilization performance, incentive-at-risk APMs are classified in Category 3A (as opposed to Category 3B). These incentive-at-risk APMs are particularly appropriate for smaller practices and other situations in which upfront investment might be necessary to provide adequate resources for providers to undertake care transformation, and in which it is not ideal to hold providers directly accountable for meeting benchmarks based on TCOC.

Primary care in the Medicare population involves a unique set of circumstances that make incentive-at-risk APMs effective vehicles for improving quality while decreasing costs. First, a greater proportion of TCOC for the Medicare population is driven by fewer categories of health care utilization. Emergency department usage and inpatient stays account for roughly 40% of TCOC in the Medicare population, while these categories account for only about 20-25% of TCOC in the population covered by commercial insurance. This means that inpatient utilization measures provide more robust proxies for TCOC with fewer utilization targets for practices to track and work to achieve. Primary care practices also have the capability to focus on and influence these measures to a much greater degree than some other cost drivers under an expansive TCOC benchmark. CPC+ practices may also improve utilization performance by partnering with value-oriented specialty providers who appropriately use tests and interventions.

Primary care providers also tend to practice in small groups, and their patient panels are typically too small to manage the financial risk of outlier patients’ disproportionate impact on TCOC. Additionally, Medicare’s previous experience with its Comprehensive Primary Care Classic model suggested that although the formation of “virtual groups” achieved panel sizes large enough to mitigate this risk and allowed for cost accountability, pooling patients across providers in a region appeared to dampen the driving force for cost savings. This may have been attributable to the diffusion of responsibility among multiple practices within a virtual group. Additionally, behavioral economics research strongly supports the notion that receiving an uncertain amount of incentive payments after a period of performance

would be less motivational than providing defined payments up front and reconciling them after the fact, because providers are more likely to be motivated by potential losses than potential gains.<sup>19</sup>

Track 1 of Medicare's CPC+ model takes these unique factors into consideration in the design of a Category 3A arrangement that generates cost savings by tying incentive payments to reductions in utilization. In addition to payments made through Medicare's standard fee schedule, primary care practices receive prospective care management fees (Category 2A), as well as prospective performance-based incentive payments (Category 2C). Fifty percent of the incentive payment is based on providers' performance on two utilization measures: inpatient hospitalization utilization per 1,000 attributed beneficiaries and emergency department utilization per 1,000 attributed beneficiaries. This means providers are able to share in a significant proportion of Medicare's savings from reduced hospital utilization as a result of improved care coordination or greater availability of office visits, telephone, or telemedicine consultation. Conversely, providers who perform poorly on these two utilization measures risk paying back Medicare some or all of the utilization portion of the incentive payment. Cumulatively, these payments and risk place CPC+ Track 1 in Category 3A.

Figure 5 illustrates the expected payment implications in CPC+ Track 1 when a provider maintains utilization at average levels, reduces utilization significantly more than average, or increases utilization slightly more than average.

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<sup>19</sup>Please note: So long as incentive payments for performance on key utilization measures effectively create a shared-savings arrangement they will be classified in Category 3A, irrespective of whether they are made prospectively or retrospectively.

Figure 5: Impacts of Utilization on Payments in CPC+ Track 1

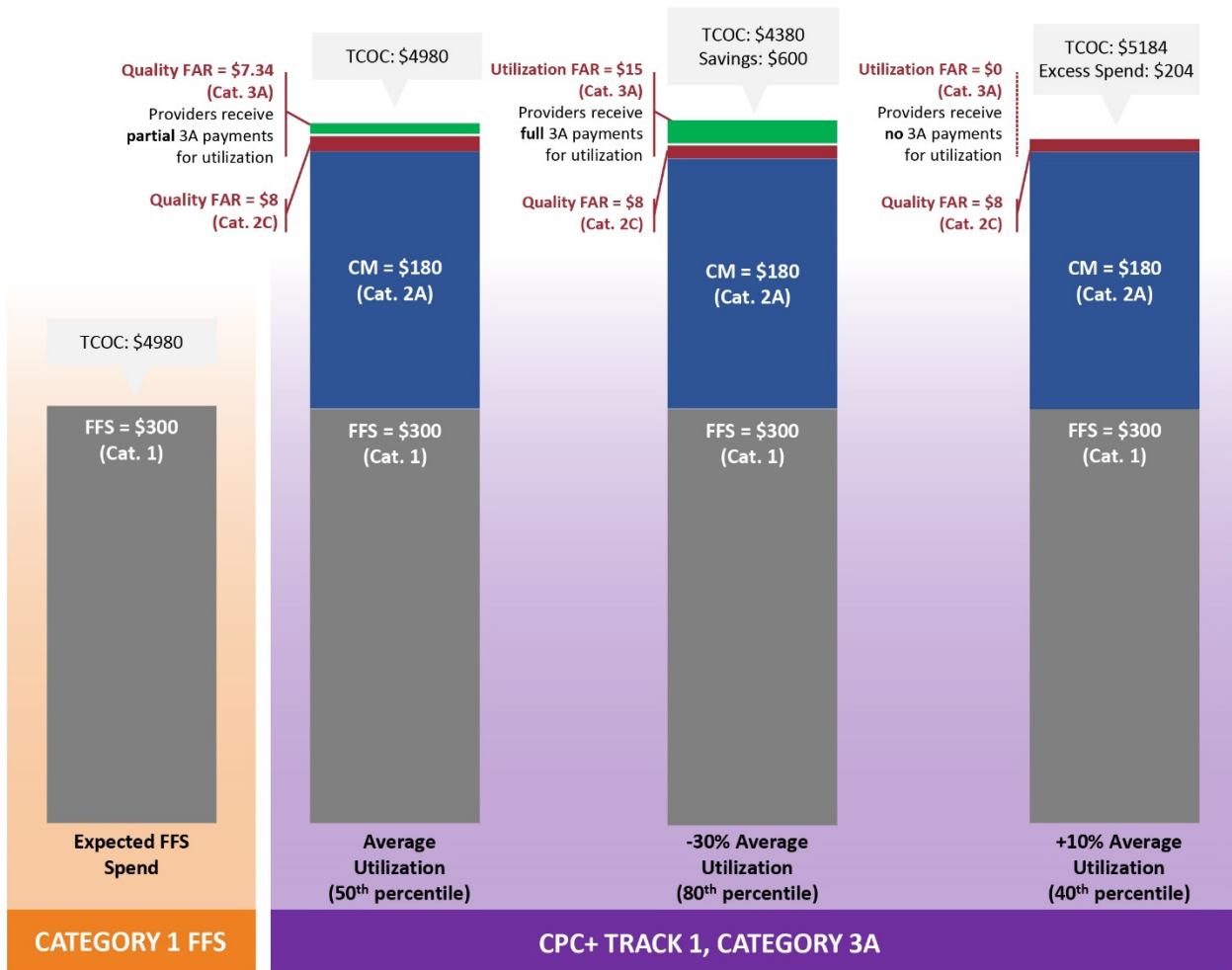


Figure 5 depicts payments in CPC+ Track 1. These numbers illustrate average annualized, per-beneficiary Medicare payments for primary care services. In Track 1, Category 2A care management (CM) payments are intended to support care management activities. By contrast, Category 2C fee-at-risk (FAR) payments are prepaid and tied to quality/experience, as well as utilization performance. These FAR payments may need to be paid back.

This example assumes that providers receive FAR payments corresponding to average quality/experience performance at different levels of utilization performance. CPC+ Track 1 is a Category 3A APM because providers must clear quality gates before becoming eligible to keep FAR payments, and because performance on utilization measures directly results in savings that are shared with providers.

It is important to note that reducing utilization (especially hospital utilization) is not intrinsically indicative of increased value, as this could theoretically be achieved through reductions in necessary care. To avoid the unintended consequences of rewarding reductions in utilization alone in CPC+, CMS

- 1) requires practices to meet quality benchmarks applicable to their entire practice population (not limited to Medicare beneficiaries) before they can keep a utilization incentive payment;
- 2) actively monitors claims activity to detect potentially unwarranted reductions in utilization; and
- 3) employs contractual agreements with providers that include additional patient protections.

Just as with TCOC reduction incentives, these and other safeguards are essential for incentive-at-risk APMs that use utilization as a proxy for cost, in order to ensure providers either are incentivized to only reduce unnecessary care or achieve efficiencies and prevent avoidable hospitalization and emergency room visits through care coordination and access.

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## Appendix D: Other LAN Content

The LAN has written a suite of papers to help align payment reform efforts. The papers referred to in this appendix include recommendations on the design of population-based payments and clinical episode payments, as well as a toolkit on data sharing for alternative payment models. These recommendations are the result of input from a wide variety of persons and organizations that have either direct experience implementing payment reform or deep experience in the health care field.

CAMH convened two Work Groups, the Population-Based Payment (PBP) Work Group and the Clinical Episode Payment (CEP) Work Group, to develop recommendations for the implementation of these types of payment models. Their recommendations focus on specific design elements, many of which overlap and upon which there was much common agreement even as the Work Groups deliberated separately. Each of the four PBP White Papers described below focuses on a separate design element (financial benchmarking, patient attribution, performance measurement, and data sharing) in a PBP context. In a PBP arrangement, an accountable entity takes responsibility for the care for a defined population over a specified period of time (typically a year) for the full continuum of care. These design elements should be considered as a whole for effective PBP implementation as they interact considerably.

The CEP Work Group also divided their recommendations into design elements, but included several operational considerations along with 10 design elements. The recommendations were organized in chapters in the comprehensive White Paper and applied to three clinical areas where clinical episode payment models would be most effective: elective joint replacement, maternity care, and coronary artery disease (CAD). While the clinical focus is more targeted here, the underlying concepts for setting the episode price (including the level and type of risk), defining the population and services included in the episode, patient engagement and quality metrics, and the data infrastructure are similar to those of the four PBP White Papers.

The LAN convened the Data Sharing Requirements Initiative (DSRI) to gather information on recent approaches and experiences building data-sharing capacity. The DSRI leadership team incorporated input from interviews with organizations engaged in data sharing in support of APMs, and reviewed material on critical developments in technology and policy. The resulting toolkit is meant to be of practical value for those planning and developing future data sharing activities.

Below are the links and a brief overview of each of the papers written by the LAN Work Groups. By reading the full suite of products, readers will be better able to make decisions about the most effective payment model(s) to implement and the key issues to consider when designing those models. Visit the [LAN website](#) for an up-to-date list of LAN [work products](#).

### ***Population-Based Payment (PBP) Models:***

#### ***Accelerating and Aligning Population-Based Payment (PBP): [Patient Attribution](#)***

The Patient Attribution White Paper describes the method by which patient populations are assigned to providers who are accountable for total cost of care and quality outcomes for their designated populations in a PBP model. The paper recommends that active, intentional identification, or self-reporting by patients, should be considered first. The paper also outlines nine additional

recommendations that payers and providers can use when making decisions on attribution in their PBP models.

### *Accelerating and Aligning Population-Based Payment (PBP): [Financial Benchmarking](#)*

The Financial Benchmarking White Paper describes approaches for setting an initial benchmark and updates over time, as well as addresses risk-adjustment considerations. The White Paper discusses the need to balance voluntary participation with the movement toward convergence in a market with providers at different starting points.

### *Accelerating and Aligning Population-Based Payment (PBP): [Data Sharing](#)*

The Data Sharing White Paper offers several guiding principles and recommendations that highlight the future development of data sharing arrangements in PBP models. The paper also outlines use cases which describe particular types of data sharing arrangements in both their current and aspirational states. The goal is to create an environment where data follows the patient and is available to stakeholders (patients, providers, purchasers, and payers) in a timely manner.

### *Accelerating and Aligning Population-Based Payment (PBP): [Performance Measurement](#)*

The Performance Measurement White Paper offers both short-term action recommendations and a long-term vision for accelerating alignment around APMs. The paper offers a way forward that could lead to radical change in how performance is measured across the board in order to enable the implementation of effective population-based payments. The White Paper describes how to evolve from granular measurement systems of the full continuum of care, which focus on narrow and specific care processes, to more macro-level measurement systems oriented on outcomes. The paper also makes strong recommendations for immediate action steps by describing four key performance measurement principles and seven recommendations for building and sustaining a performance measurement system that supports and encourages collaboration among stakeholders.

### ***Clinical Episode Payment (CEP) Models:***

#### *Accelerating and Aligning Selected [Clinical Episode Payment \(CEP\) Models](#)*

This paper provides high-level recommendations for designing clinical episode payment models. A clinical episode payment is a bundled payment for a set of services that occur over time and across settings. The paper outlines design elements and operational considerations for three selected clinical areas: elective joint replacement, maternity care, and coronary artery disease. Recommendations are organized according to design elements and operational considerations. Design elements address questions stakeholders must consider when designing an episode payment model, including the definition, the duration of the episode, what services are to be included, and others. Operational considerations relate to implementing an episode payment model, including the roles and perspectives of stakeholders, data infrastructure issues, and the regulatory environment in which APMs must operate.

Several key principles drove the development of the recommendations across all three episodes: 1) incentivizing person-centered care; 2) improving patient outcomes through effective care coordination; 3) rewarding high value care by incentivizing providers and patients, together with their family caregivers, to discuss the appropriateness of procedures; and 4) reducing unnecessary costs to the patient and the health care system.

The recommendations are designed to speak to a multi-stakeholder audience with the goal of supporting broad clinical episode payment adoption.

### [Elective Joint Replacement](#)

The elective joint replacement recommendations emphasize using functional status assessments (both pre- and post-procedure) and shared decision-making tools to determine whether a joint replacement is the appropriate treatment for a given patient.

### [Maternity Care](#)

The maternity care recommendations emphasize the need for patient engagement, education, and parenting support services (in addition to clinical maternity care) to achieve a number of critical goals. These include increasing the percentage of full-term births and the percentage of vaginal births, while decreasing the percentage of pre-term and early elective births, complications, and mortality.

### [Coronary Artery Disease](#)

The coronary artery disease (CAD) recommendations are based on a CAD condition-level episode, which includes a “nested” bundle for procedures like percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) and coronary artery bypass graft (CABG). The recommendations emphasize overall condition management designed to reduce the need for procedures, and strong coordination and communication between the surgeons who perform cardiac procedures and the providers who deliver follow-up and long-term cardiac care.

## ***Primary Care Payment Models (PCPM):***

### [Accelerating and Aligning Primary Care Payment Models](#)

Primary care is a critical link in health care delivery. Often patients’ first point of contact with the health care system, primary care practitioners make decisions that broadly impact both patient health and total health care spending. The Primary Care Payment Model (PCPM) White Paper views primary care teams as uniquely positioned to serve as catalysts for innovative care as well as effective stewards of health care resources. The paper offers principles and recommendations for implementing PCPMs that can help overcome the barriers to effective primary care tied to traditional FFS payments based on the volume of services provided rather than the quality and value of care.

## ***Data Sharing Requirements Initiative (DSRI):***

### [Collaborative Approaches to Advance Data Sharing](#)

One of the key insights from the DSRI findings is the essential role, in developing data sharing capacity, of collaboration, shared goals, and shared solutions to enable sustainable APM success. Unlike FFS payment models that largely limit accountability to a single setting (such as hospital or physician’s office), APMs require providers to understand and/or be accountable for patients across the medical neighborhood and over time. While the toolkit is not a “how to” guide, as the specifics for each organization and region differ, it will be helpful in the strategic planning process to identify the APM functions that require data sharing, to assess current capacity and barriers, and to consider strategies within and across organizations to fill gaps in necessary data sharing functionality.

## **Appendix E: Principles for Patient- and Family-Centered Payment**

The following principles, produced by the LAN's Consumer and Patient Affinity Group, are intended to help guide the development of new payment strategies. They provide guidance and aspirational direction to ensure that we address the needs and priorities of patients and families as we transition to value-based payment. The principles rest on the conviction that consumers, patients, and families are essential partners in every aspect of transforming health care and improving health.

**Consumers, patients, families, and their advocates should be collaboratively engaged in all aspects of design, implementation, and evaluation of payment and care models, and they should be engaged as partners in their own care.**

The collaboration in design of payment and care models should include oversight, governance, and interface with the communities where care is delivered. At the point of care, patients and families should be engaged in ways that match their needs, capacities, and preferences. Collaborative care should be aligned with patient goals, values, and preferences (including language), and should reflect shared care planning and decision-making throughout the care continuum.

**Positive impact on patient care and health should be paramount.**

The central consideration in all payment design should be improving patient health outcomes, experience of care, and health equity, while also ensuring the most effective use of health care resources.

**Measures of performance and impact should be meaningful, actionable, and transparent to consumers, patients, and family caregivers.**

New payment models should be assessed using measures that are meaningful to patients and families. They should prioritize the use of measures derived from patient-generated data that address both care experience and outcomes. Measures should also address the full spectrum of care, care continuity, and overall performance of specific models. Measures should be granular enough to enable patients to make informed decisions about providers and treatments.

**Primary care services are foundational and must be effectively coordinated with all other aspects of care.**

Payment models should foster this coordination, particularly between primary and specialty care, in order to promote: optimal coordination, communication, and continuity of care; trusted relationships between clinicians and patients/families; concordance with patient goals, values, and preferences; integration of non-clinical factors and community supports; and coordination of services delivered through non-traditional settings and modalities that meet patient needs. Effective delivery and coordination of primary care services should promote better care experience, optimal patient engagement, better health outcomes, and increased health equity.

**Health equity and care for high-need populations must be improved.**

New payment models should foster health equity, including access to innovative approaches to care and preventing any discrimination in care. They should collect data that allow for assessment of differential

impacts and the identification and redress of disparities in health, health outcomes, care experience, access, and affordability.

**Patient and family engagement and activation should be supported by technology.**

New payment models should promote use of information technology that enables patients and their designated caregivers to easily access their health information in a meaningful format that enables them to use the information to better manage and coordinate their care. The technology should also enable patients to contribute information and communicate with their providers, and it should foster the patient-clinician partnership in ongoing monitoring and management of health and care.

**Financial incentives used in all models should be transparent and promote better quality as well as lower costs.**

Financial incentives for providers and patients should be fully disclosed so that patients and consumers understand how new payment approaches differ from traditional FFS models, and how certain incentives may impact the care providers recommend or provide. Financial incentives should be developed in partnership with patients and consumers in order to reflect how patients define value, and to reduce financial barriers to needed care and ensure that patients are not steered to lower-cost care without regard for quality.

## **Appendix F: About the CMS Alliance to Modernize Healthcare**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) sponsors the CMS Alliance to Modernize Healthcare (CAMH), the first federally funded research and development center (FFRDC) dedicated to strengthening our nation’s health care system. CAMH is the convener of the LAN. The CAMH FFRDC enables CMS, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and other government entities to access unbiased research, advice, guidance, and analysis to solve complex business, policy, technology, and operational challenges in health mission areas. The FFRDC objectively analyzes long-term health system problems, addresses complex technical questions, and generates creative and cost-effective solutions in strategic areas such as quality of care, new payment models, and business transformation.

Formally established under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 35.017, FFRDCs meet special, long-term research and development needs integral to the mission of the sponsoring agency—work that existing in-house or commercial contractor resources cannot fulfill as effectively. FFRDCs operate in the public interest, free from conflicts of interest, and are managed and/or administered by not-for-profit organizations, universities, or industrial firms as separate operating units. The CAMH FFRDC applies a combination of large-scale enterprise systems engineering and specialized health subject matter expertise to achieve the strategic objectives of CMS, HHS, and other government organizations charged with health-related missions. As a trusted, not-for-profit adviser, the CAMH FFRDC has access (beyond what is allowed in normal contractual relationships) to government and supplier data, including sensitive and proprietary data, and to employees and government facilities and equipment that support health missions.

CMS conducted a competitive acquisition in 2012 and awarded the CAMH FFRDC contract to The MITRE Corporation (MITRE). MITRE operates the CAMH FFRDC in partnership with CMS and HHS, and maintains a collaborative alliance of partners from nonprofits, academia, and industry. This alliance provides specialized expertise, health capabilities, and innovative solutions to transform delivery of the nation’s health care services. Government organizations and other entities have ready access to this network of partners. This includes select qualified small and disadvantaged businesses. The FFRDC is open to all CMS and HHS Operating Divisions and Staff Divisions. In addition, government entities outside of CMS and HHS can use the FFRDC with the permission of CMS, CAMH’s primary sponsor.



**Exhibit B  
Attachment B  
Value-Based Purchasing Withhold Calculation Summary Form**

Contractor/Vendor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract No: \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Period: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Percent of qualifying Provider incentive payments tied to quality: \_\_\_\_\_

Percent of payments in a qualifying Value Based Purchasing Arrangements: \_\_\_\_\_

Quality Improvement Score: \_\_\_\_\_

The Contractor earned back \_\_\_\_\_% of the Value-Based Purchasing Withhold described in Exhibit B.

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Washington State Health Care Authority Chief Financial Officer Signature:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name & Title

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contractor hereby agrees to the accuracy of this Value-Based Purchasing Withhold Calculation Summary and the underlying calculations.

Contractor Authorized Agent Signature

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Print Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit C**  
**Washington State Health Care Authority**  
**Instructions for MLR Reporting**  
**Apple Health Fully Integrated Managed Care**

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## **Introduction**

These instructions are for the Excel-based MLR Reporting Template. The Excel workbook is designed to collect all information needed for MLR reporting as required by CMS in 42 C.F.R. § 438.8. The federal rule regarding MLR requires that all Medicaid managed care contracts require the contracted managed care organizations to calculate and report a MLR.

The MLR Reporting Template is to be completed and submitted to the Health Care Authority (HCA) via MC-Track by May 31<sup>st</sup> of the year following the MLR reporting year.

If the state were to make a retroactive change to the capitation payments for a MLR reporting year where the MLR report has already been submitted to the state, the Contractor must re-calculate the MLR for all MLR reporting years affected by the change and submit new MLR reports to the state for all impacted reporting years.

Throughout these instructions there will be references to the 2016 Medicaid/CHIP Managed Care Final Rule and other regulations. All regulations are part of 42 C.F.R. unless cited otherwise. The information requested by the report follow regulation [42 C.F.R. § 438.8\(k\)](#).

## **General Requirements**

The Contractor will aggregate data for all Medicaid eligibility groups covered under this Contract unless the state requires separate reporting and a separate MLR calculation for specific populations. If the data is aggregated, a description of the aggregation method used to calculate total incurred claims for each reporting year. Beginning July 1, 2024, HCA will include Apple Health Expansion-Emergency Medical Care (AHE-EMC) population in the MLR calculation. The initial calculation for the AHE-EMC population will cover a six-month period (July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024) and will be included in the CY2024 MLR reporting. Effective January 1, 2025, the AHE-EMC calculation will cover a twelve-month period in alignment with other included populations.

The Contractor must require any third-party vendor providing claims adjudication activities to provide all underlying data associated with MLR reporting to the Contractor within 180 calendar days of the end of the MLR reporting year or within 30 calendar days of being requested by the Contractor, whichever comes sooner, regardless of current contractual limitations, to calculate and validate the accuracy of MLR reporting.

## **Plan Information**

Please fill out the contact information of your MCO.

## **Numerator**

This worksheet collects information for items that are included or deducted from the numerator. Note that incurred claims by one MCO that is later assumed by another entity must be reported by the assuming MCO for the entire MLR reporting year, and no incurred claims for the MLR reporting year may be reported by the ceding MCO.

The expenditures reported by the Contractor shall include non-claims costs and expenditures related to activities compliant with program integrity requirements 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.608(a)(1) - (5); 438.608(a)(7) - (8); and 438.608(b).

Please fill in the cells that are formatted with blue font.

Detail for each line can be found here:

### **NUMERATOR: INCURRED CLAIMS**

**Line 1.1** Incurred claims, including unpaid claim liabilities for the MLR reporting year:

Note that this amount should be net of all fraud recoveries, including what is reported in or out of the claims system. See 42 C.F.R. §§ [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(i\)\(A\)](#) and [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(i\)\(B\)](#):

(A) Direct claims that the MCO paid to providers for services or supplies covered under the contract and services meeting the requirements of 42 C.F.R. § [438.3\(e\)](#) provided to enrollees.

(B) Unpaid claims liabilities for the MLR reporting year, including claims reported that are in the process of being adjusted or claims incurred but not reported.

**Line 1.2** Incurred but not reported (IBNR) for claims incurred in the period expected to be paid in months after the known runout. This requires the MCO to estimate the cost of claims owed but not yet received. See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(i\)\(F\)](#).

**Line 1.3** Withholds from payments made to network providers: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(i\)\(C\)](#).

**Line 1.4** Amount of incentive and bonus payments made, or expected to be made, to network providers: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(iii\)\(A\)](#).

**Line 1.5** Changes in other claims-related reserves: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(i\)\(G\)](#).

**Line 1.6** Reserves for contingent benefits and the medical claim portion of lawsuits: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(i\)\(H\)](#).

**Line 1.7** Net payment or receipts related to state-mandated solvency funds: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(iv\)](#).

**Line 1.8a** Amount spent on fraud reduction: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(iii\)\(B\)](#).  
The amount of claims payments recovered through fraud reduction efforts, not to exceed the amount of fraud reduction expenses. The amount of fraud reduction expenses must not include fraud prevention activities specified in paragraph (e)(4) of this section. 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(4\)](#): *Fraud prevention activities. MCO expenditures on activities related to fraud prevention as adopted for the private market at [45 C.F.R. Part 158](#). Expenditures under this paragraph must not include expenses for fraud reduction efforts in paragraph (e)(2)(iii)(B) of this section.*

**Line 1.8b** Amount of claims payments recovered through fraud reduction: See also Line 1.8a.

### **Items Deducted from Incurred Claims**

**Line 1.9** Claims that are recoverable for anticipated coordination of benefits (payments from third party payors): See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(i\)\(D\)](#).

**Line 1.10** Claims payments recoveries received as a result of subrogation: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(i\)\(E\)](#).

**Line 1.11** Overpayment recoveries received from network providers: The State expects this to include any anticipated settlements for claims incurred during the MLR reporting year, including those outside of the claims system. See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(ii\)\(A\)](#).

**Line 1.12** Prescription drug rebates received and accrued: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(ii\)\(B\)](#).

### **NUMERATOR: ACTIVITIES THAT IMPROVE HEALTH CARE QUALITY**

**Line 2.1** MCO activity that meets [45 C.F.R. § 158.150\(b\)](#) and is NOT EXCLUDED under [45 C.F.R. § 158.150\(c\)](#): See § 42 C.F.R. [438.8\(e\)\(3\)\(i\)](#).

**Line 2.2** MCO activity related to any EQR-related activity as described in 42 C.F.R. §§ [438.358\(b\)](#) and [438.358\(c\)](#): See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(3\)\(ii\)](#).

**Line 2.3** MCO expenditure that is related to Health Information Technology and meaningful use: See § 42 C.F.R. [438.8\(e\)\(3\)\(iii\)](#).

### **Excluded Non-Claim Costs**

This worksheet collects information for items excluded from the numerator, but is required to be reported. Note that incurred claims by one MCO that are later assumed by another entity must be reported by the assuming MCO for the entire MLR reporting year, and no incurred claims for the MLR reporting year may be reported by the ceding MCO.

Please fill in the cells that are formatted with blue font.

**Line 3.1** Amounts paid to third party vendors for secondary network savings: See 42 C.F.R. [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(v\)\(A\)\(1\)](#).

Payments made by one managed care plan to another vendor to purchase their network for use as a secondary network. In practice, the managed care plan purchases another managed care plan's network to serve as contracted, out-of-network providers so as to avoid single-case agreements with those providers, resulting in savings on out-of-network service costs.

**Line 3.2** Amounts paid to third party vendors for network development, admin fees, claims: processing, and utilization management: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(v\)\(A\)\(2\)](#).

**Line 3.3** Amounts paid to a provider for professional or administrative services outside of providing services to enrollees: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(v\)\(A\)\(3\)](#).

Amounts paid, including amounts paid to a provider, for professional or administrative services that do not represent compensation or reimbursement for State plan services or services meeting the definition in 42 C.F.R. § 438.3(e) and provided to an enrollee.

42 C.F.R. § 438.3(e): See Line 1.1

**Line 3.4** Fines and penalties assessed by regulatory authorities: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(v\)\(A\)\(4\)](#).

**Line 3.5** Amounts paid to the State as remittance for prior MLR experience: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(v\)\(B\)](#).

Remittance to the State if specific MLR is not met.

**Line 3.6** Amounts for pass-through payments under 42 C.F.R. § [438.6\(d\)](#): See 42

C.F.R. § [438.8\(e\)\(2\)\(v\)\(C\)](#) Amounts paid to network providers under to 42

C.F.R. § [438.6\(d\)](#).

## **Denominator**

### **DENOMINATOR: PREMIUM REVENUE**

This worksheet collects information for the denominator. Note that the total amount of the denominator for a MCO, which is later assumed by another entity, must be reported by the assuming MCO for the entire MLR reporting year, and no amount for that year may be reported by the ceding MCO.

Please fill in the cells that are formatted with blue font.

**Line 4.1** State capitation payments, including adjustments, excluding pass-through payments: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(f\)\(2\)\(i\)](#).

State capitation payments, developed in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § [438.4](#), to the MCO for all enrollees under a risk contract approved under 42 C.F.R. § [438.3\(a\)](#), excluding payments made under to 42 C.F.R. § [438.6\(d\)](#).

**Line 4.2** State developed one time payments for specific life events of enrollees: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(f\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#).

**Line 4.3** Earned premium withholds approved under 42 C.F.R. § [438.6\(b\)\(3\)](#): See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(f\)\(2\)\(iii\)](#) Other payments to the MCO approved under 42 C.F.R. § [438.6\(b\)\(3\)](#).

**Line 4.4** Unpaid cost-sharing amount that the health plan could have collected from enrollees under the contract: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(f\)\(2\)\(iv\)](#).

Unpaid cost-sharing amounts that the MCO could have collected from enrollees under the contract, except those amounts the MCO can show it made a reasonable, but unsuccessful, effort to collect.

**Does not apply.**

**Line 4.5** All changes to unearned premium reserves: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(f\)\(2\)\(v\)](#)



**Does not apply.**

**Line 4.6** Net payments/receipts related to risk sharing mechanisms: The risk-sharing mechanisms referenced in 42 C.F.R. §§ [438.5](#) and [438.6](#) are risk adjustment, risk corridors, reinsurance, and stop loss limits: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(f\)\(2\)\(vi\)](#).

**DENOMINATOR: FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TAXES**

Taxes paid by the MCO if applicable.

**Line 5.1** Statutory assessments to defray the operating expense of any state or federal department: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(f\)\(3\)\(i\)](#).

**Does not apply.**

**Line 5.2** Examination fees in lieu of premium taxes as specified by state law: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(f\)\(3\)\(ii\)](#).

**Does not apply.**

**Line 5.3** Federal taxes and assessments allocated to MCOs: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(f\)\(3\)\(iii\)](#) Federal taxes and assessments allocated to MCOs, excluding Federal income taxes on investment income and capital gains and Federal employment taxes.

**Line 5.4** State and local taxes and assessments: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(f\)\(3\)\(iv\)](#).

(iv) State and local taxes and assessments including:

- (A) Any industry-wide (or subset) assessments (other than surcharges on specific claims) paid to the State or locality directly.
- (B) Guaranty fund assessments.
- (C) Assessments of State or locality industrial boards or other boards for operating expenses or for benefits to sick employed persons in connection with disability benefit laws or similar taxes levied by States.
- (D) State or locality income, excise, and business taxes other than premium taxes and State employment and similar taxes and assessments.
- (E) State or locality premium taxes plus State or locality taxes based on reserves, if in lieu of premium taxes.

**Line 5.5** Amounts otherwise exempt from Federal income taxes for community benefit expenditures: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(f\)\(3\)\(v\)](#).

**45 C.F.R. § 158.162(c)**

(c) Community benefit expenditures. Community benefit expenditures means expenditures for activities or programs that seek to achieve the objectives of improving access to health services, enhancing public health and relief of government burden. This includes any of the following activities that:

- (1) Are available broadly to the public and serve low-income consumers;
- (2) Reduce geographic, financial, or cultural barriers to accessing health services, and if ceased to exist would result in access problems (for example, longer wait times or increased travel distances);
- (3) Address Federal, State or local public health priorities such as advancing health care knowledge through education or research that benefits the public;
- (4) Leverage or enhance public health department activities such as childhood immunization efforts; and
- (5) Otherwise would become the responsibility of government or another tax-exempt organization.

### **MLR Calculation**

This worksheet takes the prior amounts and summarizes them into subtotals and calculates the unadjusted MLR. There are also inputs for member months and credibility adjustments if applicable. The Contractor may add a credibility adjustment to a calculated MLR if the MLR reporting year experience is partially credible but the Contractor may not add a credibility adjustment to a calculated MLR if the MLR reporting year experience is fully credible. If the Contractor's experience is non-credible, it is presumed to meet or exceed the MLR calculation standards.

**The MCO should enter the number of member months in the appropriate cell.**

The State has elected a minimum MLR of 85%

### **Expense Allocation**

Certain expenses may not be attributable to one line of business. Describe methods used to allocate these expenses and how they factor into the MLR calculated for this report. A description can be included in the workbook or a reference can be made to an attached document: See 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(g\)](#).

Each expense must be included under only one type of expense, unless a portion of the expense fits under the definition of, or criteria for, one type of expense and the remainder fits into a different type of expense, in which case the expense must be pro-rated between types of expenses. Expenditures that benefit multiple contracts or populations, or contracts other than those being reported, must be reported on pro rata basis.

Expense allocation must be based on a generally accepted accounting method that is expected to yield the most accurate results and shared expenses, including expenses

under the terms of a management contract, must be apportioned pro rata to the contract incurring the expense. Expenses that relate solely to the operation of a reporting entity, such as personnel costs associated with the adjusting and paying of claims, must be borne solely by the reporting entity and are not to be apportioned to the other entities.

### **Remittance Calculation**

Remittance of amounts owed to the State will be calculated as described in Risk Corridor Program section of the IMC contract.

### **Financial Comparison**

Per 42 C.F.R. § [438.8\(k\)\(1\)\(xi\)](#), a comparison of the financial amounts included in this report and what is reported in audited financials is required. Show the comparison in this worksheet or reference an attached document with the comparison.

### **MLR Report Summary**

This worksheet summarizes the information requested by CMS and meets 42 C.F.R. § [438.8 \(k\)](#).

### **Attestation**

An attestation to the accuracy of this MLR report is required per 42 C.F.R. §§ [438.8\(n\)](#), [438.604\(a\)\(3\)](#), and [438.606](#).

## Exhibit D

### DATA SHARING TERMS

#### 1. Definitions

The definitions below apply to this Exhibit:

- 1.1. **“Authorized User”** means an individual or individuals with an authorized business need to access HCA's Confidential Information under this Contract.
- 1.2. **“Data”** means the information that is collected, accessed, disclosed, or exchanged as described by this Contract. For purposes of this Exhibit, Data means the same as “Confidential Information.”
- 1.3. **“Disclosure”** means the release, transfer, provision of, access to, or divulging in any other manner of information outside the entity holding the information.
- 1.4. **“Electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI)”** means Protected Health Information that is transmitted by electronic media or maintained as described in the definition of electronic media at 45 C.F.R. § 160.103.
- 1.5. **“Hardened Password”** means a string of characters containing at least three of the following character classes: upper case letters; lower case letters; numerals; and special characters, such as an asterisk, ampersand or exclamation point.
  - 1.5.1. Passwords for external authentication must be a minimum of 10 characters long.
  - 1.5.2. Passwords for internal authentication must be a minimum of 8 characters long.
  - 1.5.3. Passwords used for system service or service accounts must be a minimum of 20 characters long.
- 1.6. **“HIPAA Rules”** means the Privacy, Security, Breach Notification, and Enforcement Rules at 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and Part 164.
- 1.7. **“Medicare Data Use Requirements”** refers to the documents attached and incorporated into this Exhibit as Schedules 1, and 2 that set out the terms and conditions the Contractor must agree to for the access to and use of Medicare Data for the Enrollees who are dually eligible in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.
- 1.8. **“Minimum Necessary”** means the least amount of PHI necessary to accomplish the purpose for which the PHI is needed.
- 1.9. **“Portable/Removable Media”** means any Data storage device that can be detached or removed from a computer and transported, including but not limited to: optical media (e.g. CDs, DVDs); USB drives; or flash media (e.g. CompactFlash, SD, MMC).
- 1.10. **“Portable/Removable Devices”** means any small computing device that can be transported, including but not limited to: handhelds/PDAs/Smartphones; Ultramobile PC's, flash memory devices (e.g. USB flash drives, personal media players); and laptops/notebook/tablet computers. If used to store Confidential Information, devices should be Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Level 2 compliant.
- 1.11. **“PRISM”** means the DSHS secure, web-based clinical decision support tool that shows administrative data for each Medicaid Enrollee and is organized to identify care coordination opportunities.
- 1.12. **“Protected Health Information”** or **“PHI”** has the same meaning as in HIPAA, except in this Contract the term includes information only relating to Clients.
- 1.13. **“ProviderOne”** means the Medicaid Management Information System, which is the State's Medicaid payment system managed by HCA.
- 1.14. **“Tracking”** means a record keeping system that identifies when the sender begins delivery of Confidential Information to the authorized and intended recipient, and when the sender receives confirmation of delivery from the authorized and intended recipient of Confidential Information.

- 1.15. **“Transmitting”** means the transferring of data electronically, such as via email, SFTP, webservices, AWS Snowball, etc.
- 1.16. **“Transport”** means the movement of Confidential Information from one entity to another, or within an entity, that: places the Confidential Information outside of a Secured Area or system (such as a local area network); and is accomplished other than via a Trusted System.
- 1.17. **“Trusted System(s)”** means the following methods of physical delivery: (1) hand-delivery by a person authorized to have access to the Confidential Information with written acknowledgement of receipt; (2) United States Postal Service (“USPS”) first class mail, or USPS delivery services that include Tracking, such as Certified Mail, Express Mail or Registered Mail; (3) commercial delivery services (e.g. FedEx, UPS, DHL) which offer Tracking and receipt confirmation; and (4) the Washington State Campus mail system. For electronic transmission, the Washington State Governmental Network (SGN) is a Trusted System for communications within that Network.
- 1.18. **“Unique User ID”** means a string of characters that identifies a specific user and which, in conjunction with a password, passphrase, or other mechanism, authenticates a user to an information system.
- 1.19. **“Use”** includes the sharing, employment, application, utilization, examination, or analysis, of Data.

## 2. Data Classification

- 2.1. The State classifies data into categories based on the sensitivity of the data pursuant to the Security policy and standards promulgated by the Office of the state of Washington Chief Information Officer. See WaTech Data Classification Standards at [https://watech.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/Data%20Classification%20Standard Approved 2023.pdf](https://watech.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/Data%20Classification%20Standard%20Approved%202023.pdf) and which is hereby incorporated by reference.
- 2.2. The Data that is the subject of this Contract is classified as Category 4 – Confidential Information Requiring Special Handling. Category 4 Data is information that is specifically protected from Disclosure and for which:
  - 2.2.1. Especially strict handling requirements are dictated, such as by statutes, regulations, or agreements; and
  - 2.2.2. Serious consequences could arise from unauthorized Disclosure, such as threats to health and safety, or legal sanctions.

## 3. Purpose

- 3.1. This Exhibit D covers all data sharing, collection, maintenance, and Use of Data by the Contractor for work performed under this Contract.

## 4. PRISM Access

- 4.1. Purpose. To provide the Contractor, and Subcontractors, with access to pertinent Enrollee-level Medicaid and when appropriate Medicare Data via look-up access to the online PRISM application and to provide the Contractor staff and Subcontractor staff who have a need to know Enrollee-level Data in order to coordinate care, improve quality, and manage services for their Enrollees.
- 4.2. Justification. The Data being accessed is necessary for the Contractor to provide care coordination, quality improvement, and case management services for Enrollees.
- 4.3. PRISM Data Constraints.
  - 4.3.1. The Data contained in PRISM is owned and belongs to DSHS and HCA. Access to PRISM Data is administered by DSHS.
  - 4.3.2. The Data shared may only be used for care coordination and quality improvement purposes, and no other purposes. The Data in PRISM cannot be used for research.
- 4.4. System Access. The Contractor may request access for specific Authorized Users with a need-to-know to view Data in the PRISM System under this Contract.
  - 4.4.1. The Contractor Contract Manager, or their designee, and the proposed Authorized User must complete and sign the PRISM Access Request Form, Schedule 2, for each proposed

Authorized User. The completed form must be sent to [prism.admin@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:prism.admin@dshs.wa.gov). HCA and DSHS will only accept requests from the Contractor Contract Manager or their designee.

- 4.4.2. Authorized Users may view Medicare Data in PRISM once forms Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 are completed, submitted, and accepted as complete. No Medicare Data is released to The Contractor's Authorized User(s) until the two forms are completed and accepted by DSHS.
- 4.4.3. The Contractor must access these systems through SecureAccessWashington (SAW) or through another method of secure access approved by the HCA and DSHS.
- 4.4.4. DSHS will grant the appropriate access permissions to the Contractor's employees or Subcontractor employees.
- 4.4.5. HCA and DSHS **do not** allow shared User IDs and passwords for use with Confidential Information or to access systems that contain Confidential Information. The Contractor must ensure that only Authorized Users access and use the systems and do not allow employees, agents, or Subcontractors who are not authorized to borrow a User ID or password to access any systems.
- 4.4.6. The Contractor will notify the [prism.admin@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:prism.admin@dshs.wa.gov) within five (5) business days whenever an Authorized User who has access to the Data is no longer employed or contracted by the Contractor, or whenever an Authorized User's duties change such that the user no longer requires access to the Data.
- 4.4.7. The Contractor's access to the systems may be continuously tracked and monitored. HCA and DSHS reserve the right at any time to terminate the Data access for an individual, conduct audits of systems access and use, and to investigate possible violations of this Exhibit, federal, or state laws and regulations governing access to Protected Health Information.

## 5. Constraints on Use of Data

- 5.1. This Contract does not constitute a release of the Data for the Contractor's discretionary use. The Contractor must use the Data received or accessed under this Contract only to carry out the purpose of this Contract. Any ad hoc analyses or other use or reporting of the Data is not permitted without HCA's prior written consent. Any ad hoc analyses or other use or reporting of PRISM Data is not permitted without DSHS's and HCA's prior written consent.
- 5.2. Data shared under this Contract includes data protected by 42 C.F.R. Part 2. In accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 2.32, this Data has been disclosed from records protected by federal confidentiality rules (42 C.F.R. Part 2). The federal rules prohibit Receiving Party from making any further Disclosure of the Data that identifies a patient as having or having had a substance use disorder either directly, by reference to publicly available information, or through verification of such identification by another person unless further Disclosure is expressly permitted by the written consent of the individual whose information is being disclosed or as otherwise permitted by 42 C.F.R. Part 2. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is NOT sufficient for this purpose (42 C.F.R. § 2.31). The federal rules restrict any use of the SUD Data to investigate or prosecute with regard to a crime any patient with a substance use disorder, except as provided at 42 C.F.R. § 2.12(c)(5) and § 2.65.
  - 5.2.1. The information received under Required Reporting for Behavioral Health Supplemental Data Subsection of this Contract is also protected by federal law, including 42 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart D, § 2.53, which requires HCA and their Subcontractors to:
    - 5.2.1.1. Maintain and destroy the patient identifying information in a manner consistent with the policies and procedures established under 42 C.F.R. § 2.16;
    - 5.2.1.2. Retain records in compliance with applicable federal, state, and local record retention laws; and
    - 5.2.1.3. Comply with the limitations on Disclosure and Use in 42 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart D, § 2.53(d).

- 5.3. Any Disclosure of Data contrary to this Contract is unauthorized and is subject to penalties identified in law.
- 5.4. The Contractor must comply with the *Minimum Necessary Standard*, which means the Contractor will use the least amount of PHI necessary to accomplish the Purpose of this Contract.
  - 5.4.1. The Contractor must identify:
    - 5.4.1.1. Those persons or classes of persons in its workforce who need access to PHI to carry out their duties; and
    - 5.4.1.2. For each such person or class of persons, the category or categories of PHI to which access is needed and any conditions appropriate to such access.
  - 5.4.2. The Contractor must implement policies and procedures that limit the PHI disclosed to such persons or classes of persons to the amount reasonably necessary to achieve the purpose of the Disclosure, in accordance with this Contract.
- 5.5. For all Data, including claims data, that is individually identifiable, shared outside of the Contractor's system for research or data analytics not conducted on behalf of the Contractor, the Contractor must provide HCA with thirty (30) calendar days' advance notice and opportunity for review and advisement to ensure alignment and coordination between the Contractor and HCA data governance initiatives. The Contractor will provide notice to [HCAData@hca.wa.gov](mailto:HCAData@hca.wa.gov) and [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov). Notice will include:
  - 5.5.1. The party/ies the Data will be shared with;
  - 5.5.2. The purpose of the sharing; and
  - 5.5.3. A description of the types of Data involved, including specific data elements to be shared.
- 5.6. The Contractor must provide a report by the 15th of each month of all Data, individually identifiable and de-identified, regarding Enrollees, including claims data, shared with external entities, including but not limited to Subcontractors and researchers, to HCA on the supplied template, Data Shared with External Entities Report via MC-Track.

## 6. Security of Data

- 6.1. Data Protection
  - 6.1.1. The Contractor must protect and maintain all Confidential Information gained by reason of this Contract, information that is defined as confidential under state or federal law or regulation, or Data that HCA has identified as confidential, against unauthorized Use, access, Disclosure, modification or loss. This duty requires the Contractor to employ reasonable security measures, which include restricting access to the Confidential Information by:
    - 6.1.1.1. Allowing access only to staff that have an authorized business requirement to view the Confidential Information.
    - 6.1.1.2. Physically securing any computers, documents, or other media containing the Confidential Information.
- 6.2. Data Security Standards
  - 6.2.1. The Contractor must comply with the Data Security Requirements set out in this section and the Washington OCIO Security Policies and Standards. A copy of which is available via hyperlink at: [https://watech.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/141.10\\_SecuringITAssets\\_2023\\_12\\_Parts\\_Rescinded.pdf](https://watech.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/141.10_SecuringITAssets_2023_12_Parts_Rescinded.pdf). All Washington OCIO Security Policies and Standards are hereby incorporated by reference into this Contract.
  - 6.2.2. Data Transmitting
    - 6.2.2.1. When Transmitting Data electronically, including via email, the Data must be encrypted using NIST 800-series approved algorithms (<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsSPs.html>). This includes transmission over the public internet.

- 6.2.2.2. When Transmitting Data via paper documents, the Contractor must use a Trusted System.
- 6.2.3. Protection of Data. The Contractor agrees to store and protect Data as described.
  - 6.2.3.1. Data at Rest:
    - 6.2.3.1.1. Data will be encrypted with NIST 800-series approved algorithms. Encryption keys will be stored and protected independently of the data. Access to the Data will be restricted to Authorized Users through the use of access control lists, a Unique User ID, and a Hardened Password, or other authentication mechanisms which provide equal or greater security, such as biometrics or smart cards. Systems that contain or provide access to Confidential Information must be located in an area that is accessible only to authorized personnel, with access controlled through use of a key, card key, combination lock, or comparable mechanism.
  - 6.2.3.2. Data stored on Portable/Removable Media or Devices
    - 6.2.3.2.1. Confidential Information provided by HCA on Removable Media will be encrypted with NIST 800-series approved algorithms. Encryption keys will be stored and protected independently of the Data.
    - 6.2.3.2.2. HCA's Data must not be stored by the Contractor on Portable Devices or Media unless specifically authorized within the Contract. If so authorized, the Contractor must protect the Data by:
      - 6.2.3.2.2.1. Encrypting with NIST 800-series approved algorithms. Encryption keys will be stored and protected independently of the data;
      - 6.2.3.2.2.2. Controlling access to the devices with a Unique User ID and Hardened Password or stronger authentication method such as a physical token or biometrics;
      - 6.2.3.2.2.3. Keeping devices in locked storage when not in use;
      - 6.2.3.2.2.4. Using check-in/check-out procedures when devices are shared;
      - 6.2.3.2.2.5. Maintaining an inventory of devices; and
      - 6.2.3.2.2.6. Ensuring that when being transported outside of a Secured Area, all devices containing Data are under the physical control of an Authorized User.
  - 6.2.3.3. Paper Documents. Any paper records containing Confidential Information must be protected by storing the records in a Secured Area that is accessible only to authorized personnel. When not in use, such records must be stored in a locked container, such as a file cabinet, locking drawer, or safe, to which only authorized persons have access.
- 6.2.4. Data Segregation
  - 6.2.4.1. HCA Data received under this Contract must be segregated or otherwise distinguishable from non-HCA Data. This is to ensure that when no longer needed by the Contractor, all of HCA's Data can be identified for return or destruction. It also aids in determining whether HCA's Data has or may have been compromised in the event of a security Breach.
  - 6.2.4.2. HCA's Data must be kept in one of the following ways:



- 6.2.4.2.1. On media (e.g. hard disk, optical disc, tape, etc.) which contains only HCA Data;
  - 6.2.4.2.2. In a logical container on electronic media, such as a partition or folder dedicated to HCA's Data;
  - 6.2.4.2.3. In a database that contains only HCA Data;
  - 6.2.4.2.4. Within a database – HCA data must be distinguishable from non-HCA Data by the value of a specific field or fields within database records; or
  - 6.2.4.2.5. Physically segregated from non-HCA Data in a drawer, folder, or other container when stored as physical paper documents.
  - 6.2.4.3. When it is not feasible or practical to segregate HCA's Data from non-HCA data, both HCA's Data and the non-HCA data with which it is commingled must be protected as described in this Exhibit.
- 6.3. Data Disposition
- 6.3.1. Upon request by HCA, at the end of the Contract term, or when no longer needed, Confidential Information/Data must be returned to HCA or disposed of as set out below, except as required to be maintained for compliance or accounting purposes.
  - 6.3.2. Media are to be destroyed using a method documented within NIST 800-88 (<http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsSPs.html>).
  - 6.3.3. For Data stored on network disks, deleting unneeded Data is sufficient as long as the disks remain in a Secured Area and otherwise meet the requirements listed in Subsection 6.2, above. Destruction of the Data as outlined in this section of this Exhibit may be deferred until the disks are retired, replaced, or otherwise taken out of the Secured Area.

## 7. Data Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure

- 7.1. Data Confidentiality.
  - 7.1.1. The Contractor will not use, publish, transfer, sell or otherwise disclose any Confidential Information gained by reason of this Contract for any purpose that is not directly connected with the purpose of this Contract, except:
    - 7.1.1.1. as provided by law; or
    - 7.1.1.2. with the prior written consent of the person or personal representative of the person who is the subject of the Confidential Information.
- 7.2. Non-Disclosure of Data
  - 7.2.1. The Contractor will ensure that all employees or Subcontractors who will have access to the Data described in this Contract (including both employees who will use the Data and IT support staff) are instructed and aware of the use restrictions and protection requirements of this Exhibit before gaining access to the Data identified herein. The Contractor will ensure that any new employee is made aware of the use restrictions and protection requirements of this Exhibit before they gain access to the Data.
  - 7.2.2. The Contractor will ensure that each employee or Subcontractor who will access the Data signs a non-disclosure of confidential information agreement regarding confidentiality and non-disclosure requirements of Data under this Contract. The Contractor must retain the signed copy of the employee non-disclosure agreement in each employee's personnel file for a minimum of six years from the date the employee's access to the Data ends. The Contractor will make this documentation available to HCA upon request.
- 7.3. Penalties for Unauthorized Disclosure of Data
  - 7.3.1. The Contractor must comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations concerning collection, Use, and Disclosure of Personal Information and PHI. Violation of these laws may result in criminal or civil penalties or fines.

- 7.3.2. The Contractor accepts full responsibility and liability for any noncompliance with applicable laws or this Contract by itself, its employees, and its Subcontractors.

## 8. Data Shared with Subcontractors

- 8.1. If Data access is to be provided to a Subcontractor under this Contract, the Contractor must include all of the Data security terms, conditions and requirements set forth in this Exhibit in any such Subcontract. However, no subcontract will terminate the Contractor's legal responsibility to HCA for any work performed under this Contract nor for oversight of any functions and/or responsibilities it delegates to any subcontractor. The Contractor must provide an attestation by January 31, each year that all Subcontractor(s) meet, or continue to meet, the terms, conditions, and requirements in this Exhibit.

## 9. Data Breach Notification

- 9.1. The Breach or potential compromise of Data must be reported to the HCA Privacy Officer at [PrivacyOfficer@hca.wa.gov](mailto:PrivacyOfficer@hca.wa.gov) and to the Managed Care Contract Manager at [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov) within five (5) business days of discovery. If the Contractor does not have full details, it will report what information it has, and provide full details within 15 business days of discovery. To the extent possible, these reports must include the following:
- 9.1.1. The identification of each individual whose PHI has been or may have been improperly accessed, acquired, used, or disclosed;
  - 9.1.2. The nature of the unauthorized Use or Disclosure, including a brief description of what happened, the date of the event(s), and the date of discovery;
  - 9.1.3. A description of the types of PHI involved;
  - 9.1.4. The investigative and remedial actions the Contractor or its Subcontractor took or will take to prevent and mitigate harmful effects, and protect against recurrence;
  - 9.1.5. Any details necessary for a determination of the potential harm to Enrollees whose PHI is believed to have been used or disclosed and the steps those Enrollees should take to protect themselves; and
  - 9.1.6. Any other information HCA reasonably requests.
- 9.2. The Contractor must take actions to mitigate the risk of loss and comply with any notification or other requirements imposed by law or HCA including but not limited to 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Subpart D; RCW 42.56.590; RCW 19.255.010; or WAC 284-04-625.
- 9.3. The Contractor must notify HCA in writing, as described in Section 8.1 above, within two (2) business days of determining notification must be sent to enrollees.
- 9.4. At HCA's request, the Contractor will provide draft Enrollee notification to HCA at least five (5) business days prior to notification, and allow HCA an opportunity to review and comment on the notifications.
- 9.5. At HCA's request, the Contractor will coordinate its investigation and notifications with HCA and the Office of the State of Washington Chief Information Officer (OCIO), as applicable.

## 10. HIPAA Compliance

- 10.1. The Contractor must perform all of its duties, activities, and tasks under this Contract in compliance with HIPAA, the HIPAA Rules, and all applicable regulations as promulgated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, as applicable. The Contractor and Contractor's subcontracts must fully cooperate with HCA efforts to implement HIPAA requirements.
- 10.2. Within ten business days, Contractor must notify the HCA Privacy Officer at [PrivacyOfficer@hca.wa.gov](mailto:PrivacyOfficer@hca.wa.gov), with a copy to the Managed Care Contract Manager at [hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov](mailto:hcamcprograms@hca.wa.gov), of any complaint, enforcement, or compliance action initiated by the Office for Civil Rights based on an allegation of violation of HIPAA or the HIPAA Rules and must inform HCA of the outcome of that action. Contractor bears all responsibility for any penalties, fines, or

sanctions imposed against Contractor for violations of HIPAA or the HIPAA Rules and for any sanction imposed against its Subcontractors or agents for which it is found liable.

## **11. Inspection**

- 11.1. HCA reserves the right to monitor, audit, or investigate the use of Personal Information and PHI of Enrollees collected, used, or acquired by the Contractor during the terms of this Contract. All HCA representatives conducting onsite audits of the Contractor agree to keep confidential any patient-identifiable information which may be reviewed during the course of any site visit or audit.

## **12. Indemnification**

- 12.1. The Contractor must indemnify and hold HCA and its employees harmless from any damages related to the Contractor's or Subcontractor's unauthorized use or release of Personal Information or PHI of Enrollees.

## Medicare Data Use Requirements Documents

Schedule 1: Medicare Part D – Conflict of Interest Attestation

Schedule 2: PRISM Access Request Form

**EXHIBIT D, SCHEDULE 1**  
**MEDICARE PART D - CONFLICT OF ATTESTATION**  
**TEMPLATE**

[[Place organization letterhead here]]

[[Date] ]

Tiffany Maples  
Department of Social and Health Services  
Research and Data Analysis Division  
1114 Washington Street SE  
PO Box 45204  
Olympia, WA 98504-5204  
Email: [prism.admin@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:prism.admin@dshs.wa.gov)

Dear Tiffany Maples,

As a contractor of Washington’s Medicaid agency, [[Organization Name]] intends to receive Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) data from Washington State for coordination of care, quality improvement and/or treatment of persons enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid. We will also be subcontracting with entities who will also access CMS data for care coordination, quality improvement and/or treatment purposes.

We understand that CMS wants assurance that potential conflict of interest related to also operating or affiliation with Part D plans is mitigated when necessary through separation and security of CMS data used for clinical treatment, case management and care coordination, and quality improvement activities.

The contact person for conflict of interest matters within our organization is [[Contact’s First and Last Name]] who can be reached by email at [[email address]] or by phone at [[phone number]].

The following organizations are covered in this attestation that no conflict of interest exists:

[[Name of Organization - with no conflict of interest]  
[[Name of Subcontractor with no conflict of interest] ]

The following organizations are covered in this attestation that conflict of interest potentially does exist, and steps to mitigate said conflict of interest, including separation and security of any CMS data acquired through its work with Washington State to isolate CMS data from unrelated activities in their organization, have been taken:

[[Name of Organization - with potential conflict of interest]  
[[Name of Subcontractor with potential conflict of interest] ]

Sincerely,

[[Signature of person who can legally bind your Organization to the statements above, such as legal staff or organization officer]

[[Title] ]

**EXHIBIT D, SCHEDULE 2**  
**PRISM Access Request Form**

## PRISM Access Request for Multiple Organizations

An Organization may request access to PRISM for its employees or employees of Subcontractors (**Users**) under its Data Share Agreement (DSA) with HCA. The Organization **PRISM Lead** reviews and completes the “Requesting Organization” section. The PRISM Access Request form must be signed by the **PRISM Lead** authorizing the request, which attests to the **Users**’ business need for electronic Protected Health Information, and in the case of a Subcontractor User, attests that the contract with the Subcontractor includes a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement and Medicare data share language, as appropriate. The **User** completes the “User Registration Information” section below and signs the “User Agreement and Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information” page. The **PRISM Lead** then forwards the request to: [PRISM.Admin@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:PRISM.Admin@dshs.wa.gov).

Upon review and acceptance, DSHS and HCA will grant the appropriate access permissions to the User and notify the **PRISM Lead**.

### Changes to Access for Users

The **PRISM Lead** must notify the **PRISM Administrator** within five (5) business days whenever a **User** with access rights leaves employment or has a change of duties such that the User no longer requires access. If the removal of access is emergent, please include that information with the request.

Requesting Organizations (to be completed by PRISM Lead)		
CONTRACTOR'S NAME	STREET ADDRESS (INCLUDE CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE)	
1.		
2.		
3.		
User Registration Information (to be completed by User)		
USER'S NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)	USER'S JOB TITLE	
USER'S BUSINESS EMAIL ADDRESS	USER'S BUSINESS PHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)	
USER'S EMPLOYER	DATE IT SECURITY TRAINING COMPLETED (REQUIRED YEARLY)	
If user will be completing Health Action Plans (HAPs), enter the date training was completed:	DATE HAP TRAINING COMPLETED	DATE HIPAA TRAINING COMPLETED (REQUIRED)
PRISM USER'S SIGNATURE	DATE	PRISM USER'S PRINTED NAME
Authorizing Signature(s)		
<b>Protected Data Access Authorization</b>		
<p>The HIPAA Security rule states that every employee that needs access to electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI) receives authorization from an appropriate authority and that the need for this access based on job function or responsibility is documented. I, the undersigned <b>PRISM Lead</b>, verify that the individual for whom this access is being requested (User or Subcontractor User) has a business need to access this data, has completed the required HIPAA Privacy training and the annual IT Security training and has signed the required <i>User Agreement and Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information</i> included with this Access Request. This User's access to this electronic Protected Health Information (ePHI) is appropriate under the HIPAA Information Access Management Standard and the Privacy Rule. In addition, if applicable, this employee has been instructed on 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 2 that governs the use of alcohol and drug use information and is aware that this type of data must be used only in accordance with these regulations. I have also ensured that the necessary steps have been taken to validate the User's identity before approving access to confidential and protected information. If a Subcontractor is indicated, I attest that the contract with the Subcontractor includes a HIPAA Business Associate Agreement, and where appropriate Medicare data share language.</p>		
PRISM LEAD SIGNATURE (CONTRACTOR 1)	DATE	PRISM LEAD NAME 1 (PRINT)
PRISM LEAD SIGNATURE (CONTRACTOR 2)	DATE	PRISM LEAD NAME 2 (PRINT)
PRISM LEAD SIGNATURE (CONTRACTOR 3)	DATE	PRISM LEAD NAME 3 (PRINT)



**User Agreement and Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information**

Your Organization has entered into a Data Share Agreement (DSA) with the state of Washington Health Care Authority (HCA) that will allow you to access data and records that are deemed Confidential Information as defined below. Prior to accessing this Confidential Information you must sign this **User Agreement and Non-Disclosure of Confidential Information** form.

**Confidential Information**

“Confidential Information” means information that is exempt from disclosure to the public or other unauthorized persons under Chapter 42.56 RCW or other federal or state laws. Confidential Information includes, but is not limited to, Protected Health Information and Personal Information.

“Protected Health Information” means information that relates to: the provision of health care to an individual; the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; or the past, present or future payment for provision of health care to an individual and includes demographic information that identifies the individual or can be used to identify the individual.

“Personal Information” means information identifiable to any person, including, but not limited to, information that relates to a person’s name, health, finances, education, business, use or receipt of governmental services or other activities, addresses, telephone numbers, social security numbers, driver license numbers, credit card numbers, any other identifying numbers, and any financial identifiers.

**Regulatory Requirements and Penalties**

State laws (including, but not limited to, RCW 74.04.060, RCW 74.34.095, RCW 70.02.020 and RC2.70.02.230) and federal regulations (including, but not limited to, HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules, 45 CFR Part 160 and Part 164; Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records, 42 CFR, Part 2; and Safeguarding Information on Applicants and Beneficiaries, 42 CFR Part 431, Subpart F) prohibit unauthorized access, use, or disclosure of Confidential Information. Violation of these laws may result in criminal or civil penalties or fines.

**User Agreement and Assurance of Confidentiality**

In consideration for DSHS and HCA granting me access to PRISM or other systems and the Confidential Information in those systems, I agree that I:

- 1) Will access, use, and disclose Confidential Information only in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and consistent with applicable statutes, regulations, and policies.
- 2) Have an authorized business requirement to access and use DSHS or HCA systems and view DSHS or HCA Confidential Information.
- 3) Will not use or disclose any Confidential Information gained by reason of this Agreement for any commercial, personal, or research purpose, or any other purpose that is not directly connected with client care coordination and quality improvement.
- 4) Will not use my access to look up or view information about family members, friends, the relatives or friends of other employees, or any persons who are not directly related to my assigned job duties.
- 5) Will not discuss Confidential Information in public spaces in a manner in which unauthorized individuals could overhear and will not discuss Confidential Information with unauthorized individuals, including spouses, domestic partners, family members, or friends.
- 6) Will protect all Confidential Information against unauthorized use, access, disclosure, or loss by employing reasonable security measures, including physically securing any computers, documents, or other media containing Confidential Information and viewing Confidential Information only on secure workstations in non-public areas.
- 7) Will not make copies of Confidential Information, or print system screens unless necessary to perform my assigned job duties and will not transfer any Confidential Information to a portable electronic device or medium, or remove Confidential Information on a portable device or medium from facility premises, unless the information is encrypted and I have obtained prior permission from my supervisor.
- 8) Will access, use or disclose only the “minimum necessary” Confidential Information required to perform my assigned job duties.
- 9) Will protect my DSHS and HCA systems User ID and password and not share them with anyone or allow others to use any DSHS or HCA system logged in as me.
- 10) Will not distribute, transfer, or otherwise share any DSHS software with anyone.
- 11) Will forward any requests that I may receive to disclose Confidential Information to my supervisor for resolution and will immediately inform my supervisor of any actual or potential security breaches involving Confidential Information, or of any access to or use of Confidential Information by unauthorized users.
- 12) Understand at any time, DSHS or HCA may audit, investigate, monitor, access, and disclose information about my use of the systems and that my intentional or unintentional violation of the terms of this Agreement may result in revocation of privileges to access the systems, disciplinary actions against me, or possible civil or criminal penalties or fines.
- 13) Understand that my assurance of confidentiality and these requirements will continue and do not cease at the time I terminate my relationship with my employer.

**User’s Signature**

PRISM USER’S SIGNATURE

DATE

PRISM USER’S PRINTED NAME

**Exhibit E**  
**Integrated Managed Care**  
**Health Homes**

**1. Health Homes Definitions**

- 1.1. “Aging and Long-Term Support Administration (ALTSA)” means the administration within the Department of Social and Health Services responsible for providing long-term services and supports to individuals who are functionally and financially eligible to receive such services.
- 1.2. “Allied or Affiliated Staff” means community health workers, peer counselors, wellness or health coaches or other non-clinical personnel who provide supportive services outreach and engagement to the Enrollee under the direction and supervision of the Health Home Care Coordinator.
- 1.3. “Area Agency on Aging (AAA)” means a network of state and local programs that help older people to plan and care for their life long needs.
- 1.4. “Authorizing Entity” means an organization contracted by the state to approve or disapprove covered benefits for Medicaid beneficiaries following utilization guidelines. Examples include Managed Care Organizations, Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations, and Home and Community-based or Area Agency on Aging service entities.
- 1.5. “Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO)” means an entity selected by HCA to administer Behavioral Health services and programs, including Crisis and Ombuds Services for individuals in a defined Regional Service Area. The BH-ASO administers Crisis and Ombuds Services for all individuals in its defined service area, regardless of ability to pay, including Medicaid eligible members.
- 1.6. “Behavioral Health Services” means services that address the promotion of emotional health; the prevention of mental illness and substance use disorders; and the treatment of substance abuse, addiction, substance use disorders, mental illness, and/or mental disorders.
- 1.7. “Behavioral Health Services Only (BHSO)” means those Enrollees who receive only behavioral health benefits through this Contract and the companion non-Medicaid Contract.
- 1.8. “Care Coordination Organization (CCO)” means an organization within the Qualified Health Home network that is responsible for delivering Health Home services.
- 1.9. “Caregiver Activation Measure® (CAM®)” means an assessment that gauges the knowledge, skills and confidence essential to a caregiver providing care for a person with chronic conditions.
- 1.10. “Comprehensive Assessment Report and Evaluation (CARE)” means a person centered tool used by case managers to document a client’s functional ability, determine eligibility for long-term care services, evaluate what and how much assistance a client will receive, and develop a plan of care, as defined in chapter 388-106 WAC.
- 1.11. “Coverage Area(s)” means pre-determined geographical areas composed of specific counties.

- 1.12. "Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)" means the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.
- 1.13. "Designated Staff" means either the Contractor's employee(s) or employee of any Subcontractor or employees of any Health Home Provider with whom the Contractor has a MOA to provide Health Home Services to the Contractor's Enrollees and whom have been authorized by their employer to access data.
- 1.14. "Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)" means the administration within the Department of Social and Health Services that provides services to individuals with developmental disabilities who are functionally and financially eligible to receive such services.
- 1.15. "Engagement" means the Enrollee's agreement to participate in Health Homes as demonstrated by the completion of the Enrollee's Health Action Plan.
- 1.16. "Fee-For-Service (FFS)" means the Medicaid delivery system that provides covered Medicaid benefits to eligible beneficiaries through any willing and contracted Provider. Providers are paid on a per service basis.
- 1.17. "Full Dual Eligible" means a Medicare Beneficiary who is also eligible for the full scope of Medicaid covered benefits.
- 1.18. "Hallmark Events" means elevated episodes of care that have potential to seriously affect the Enrollee's health or health outcomes.
- 1.19. "Health Action Plan (HAP)" means an Enrollee-prioritized plan identifying what the Enrollee plans to do to improve his or her health and well-being.
- 1.20. "Health Home Care Coordinator" means an individual employed by the Contractor or a CCO who provides Health Home Services.
- 1.21. "Health Home Participation Authorization and Information Sharing Consent Form" means a release form signed by the Enrollee to confirm the Enrollee's consent to participate in the health home program and to authorize the release of information to facilitate the sharing of the Enrollee's health information.
- 1.22. "Health Home Services" means a group of six services defined under Section 2703 of the Affordable Care Act. The six (6) Health Home Services are:
  - 1.22.1. Comprehensive Care Management
  - 1.22.2. Care Coordination and Health Promotion
  - 1.22.3. Comprehensive transitional care from inpatient to other settings including appropriate follow-up
  - 1.22.4. Individual and Family Support
  - 1.22.5. Referral to Community and Social Support Services
  - 1.22.6. The use of Health Information Technology to link services, as appropriate
- 1.23. "Involuntary Disenrollment" means the process to disenroll an Enrollee from the Health Home program when health or safety concerns are present, as defined in WAC 182-557-0500.
- 1.24. "Katz Index of Independence in Activities of Daily Living (Katz ADL)" means a screening instrument used to assess basic activities of daily living in older adults in a

variety of care settings.

- 1.25. “Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)” means the variety of services and supports that help people with functional impairments meet their daily needs for assistance in community-based settings and improve the quality of their lives.
- 1.26. “Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding (MOA or MOU)” means a business agreement for partnerships that do not involve a financial arrangement describing the roles and responsibilities of each party to the agreement.
- 1.27. “Parent Patient Activation Measure® (PPAM®)” means an assessment that gauges the knowledge, skills and confidence of the parent’s management of their child’s health.
- 1.28. “Patient Activation Measure® (PAM®)” means an assessment that gauges the knowledge, skills and confidence essential to managing one’s own health and health care.
- 1.29. “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act” or “ACA” means Public Laws 111-148 and 111-152 (both enacted in March 2010).
- 1.30. “PRISM User Coordinator” means the employee appointed by the Contractor to be the point of contact for the HCA and DSHS's PRISM Administration Team.
- 1.31. “Qualified Health Home” means an entity qualified by the state to administer the Health Home program to eligible beneficiaries.

## 2. Health Home Services for IMC Enrollees

- 2.1. The Contractor shall provide Health Home services in addition to the Care Coordination Services described in Section 14 of the IMC Contract, to high cost, high needs Enrollees who meet Health Home eligibility criteria.
- 2.2. Health Home Services shall be community-based, integrated and coordinated across medical, Behavioral Health, and long-term services and supports to Enrollees based on the services described in Section 1945(h)(4) of the Social Security Act.
- 2.3. The Contractor shall ensure that the following are operational:
  - 2.3.1. Submission of completed and updated Health Action Plan (HAP) data through the *OneHealthPort* Health Information Exchange using the OneHealthPort Implementation Guide located at: [https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/HAP\\_CanonicalGuide.pdf](https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/billers-and-providers/HAP_CanonicalGuide.pdf). The HAP data will be stored in a Medicaid data base for evaluation purposes;
    - 2.3.1.1. Each HAP shall be submitted within sixty (60) calendar days of the HAP completion date.
  - 2.3.2. A system to track and share Enrollee information and care needs among Providers, to monitor processes of care and outcomes, and to initiate recommended changes in care as necessary to support health action goals, including the Enrollee’s preferences and identified needs;
  - 2.3.3. A system to track Health Home Services through claims paid or services rendered and report the encounter data in accordance with HCA Encounter Data Reporting Guide;
  - 2.3.4. Enrollee access to a toll-free line and customer service representative to

answer questions, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday regarding Health Home enrollment, disenrollment, and how to access services or request a change to another CCO;

- 2.3.5. A system for emergency consultation and general information available 24/7;
- 2.3.6. Lead Entities must have executed a MOU or MOA with organizations that authorize Medicaid services such as DSHS Home and Community Services (HCS), BH-ASOs, DDA, and Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) to ensure continuity of care. MOU/MOAs must contain information related to Enrollee privacy and protections, data sharing, referral protocols, and sharing of prior authorizations for hospital stays when applicable.
- 2.3.7. The Contractor shall submit encounter data according to the three tier process listed below:
  - 2.3.7.1. Tier One: Outreach, Engagement, and Health Action Plan Development includes:
    - 2.3.7.1.1. Outreach by mail; phone; or other methods, continues until the eligible Enrollee agrees to participate or declines participation in the Health Home program. Contractor must document all attempts to contact Enrollee.
    - 2.3.7.1.2. Engagement occurs when the Enrollee agrees to a face-to-face visit between the Enrollee and the Health Home Care Coordinator in a location of the Enrollee's choosing, such as their home or Provider's office.
    - 2.3.7.1.3. Health Action Plan Development includes face-to-face visits to complete the initial Health Action Plan, the Health Home Participation Authorization and Information Sharing Consent form, and coaching to assist the Enrollee in identifying short and long-term goals and associated action steps.
  - 2.3.7.2. Tier Two: Intensive Health Home Care Coordination is the highest level of Health Home Care Coordination services using one (1) or more elements of the six defined Health Home Services and includes evidence that the Care Coordinator, the Enrollee, and the Enrollee's caregivers are:
    - 2.3.7.2.1. Actively engaged in achieving health action goals;
    - 2.3.7.2.2. Participating in activities that support improved health and well-being; and
    - 2.3.7.2.3. Have value for the Enrollee and caregivers, supporting an active level of care coordination through delivery of Health Home Services.
    - 2.3.7.2.4. Typically Intensive Health Home Care Coordination includes one face-to-face visit with the Enrollee every month in which a qualified Health Home Service is provided. Exceptions to the monthly face-to-face visit may be approved by the Contractor as long as the Health Home

Services provided during the month achieve one or more of the following:

- 2.3.7.2.4.1. Clinical, functional, and resource use screens, including screens for depression, alcohol or substance use disorder, functional impairment, and pain appropriate to the age and risk profile of the individual;
  - 2.3.7.2.4.2. Continuity and coordination of care through in-person visits, and the ability to accompany Beneficiaries to Health Care Provider appointments, as needed;
  - 2.3.7.2.4.3. Enrollee assessments to determine readiness for self-management and to promote self-management skills to improve functional or health status, or prevent or slow declines in functioning;
  - 2.3.7.2.4.4. Fostering communication between the providers of care, including the treating Primary Care Provider, medical specialists, personal care Providers and others, and entities authorizing Behavioral Health and long-term services and supports;
  - 2.3.7.2.4.5. Promoting optimal clinical outcomes, including a description of how progress toward outcomes will be measured through the Health Action Plan;
  - 2.3.7.2.4.6. Health education and coaching designed to assist Beneficiaries to increase self-management skills and improve health outcomes; and
  - 2.3.7.2.4.7. Use of peer supports, support groups, and self-care programs to increase the Enrollee's knowledge about their health care conditions and improve adherence to prescribed treatment.
- 2.3.7.3. Tier Three: Low-Level Health Home Care Coordination occurs when the Enrollee and Health Home Care Coordinator identify that the Enrollee has achieved a sustainable level of progress toward meeting self-directed goals, or upon the Enrollee's request.
- 2.3.7.3.1. Low-Level Health Home Care Coordination includes monitoring the Enrollee's health care needs and progress toward meeting self-directed goals using one (1) or more of the six defined Health Home Services.
  - 2.3.7.3.2. At least one (1) qualified Health Home Service must be delivered during the month through face-to-face visits or

telephone calls.

- 2.3.7.4. The Tier will not change from month to month between Tier Two and Tier Three unless:
  - 2.3.7.4.1. The Enrollee and/or their caregivers consistently demonstrate an intensive or low-level Health Home need; or
  - 2.3.7.4.2. The Enrollee requests to change Tiers.
- 2.3.8. The Contractor's PRISM Coordinator shall identify all Designated Staff who have a business need to access PRISM.
  - 2.3.8.1. The Contractor shall ensure that Designated Staff complete and submit to the DSHS PRISM Administration Team all the necessary forms required by CMS and DSHS for data authorization and PRISM access, including:
    - 2.3.8.1.1. The PRISM Registration form; and
    - 2.3.8.1.2. The DSHS provided spreadsheet.
  - 2.3.8.2. The Contractor shall promptly notify the DSHS PRISM Administration Team to remove established Designated Staff user accounts due to employment termination, job reassignment, or other changes in circumstances.
- 2.3.9. Policies and Procedures: The Contractor shall abide by all HCA policies and procedures for Health Home services, and maintain regularly updated Contractor-specific policies and procedures that address the following:
  - 2.3.9.1. The requirement to maintain frequent, contact between the Health Home Enrollee and the Health Home Care Coordinator when delivering Health Home services;
  - 2.3.9.2. Ongoing availability of support staff to complement the work, collaborate, receive direction and report to the Health Home Care Coordinator;
  - 2.3.9.3. Support screening, referral and co-management of individuals with both Behavioral Health and physical health conditions;
  - 2.3.9.4. The Contractor's and subcontractor's roles and responsibilities for Enrollee engagement;
  - 2.3.9.5. Ensuring an appointment reminder system is in place for Enrollees.
  - 2.3.9.6. Tracking of Enrollee assignment to Care Coordination Organizations;
  - 2.3.9.7. Referrals to HCA for eligibility review of any potential Enrollee who seeks or needs Health Home services;
  - 2.3.9.8. Transitional care services for Enrollees transferring to or from a hospital, other inpatient setting, or emergency departments;
  - 2.3.9.9. A policy and procedure to deal with the compromise or potential compromise of Data that complies with the HITECH Act of ARRA; and

- 2.3.9.10. Due diligence for contacting the Enrollee for affirmation of participation.
- 2.3.9.11. Identify and address Enrollee gaps in care through:
  - 2.3.9.11.1. Assessment of existing data sources (e.g., PRISM, CARE, etc.) for evidence of the standard of care for and preventive care appropriate to the Enrollee's age and underlying chronic conditions;
  - 2.3.9.11.2. Evaluation of Enrollee perception of gaps in care;
  - 2.3.9.11.3. Documentation of gaps in care in the Enrollee case file;
  - 2.3.9.11.4. Documentation of interventions in HAP and progress notes;
  - 2.3.9.11.5. Findings from the Enrollee's response to interventions; and
  - 2.3.9.11.6. Documentation of follow-up actions, and the person or organization responsible for follow-up.

### **3. Health Home Care Coordinator Qualification and Training Requirements**

The Contractor shall ensure that:

- 3.1. Health Home Coordinators must possess one of the following licenses or credentials:
  - 3.1.1. Current license as registered nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, licensed practical nurses, psychiatric nurses, psychiatrists, physician assistants, clinical psychologists, mental health counselors, agency affiliated counselors, marriage and family therapists or certified chemical dependency professionals, or;
  - 3.1.2. Master's or Bachelor's in social work, psychology, social services, human services, behavioral sciences, or;
  - 3.1.3. Certified Medical Assistants with an Associate Degree or Indian Health Service (IHS) Certified Community Health Representatives (CHR).
- 3.2. The Contractor may request an exception for candidates who do not meet the qualifications in 3.1.
- 3.3. Health Home Care Coordinators and affiliated staff complete Enrollee confidentiality, data security, and mandatory reporting training upon hire and annually thereafter.
- 3.4. Health Home Care Coordinators complete the State-approved Health Home Care Coordinator training prior to completing the HAP with the Enrollee.
- 3.5. Health Home Care Coordinators complete the following training modules through State-sponsored classroom training or using State-developed training materials published on the DSHS website within six (6) months of hire.
  - 3.5.1. Outreach and Engagement Strategies;
  - 3.5.2. Navigating the LTSS System;
  - 3.5.3. Cultural and Disability Considerations;



- 3.5.4. Assessment Screening Tools; and
- 3.5.5. Coaching and Engaging Clients with Mental Health Needs.
- 3.6. Health Home Care Coordinators and affiliated personnel comply with continued training requirements as necessary.
- 3.7. Evidence of satisfactory completion of training requirements is maintained in the appropriate personnel records.
- 3.8. The Contractor has a Health Home Care Coordinator trainer on staff to participate in training related activities and to provide the Health Home Care Coordinator training.
  - 3.8.1. The Contractor may subcontract for Health Home Care Coordinator training services with another contracted Qualified Health Home Lead Entity.
  - 3.8.2. The trainer shall be qualified by DSHS prior to providing Health Home Care Coordinator training.
  - 3.8.3. Trainer Qualification includes:
    - 3.8.3.1. Completion of the Health Home Care Coordinator training course;
    - 3.8.3.2. Completion of a State-sponsored trainer's preparation course;
    - 3.8.3.3. Satisfactory delivery of a Health Home Care Coordinator training observed by DSHS; and
    - 3.8.3.4. Receipt of a State-issued letter authorizing the individual to provide training to Health Home Care Coordinators.
  - 3.8.4. The Contractor shall ensure that the trainer uses and maintains fidelity to the State-developed Training Manual for Health Home Care Coordinators.
- 3.9. The Health Home Care Coordinator training must be delivered using only DSHS approved materials. Training should not include any additional curriculum or materials.
- 3.10. The trainer shall not change, alter, or modify the State-approved Health Home Care Coordinator training, activities, curriculum or materials or include unauthorized topics, curriculum, or material in the Health Home Care Coordinator Training.

#### **4. Eligibility and Enrollment**

HCA shall determine eligibility and identify Enrollees who are eligible for the Contractor's Health Home program.

- 4.1. Those determined eligible for Health Home services must have at least one chronic condition and be at risk of a second as determined by a minimum PRISM score of 1.5 (as determined by a PRISM score under WAC 182-557-0200). The chronic conditions are:
  - 4.1.1. Mental health conditions;
  - 4.1.2. Substance use disorders;
  - 4.1.3. Asthma;
  - 4.1.4. Diabetes;

- 4.1.5. Heart disease;
  - 4.1.6. Cancer;
  - 4.1.7. Cerebrovascular disease;
  - 4.1.8. Coronary artery disease;
  - 4.1.9. Dementia or Alzheimer's disease;
  - 4.1.10. Intellectual disability or disease;
  - 4.1.11. HIV/AIDS;
  - 4.1.12. Renal failure;
  - 4.1.13. Chronic respiratory conditions;
  - 4.1.14. Neurological disease;
  - 4.1.15. Gastrointestinal disease;
  - 4.1.16. Hematological conditions; and
  - 4.1.17. Musculoskeletal conditions.
- 4.2. HCA shall include a Health Home Clinical Indicator in the monthly enrollment file of IMC and BHSO Enrollees that meet Health Home criteria.
- 4.2.1. The Contractor shall ensure eligible IMC Health Home Enrollees are offered Health Home services through a contracted Qualified Health Home or a CCO until they agree to participate or decline to participate in the Health Home program.
  - 4.2.2. The Contractor must document in the client record why an eligible Enrollee declines to participate, unless the Enrollee does not want to explain his or her decision.
  - 4.2.3. When an Enrollee's PRISM risk score falls below 1.0 for six (6) consecutive months and the Enrollee has not been engaged in Health Home services, the Enrollee may be temporarily disenrolled at the Contractor's request via a Health Home Eligibility Update Project report initiated by HCA. If the Enrollee meets Health Home eligibility criteria, they must be re-enrolled with the Contractor.
- 4.3. The Contractor shall ensure Health Home eligible Enrollees are assigned a Health Home Care Coordinator through a Qualified Health Home.
- 4.4. Enrollees who have agreed to participate may disenroll from the Health Home program at any time. The Contractor shall maintain a record of all Enrollees who choose to disenroll from the Health Home program and the reason why.
- 4.5. Enrollees may be reenrolled in the Health Home program at any time if they meet the eligibility criteria at the time of the reenrollment request.
- 4.6. The Contractor shall use a standardized tool provided by the State to determine initial eligibility for Health Home services if the Enrollee has less than fifteen (15) months of claims history or is referred by a Provider. The Contractor shall notify HCA when the

Enrollee has been screened. When HCA determines the Enrollee qualifies, the Contractor shall ensure the Enrollee receives Health Home services unless the Enrollee declines to participate in the program.

- 4.7. The Contractor shall accept referrals for Health Home services from any health care Provider, whether or not the Provider is contracted with the Contractor.

## **5. Assignment**

- 5.1. The Contractor shall use a smart assignment process that takes into account the Enrollee's current Health Care Provider(s) when assigning Health Home Enrollees to community based subcontracted CCOs. The Contractor will:
  - 5.1.1. Use PRISM or other data systems to match the Enrollee to a CCO that provides most of the Enrollee's services; or
  - 5.1.2. Allow Enrollee choice of CCOs.
- 5.2. Subcontracted community based CCOs will receive a priority in the assignment of the total Health Home eligible Enrollees.
- 5.3. The Contractor shall ensure the Health Home eligible Enrollee is assigned to a Health Home CCO or internal Health Home Care Coordinator within thirty (30) calendar days of initial date of Health Home identification and enrollment.
- 5.4. The Contractor shall achieve and maintain the managed care Health Home eligible Enrollee engagement rate of at least 15 percent based on HCA's monthly Health Home Enrollment and Encounter Summary.
- 5.5. The Health Home Care Coordinator or affiliated staff shall:
  - 5.5.1. Arrange an in-person visit in the Enrollee's choice of location;
  - 5.5.2. Describe the program to the Enrollee including a description of Health Home services and care coordination;
  - 5.5.3. Arrange an appointment with the Health Home Care Coordination to complete the HAP;

## **6. Health Action Plan**

- 6.1. The Contractor shall ensure initial HAPs are completed within ninety (90) calendar days from the date of notification of the Enrollee's Health Home eligibility. A complete HAP must include documentation of agreement by the Enrollee to participate in the Health Home program.
  - 6.1.1. An Enrollee reentering the Health Home program, after disenrolling, will have a new opt in date generated upon agreeing to participate in the program. An initial Tier One HAP will not be completed for those Enrollees who have completed one previously. A HAP will be completed appropriate for their Care Coordination Tier.
- 6.2. The Contractor shall ensure the Health Home Care Coordinator uses the following resources to develop Enrollee HAPs:

- 6.2.1. The Enrollee's medical record, if available;
  - 6.2.2. PRISM data;
  - 6.2.3. Treatment plans, CARE assessments, and results of previous screens and assessments, if available;
  - 6.2.4. Information from the Contractor's authorization and service utilization systems; and
  - 6.2.5. Input from the Enrollee and his or her family and/or caregivers.
- 6.3. The Health Home Care Coordinator shall meet with the Enrollee in person to complete the initial HAP including the following:
- 6.3.1. The Health Home Care Coordinator meets with each Enrollee at the Enrollee's choice of location;
  - 6.3.2. The Health Home Participation Authorization and Information Sharing Consent form is completed;
  - 6.3.3. The Care Coordinator evaluate the Enrollee's support system;
  - 6.3.4. The Care Coordinator explains, develops, and completes the HAP with input from the Enrollee and/or the Enrollee's caregiver(s);
  - 6.3.5. The HAP documents the Enrollee's diagnosis, long-term goals, short-term goals, and related action steps to achieve those goals identifying the individual responsible to complete the action steps;
  - 6.3.6. The HAP includes the required BMI, Katz ADL, and PSC-17 or PHQ-9 screening scores;
  - 6.3.7. The HAP includes the required Patient Activation Measure (PAM®), or Patient Parent Activation Measure (PPAM®), or Caregiver Activation Measure (CAM®) activation level and screening score;
  - 6.3.8. The Health Home Care Coordinator also documents in the HAP all other screenings administered when medically indicated; and
    - 6.3.8.1. Additional screenings shall be completed, in alignment with state training, at the professional discretion of the Care Coordinator, or when indicated:
      - 6.3.8.1.1. By the assessment;
      - 6.3.8.1.2. By a diagnosis; or
      - 6.3.8.1.3. When the beneficiary identifies a concern related to pain, substance use disorder, falls, or anxiety.
  - 6.3.9. The HAP includes the reason the Enrollee declined assessment or screening tools.
  - 6.3.10. HAPs must be reviewed and updated by the Health Home Care Coordinator at a minimum:
    - 6.3.10.1. After every four (4) month activity period to update the PAM®, PPAM®, or CAM®; BMI; Katz ADL; and PSC-17 or PHQ-9 screening

scores and reassess the Enrollee's progress towards meeting self-identified health action goals, add new goals or change in current goals; and

- 6.3.10.2. Whenever there is a change in the enrollee's health status or a change in the Enrollee's needs or preferences.
- 6.3.11. A completed and updated HAP with the Enrollee's goals and action steps must be provided to the Enrollee and with the Enrollee's consent shared with the Enrollee's caregiver and family in a format that is easily understood. Any additional information shall be included as an addendum to the HAP.
- 6.3.12. Additional information not included in the State-developed HAP form must be included as an addendum.
- 6.3.13. Written information in the HAP must use language that is understandable to the Enrollee and/or the Enrollee's caregiver(s).
- 6.3.14. With Enrollee's consent, completed and updated HAPs must be shared with other individuals identified and authorized by the Enrollee on the signed Health Home Participation Authorization and Information Sharing Consent form.
- 6.3.15. The Health Home Care Coordinator shall meet with the Enrollee in person to complete the initial HAP. HAP updates or renewals may be done face-to-face, which can include the use of HIPAA-compliant telehealth. The HAP must include the following:
  - 6.3.15.1. Explain the HAP and the development process to the Enrollee;
  - 6.3.15.2. Complete a Health Home Participation Authorization and Information Sharing Consent form;
  - 6.3.15.3. Evaluate the Enrollee's support system; and
  - 6.3.15.4. Administer and score either the PAM®, PPAM® or CAM®.
- 6.3.16. The Health Home Care Coordinator uses the PAM®, PPAM®, or CAM® to:
  - 6.3.16.1. Measure activation and behaviors that underlie activation including ability to self-manage, collaborate with Providers, maintain function, prevent declines and access appropriate and high quality health care;
  - 6.3.16.2. Target tools and resources commensurate with the Enrollee's level of activation;
  - 6.3.16.3. Provide insight into how to reduce unhealthy behaviors and grow and sustain healthy behaviors to lower medical costs and improve health;
  - 6.3.16.4. Document health care problems through the combined review of medical records, PRISM and face-to-face visits with the Enrollee; and
  - 6.3.16.5. As indicated by clinical judgment, complete HCA-approved screening tools for Behavioral Health conditions, if not already obtained from other sources.
- 6.3.17. Completed and updated HAP Data shall be submitted to HCA through the OneHealthPort (OHP) Health Information Exchange using the published OHP Implementation Guide and shall be preserved in the Contractor's local records

for evaluation purposes.

## **7. Care Coordinator Responsibilities**

- 7.1. The Health Home Care Coordinator shall provide or oversee interventions that address the medical, social, economic, Behavioral Health, functional impairment, cultural and environmental factors affecting Enrollee's health and health care choices available to Health Home Enrollees.
- 7.2. The Health Home Care Coordinator shall provide or oversee Health Home Services in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner and address health disparities by:
  - 7.2.1. Interacting directly with the Enrollee and his or her family in the Enrollee's primary language and recognizing cultural differences when developing the HAP;
  - 7.2.2. Understanding the dynamics of substance use disorder without judgment; and
  - 7.2.3. Recognizing obstacles faced by persons with developmental disabilities and providing assistance to the Enrollee and his or her caregivers in addressing the obstacles.
- 7.3. The Health Home Care Coordinator shall:
  - 7.3.1. Discuss changes in Enrollee circumstances or condition with the treating/authorizing entities who serve the Enrollee;
  - 7.3.2. Document changes in the Enrollee's circumstances or conditions in the HAP in a timely manner;
  - 7.3.3. With the Enrollee's permission, include paid or unpaid caregivers who have a role in supporting the Enrollee to achieve health action goals and access health care and other services;
  - 7.3.4. Collaborate with Health Care Professionals such as Primary Care Providers, Mental Health Professionals, substance use disorder treatment Providers, social workers, and direct care Providers;
  - 7.3.5. Have access to Providers from the local community who authorize Medicaid, state or federally funded mental health, long-term services and supports (including the direct care workforce), substance use disorder and medical services. This group may include BH-ASOs, DSHS-Home and Community Services (HCS), Community Mental Health Agencies (CMHA's), Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), substance use disorder Providers, and community supports that assist with housing; and
  - 7.3.6. Coordinate or collaborate with nutritionist/dieticians, direct care workers, pharmacists, peer specialists, family members, and housing or employment representatives or others to support the Enrollee's HAP.
  - 7.3.7. Review the information sharing consent of the Participation Authorization form with the Enrollee at a minimum of once per year.

## **8. Health Home Key Services**

### **8.1. Comprehensive Care Management Services**

#### **8.1.1. The Contractor shall ensure the Health Home Care Coordinator:**

- 8.1.1.1. Documents interactions with the Health Home Enrollee including periodic follow-up, both face-to-face and telephonically;
- 8.1.1.2. Assesses Enrollee's readiness for self-management and promotion of self-management skills;
- 8.1.1.3. Reassesses the HAP and Health Home Enrollee's progress in meeting goals;
- 8.1.1.4. Manages barriers to achieving health action goals;
- 8.1.1.5. Facilitates communication between the Health Home Enrollee and service Providers to address barriers and achieve health action goals;
- 8.1.1.6. Supports the achievement of self-directed, health goals designed to attain recovery, improve functional or health status or prevent or slow declines in functioning;
- 8.1.1.7. Reassesses patient activation at minimum every four (4) month activity period, or more frequently if changes warrant reassessment using the PAM®, PPAM® or CAM® and documents the results in the HAP; and
- 8.1.1.8. Ensures communication, coordination, and care management functions are not duplicated between the Health Home Care Coordinator and Medicaid case managers involved in the Enrollee's care, including DSHS and AAA case managers.

### **8.2. Care coordination and health promotion**

#### **8.2.1. The Contractor shall ensure the Health Home Care Coordinator:**

- 8.2.1.1. Develops and executes cross-system care coordination to assist Enrollees to access and navigate needed services;
- 8.2.1.2. Fosters communication between the care Providers, including the treating Primary Care Provider, medical specialists, Behavioral Health Providers and entities authorizing Behavioral Health and long-term services and supports;
- 8.2.1.3. Maintains a caseload that ensures timely intervention;
- 8.2.1.4. Uses community health workers, peer counselors or other non-clinical staff to assist clinical staff in the delivery of Health Home Services;
- 8.2.1.5. Provides interventions that recognize and are tailored for the medical, social, economic, Behavioral Health, functional impairment, cultural and environmental factors that affect an Enrollee's health and health care choices; and
- 8.2.1.6. Provides educational materials that promote the following:
  - 8.2.1.6.1. Improved clinical outcomes;

- 8.2.1.6.2. Enrollee participation in his or her care;
  - 8.2.1.6.3. Continuity of care;
  - 8.2.1.6.4. Increased self-management skills; and
  - 8.2.1.6.5. Use of peer supports to increase the Enrollee's knowledge about his or her health conditions and improve adherence to prescribed treatment.
- 8.2.2. Shares the HAP with individuals identified by the Enrollee, with the Enrollee's written consent. These individuals may include, but are not limited to: family, caregivers, Primary Care Providers, mental health treatment Providers, and authorizers of long term services and supports and/or substance use disorder treatment Providers.
- 8.2.2.1. The HAP shall provide written evidence of:
    - 8.2.2.1.1. The Enrollee's chronic conditions, severity factors and gaps in care, activation level, and opportunities to prevent avoidable emergency room, inpatient hospital and institutional use;
    - 8.2.2.1.2. Enrollee self-identified goals;
    - 8.2.2.1.3. Needed interventions and desired outcomes;
    - 8.2.2.1.4. Transitional care planning, including assessment and deployment of needed supports; and
    - 8.2.2.1.5. Use of self-management, recovery and resiliency principles that employ person-identified supports, including family members, and paid or unpaid caregivers.
  - 8.2.2.2. The Health Home Care Coordinator shall assess the Enrollee's patient activation scores and level to determine the appropriate coaching methods and a teaching and support plan that includes:
    - 8.2.2.2.1. Introduction of customized educational materials based on the Enrollee's readiness for change;
    - 8.2.2.2.2. Progression of customized educational materials in combination with the Enrollee's level of confidence and self-management abilities;
    - 8.2.2.2.3. Documentation of opportunities for mentoring and modeling communication with health care Providers provided through joint office visits and communications with Health Care Providers by the Enrollee and the Health Home Care Coordinator;
    - 8.2.2.2.4. Documentation of wellness and prevention education specific to the Enrollee's chronic conditions, including assessment of need and facilitation of routine preventive care;
    - 8.2.2.2.5. Support for improved social connections to community networks, and links the Enrollee with resources that



support a health promoting lifestyle; and

8.2.2.2.6. Links to resources for, but not limited to: smoking cessation, substance use disorder prevention, nutritional counseling, obesity reduction, increasing physical activity, disease-specific or chronic care management self-help resources, and other services, such as housing, based on individual needs and preferences.

8.2.3. Accompanies the Enrollee to critical health care and social service appointments when necessary to assist the Enrollee in achieving his or her health action goals.

8.2.4. Ensures treating Providers and authorizing entities coordinate and mobilize to reinforce and support the Enrollee's health action goals.

### **8.3. Transitional Care**

8.3.1. The Contractor shall provide and document the comprehensive transitional care for Health Home Enrollees to prevent avoidable readmission after discharge from an inpatient facility and to ensure proper and timely follow-up care.

8.3.2. In addition to services described in Transitional Care provisions of this Contract, the Contractor's transitional care planning process must include:

8.3.2.1. Participation by the Health Home Care Coordinator in appropriate phases of care transitions, including discharge planning; visits during hospitalizations or nursing home stays; home visits; post hospital/institutional stays; and follow-up telephone calls;

8.3.2.2. A notification system between the Contractor and facilities that provides prompt notification of an Enrollee's admission or discharge from an emergency department or inpatient setting;

8.3.2.3. Progress notes or a case file that documents the notification;

8.3.2.4. Transition planning details such as medication reconciliation, follow-up with Providers and monitoring documented in the HAP;

8.3.2.5. The Contractor may employ staff that have been trained specifically to provide transitional services, as long as the Health Home Care Coordinator is an active participant in the transitional planning process; and

8.3.2.6. Established frequency of communicating hallmark events to the assigned Health Home Care Coordinator.

### **8.4. Individual and family support**

8.4.1. The Contractor shall use peer supports, support groups, and self-management programs as needed, to increase the Enrollee's and caregiver's knowledge of the Enrollee's chronic conditions, promote the Enrollee's capabilities and engagement in self-management, and help the Enrollee improve adherence to prescribed treatment.

8.4.2. The Contractor shall ensure the Health Home Care Coordinator, with the

Enrollee's participation:

- 8.4.2.1. Identifies the role that the Enrollee's family, informal supports and paid caregivers provide to help the Enrollee achieve self-management and optimal levels of physical and cognitive function;
- 8.4.2.2. Educates and supports self-management; self-help recovery and other resources necessary for the Enrollee, his or her family and caregivers to support the Enrollee's individual health action goals;
- 8.4.2.3. Documents discussion of advance care planning with the Enrollee within the first year of the Enrollee's agreement to participate in the Health Home program; and
- 8.4.2.4. Communicates and shares information with the Enrollee's family and other caregivers, with appropriate consideration of language, activation level, literacy, and cultural preferences.

### **8.5. Referral to community and social support services**

8.5.1. The Health Home Care Coordinator shall ensure that:

- 8.5.1.1. Available community resources are identified and accessible to the Health Home Enrollee.
- 8.5.1.2. Referrals:
  - 8.5.1.2.1. Are overseen by the Health Home Care Coordinator;
  - 8.5.1.2.2. Support the Enrollee's health action goals;
  - 8.5.1.2.3. Include long-term services and supports, mental health, substance use disorder and other community and social supports; and
  - 8.5.1.2.4. Are documented in the Enrollee's progress notes and HAP.
- 8.5.1.3. Assistance is provided to the Enrollee to obtain and maintain eligibility for health care services, disability benefits, housing, personal needs and legal services, when needed and not provided through other case management systems.
- 8.5.1.4. Services are coordinated with appropriate departments of local, state, and federal governments and community-based organizations.

## **9. Quarterly Quality Reports**

- 9.1. The Contractor shall submit quarterly quality reports via HCA's Managed File Transfer (MFT) site every three months in the current report format provided by HCA in accordance with the following reporting periods:
  - 9.1.1. January through March due May 1;
  - 9.1.2. April through June due August 1;
  - 9.1.3. July through September due November 1; and

9.1.4. October through December due February 1.

9.2. Reports using the incorrect report template will be returned to the Contractor to resubmit within two (2) business days.

## Exhibit F, RAC Codes

### Apple Health Fully Integrated Managed Care (AH-FIMC) Medical and Behavioral Health (BH)

Exhibit F: RAC Codes

Non-duals Medicare status code 0, 0H

Category	Description	FIMC	BHSO	Current RACs (*Disabled RACs are in <b>bold</b> )
<b>(a)</b> Apple Health Family = Healthy Options (HO) <b>CNP</b>	Washington Apple Health managed care for families (parents, children, and pregnant women)	X		<b>1018, 1023</b> , 1197, 1198, 1199, 1200, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205, 1275, 1276
	Categorically Needy Program, Long-Term Care child <19, pregnant age 19> in hospital or facility over 30 days; or 19-22 in a mental institution since before 21 <sup>st</sup> birthday	X		1052, 1053, 1055 *living arrangement/institutional status code is "not IM"
<b>(b)</b> Apple Health Blind Disabled = Healthy Options Blind/Disabled (HOBD) <b>CNP</b>	Washington Apple Health managed care for blind/disabled clients. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and SSI related. Categorically Needy Program and may receive home and community-based waiver/hospice services	X		<b>1047, 1105, 1107, 1110, 1111, 1121, 1134, 1147, 1150, 1151, 1153, 1175, 1219, 1221, 1224, 1225, 1237, 1239, 1245, 1247, 1252, 1253, 1254, 1255, 1258, 1259, 1261, 1263, 1267, 1268, 1269</b>
	Categorically Needy Program, Long- Term Care 65+	X		1065, 1068, 1071, 1073 *living arrangement/ institutional status "not IM"
	Categorically Needy Program, Long-Term Care, Blind/Disabled  *Added to HOBD program effective 04/01/2016	X		<b>1067, 1070, 1162, 1163</b> *living arrangement/ institutional status "not IM"
	Categorically Needy Program, 65+	X		1046, 1104, 1106, 1108, 1109, 1146, 1148, 1149, 1152, 1174, 1218, 1220, 1222, 1223, 1238, 1244, 1246, 1248, 1249, 1250, 1251, 1256, 1257, 1260, 1262, 1264, 1265, 1266, 1271
<b>(c)</b> Apple Health Adult Coverage (AHAC) <b>ABP</b>	Washington Apple Health managed care for single adults (expansion population). Categorically Needy Program plus habilitative services	X		1201, 1217, 1274
<b>(d)</b> State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) <b>CNP</b>	Children with incomes above Medicaid limit. Are enrolled in Apple Family Health = Healthy Options but pay a small premium. Categorically needy program benefits.	X	X	1206, 1207

\*Medicaid clients who are exempt from AH-FIMC will be enrolled into a BHSO plan to access their behavioral health services.

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**Medicaid Dual Eligible Population (a)**

Medicare Savings Program (MSP) RACs by themselves pay Medicare premiums only; when used in combination with a Medicaid RAC with CNP or MNP benefits and Medicare Status code 2, 2H, 4, 4H the client becomes a Dual and Behavioral Health Services Only (BHSO) premiums are paid.

Medicare Status Code 8 or 8H in combination with any Medicaid RAC CNP or MNP the client becomes a Dual and would receive BHSO in the Early Adopter program.

Category	Description	FIMC	BHSO	Current RACS (*Disabled RACs are in bold)
MSP Medicare Savings Program	Medicare Savings Program: state only pays deductible, coinsurance or premiums		X	1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118

**Comparable Coverage (Third Party Insurance/Liability) (b)**

An Enrollee who has other insurance that HCA has determined provides the minimum essential benefits for major medical required under the Affordable Care Act or similar benefits or Washington Medicaid’s Categorically Needy Program, (CNP) benefit package.

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**Spend-down (c)**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>FIMC</b>	<b>BHSO</b>	<b>Current RACS</b> (*Disabled RACs are in <b>bold</b> )
<b>LCP-MNP</b> Spenddown child under 19	Limited Casualty- Medically Needy Program, spenddown child under 19		X	1039
<b>LCP-MNP</b> , Duals, 65+, Spenddown	Limited Casualty-Medically Needy Program, dual coverage on spenddown		X	1124
<b>LCP-MNP</b> , Spenddown, Blind/Disabled	Limited Casualty-Medically needy Program on spenddown, blind/disabled		X	<b>1126</b>
<b>LCP-MNP</b> , Pregnancy, Spenddown	Limited Casualty-Medically Needy Program, pregnancy on spenddown		X	1101, 1102
<b>LCP-MNP</b> , ALF, 65+,	Limited Casualty - Medically Needy Program, living in Alternate Living Facility (adult family home, boarding home or other DDD group home). 65+ and may have spenddown		X	1048
<b>LCP-MNP</b> , ALF, Blind/Disabled	Limited Casualty - Medically Needy Program, living in Alternate Living Facility (adult family home, boarding home or other DDD group home). Blind/disabled and may have spenddown		X	<b>1049</b>
<b>LCP-MNP</b> , LTC, Spenddown, Blind/Disabled	Limited Casualty-Medically Needy Program on spenddown, blind/disabled		X	<b>1086, 1091</b>
<b>LCP-MNP</b> , Dual, 65+, LTC, Spenddown	Limited Casualty-Medically Needy Program, long term care with dual coverage, 65+, spenddown		X	1083, 1088

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**Institution for Mental Disease (d)**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>FIMC</b>	<b>BHSO</b>	<b>Current RACS (*Disabled RACs are in bold)</b>
<b>CNP</b> , Institutional SSI and Institutional SSI Related in IMD (child under 22), Blind/Disabled	Categorically Needy Program, blind/disabled in Institution for Mental Disease Long Term Care (child under 22)	.	X	<b>1164, 1165, 1168, 1169</b>
<b>CNP</b> , Institutional SSI and Institutional SSI Related in IMD 65+	Categorically Needy Program, SSI eligible, in Institution for Mental Disease (65+)		X	1066, 1069, 1072, 1074
<b>MNP</b> , Institutional SSI and Institutional SSI Related in IMD, Blind/Disabled	Medically Needy Program, blind/disabled, in Institution for Mental Disease, age <=22 may have spenddown		X	<b>1166, 1167</b>
LCP- <b>MNP</b> , Institutional SSI and Institutional SSI Related in IMD, Spenddown	Limited Casualty -Medically Needy Program, in Institution for Mental Disease, (65+) may have spenddown		X	1084, 1089
<b>CNP</b> , LTC	Categorically Needy Program, Long-Term Care child <19, pregnant woman age 19> in hospital or facility over 30 days; or 19-22 in a mental institution since before 21 <sup>st</sup> birthday; or 65> in mental institution		X	1052, 1053, 1055 If living arrangement or institutional status code is "IM"
LCP- <b>MNP</b> , LTC	Limited Casualty - Medically Needy Program, Long Term Care, < Age 22; or pregnant women = > Age 19 in institution for Mental Disease, may have spenddown.		X	1059, 1061
<b>Pregnant Women non-citizens (undocumented) (e)</b>				
CNP, MAGI, Federally funded pregnancy for non-citizens ( <b>undocumented</b> )	Categorically Needy Program, Modified Adjusted Gross Income, Federally funded pregnancy for non-citizens ( <b>undocumented</b> )		X	1209
CNP, BCCTP	Categorically Needy Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program for women (BCCTP)		X	1122

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**Hospice (f)**

CNP, Hospice, SSI, CNIL, SIL, 65+	Hospice Categorically Needy Income level, Special Income Level to determine eligibility, 65+		X	1240, 1241,1236
CNP, Hospice, SSI, CNIL, SIL, Blind/Disabled	Hospice Categorically Needy Income level, Special Income Level to determine eligibility, blind /disabled		X	<b>1242, 1243</b>

**Long Term Care Institutional (g)**

<b>CNP</b> , LTC,65+	Categorically Needy Program, Long- Term Care 65+		X	1065, 1068, 1071, 1073 living arrangement /institutional status "IM"
<b>CNP</b> , SSI or SSI related institutional, Blind/Disabled	Categorically Needy Program, Long-Term Care, blind/disabled		X	<b>1067, 1070, 1162, 1163</b> living arrangement /institutional status "IM"



<b>Refugees (h)</b>				
CNP, Family LTC, Adults	Categorically Needy Family Long Term Care; adult Refugee with date of entry <= 7 months; in hospital or LTC facility over 30 days		X	1054
CNP, Refugee adult or child	Refugee Medical Assistance		X	1103

<b>Breast and Cervical Cancer (i)</b>				
CNP, BCCTP	Categorically Needy Program, Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program (BCCTP) for women		X	1122

<b>Pregnant Women (not federally qualified) (j)</b>				
CNP	Categorically Needy Magi Pregnancy Medicaid; for pregnant women who are not federally qualified due to citizenship/alien status.		X	1209

## Exhibit G

### Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Managed Care Addendum for Indian Health Care Providers (IHCPs)

#### 1. Purpose of Addendum; Supersession.

The purpose of this Medicaid Managed Care Addendum for Indian Health Care Providers (IHCPs) is to apply special terms and conditions necessitated by federal law and regulations to the network provider agreement by and between \_\_\_\_\_ (herein "Managed Care Plan") and \_\_\_\_\_ (herein "Indian Health Care Provider (IHCP)"). To the extent that any provision of the Managed Care Plan's network provider agreement or any other addendum thereto is inconsistent with any provision of this Addendum, the provisions of this Addendum shall supersede all such other provisions.

#### 2. Definitions.

For purposes of this Addendum, the following terms and definitions shall apply:

- a. "American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN)" means any individual defined at 25 U.S.C. §§ 1603(13), 1603(28), or 1679(a), or who has been determined eligible as an Indian, under 42 C.F.R. § 136.12. This means the individual is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe or resides in an urban center and meets one or more of the following criteria:
  - i. Is a member of a tribe, band, or other organized group of Indians, including those tribes, bands, or groups terminated since 1940 and those recognized now or in the future by the state in which they reside, or who is a descendant, in the first or second degree, of any such member;
  - ii. Is an Eskimo or Aleut or other Alaska Native;
  - iii. Is considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose; or
  - iv. Is determined to be an Indian under regulations issued by the Secretary.

The term "AI/AN" also includes an individual who is considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose or is considered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to be an Indian for purposes of eligibility for Indian health care services, including as a California Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native.

- b. "Indian Health Care Provider (IHCP)" means a health care program operated by the Indian Health Service (IHS) or by an Indian Tribe, Tribal Organization, or Urban Indian Organization (otherwise known as an I/T/U) as those terms are defined in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603).
- c. "Managed Care Plan" includes a Managed Care Organization (MCO), Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP), Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP), Primary Care Case Manager (PCCM) or Primary Care Case Managed Entity (PCCM entity) as those terms are used and defined in 42 C.F.R. § 438.2, and any subcontractor or instrumentality of such entities that is engaged in the operation of a Medicaid managed care contract.
- d. "Indian Health Service or IHS" means the agency of that name within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services established by the IHCA Section 601, 25 USC 1661.
- e. "Indian tribe" has the meaning given in the IHCA Section 4(14), 25 U.S.C. § 1603(14).
- f. "Tribal health program" has the meaning given in the IHCA Section 4(25), 25 U.S.C. § 1603(25).
- g. "Tribal organization" has the meaning given in the IHCA Section 4(26), 25 U.S.C. § 1603(26).

- h. “Urban Indian organization” has the meaning given in the IHCIA Section 4(29), 25 § U.S.C. 1603(29).

**3. Description of IHCP.**

The IHCP identified in Section 1 of this Addendum is (check the appropriate box):

IHS.

An Indian tribe that operates a health program under a contract or compact to carry out programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) of the IHS pursuant to the ISDEAA, 25 U.S.C. § 450 et seq.

A tribal organization that operates a health program under a contract or compact to carry out programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) of the IHS pursuant to the ISDEAA, 25 U.S.C. § 450 et seq.

A tribe or tribal organization that operates a health program with funding provided in whole or part pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 47 (commonly known as the Buy Indian Act).

An urban Indian organization that operates a health program with funds in whole or part provided by IHS under a grant or contract awarded pursuant to Title V of the IHCIA.

**4. Cost-Sharing Exemption for AI/ANs; No Reduction in Payments.**

The Managed Care Plan shall not impose any enrollment fee, premium, or similar charge, and no deduction, copayment, cost sharing, or similar charge shall be imposed against an AI/AN who is furnished an item or service directly by the Indian Health Service, an Indian Tribe, Tribal Organization or Urban Indian Organization or through referral under contract health services.

Payments due to the Indian Health Service, an Indian Tribe, Tribal Organization, or Urban Indian Organization, or a health care IHCP through referral under contract health services for the furnishing of an item or service to an AI/AN who is eligible for assistance under the Medicaid program may not be reduced by the amount of any enrollment fee, premium, or similar charge, and no deduction, copayment, cost sharing, or similar charge. Section 1916(j) of the Social Security Act, (42 U.S.C. § 1396o-(j)), 42 C.F.R. §§ 447.56 and 457.535.

**5. Enrollee Option to Select the IHCP as Primary Health Care IHCP.**

The Managed Care Plan shall allow any AI/AN otherwise eligible to receive services from an IHCP to choose the IHCP as the AI/AN's primary health care provider if the IHCP has the capacity to provide primary care services to such AI/AN, and any referral from such IHCP to a network provider shall be deemed to satisfy any coordination of care or referral requirement of the Managed Care Plan. Section 1932(h)(1) of the Social Security Act, (42 U.S.C. § 1396u-2(h)), 42 C.F.R §§ 438.14((b)(3), and 457.1209.

**6. Agreement to Pay IHCP.**

The Managed Care Plan shall pay the IHCP for covered Medicaid managed care services in accordance with the requirements set out in section 1932(h) of the Social Security Act, (42 U.S.C. § 1396u-2(h)), 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.14 and 457.1209.

**7. Persons Eligible for Items and Services from IHCP.**

- a. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed to in any way change, reduce, expand, or alter the eligibility requirements for services through the IHCP's programs, as determined by federal law including the IHCIA, 25 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq. and/or 42 C.F.R. Part 136.
- b. No term or condition of the Managed Care Plan's network provider agreement or any addendum thereto shall be construed to require the IHCP to serve individuals who are ineligible for services from the IHCP. The Managed Care Plan acknowledges that pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 80.3(d), an individual shall not be deemed subjected to discrimination by

reason of his/her exclusion from benefits limited by federal law to individuals eligible for services from the IHCP. IHCP acknowledges that the nondiscrimination provisions of federal law may apply.

**8. Applicability of Federal Laws not Generally Applicable to other Providers.**

Certain federal laws and regulations apply to IHCPs, but not other providers. IHCPs cannot be required to violate those laws and regulations as a result of serving MCO enrollees. Applicable provisions may include, but are not limited to, those laws cited in Appendix A.

**9. Non-Taxable Entity.**

To the extent the IHCP is a non-taxable entity, the IHCP shall not be required by a Managed Care Plan to collect or remit any federal, state, or local tax.

**10. Insurance and Indemnification.**

- a. Indian Health Service. The Indian Health Service (IHS) shall not be required to obtain or maintain insurance (including professional liability insurance), provide indemnification, or guarantee that the managed care plan will be held harmless from liability. This is because the IHS is covered by the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), which means that the United States consents to be sued in place of federal employees for any damages to property or for personal injury or death caused by the negligence or wrongful act or omission of federal employees acting within the scope of their employment. Nothing in the managed care plan network provider agreement (including any addendum) shall be interpreted to authorize or obligate any IHS employee to perform any act outside the scope of his/her employment.
- b. Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations. A provider which is an Indian tribe or a tribal organization operating under a contract or compact to carry out programs, services, functions, and activities (or portions thereof) of the IHS pursuant to the ISDEAA, 25 U.S.C. § 450, or employee of a tribe or tribal organization (including contractors) shall not be required to obtain or maintain insurance (including professional liability insurance), provide indemnification, or guarantee that the managed Care Plan will be held harmless from liability. This is because Indian tribes and tribal organizations operating under a contract or compact to carry out programs, services, functions, and activities, (or programs thereof) of the IHS pursuant to the ISDEAA, 25 U.S.C. § 450, are covered by the FTCA, which means the United States consents to be sued in place of employees of a tribe or tribal organization (including contractors) for any damages to property or for personal injury or death caused by the negligence or wrongful act or omission of employees acting within the scope of their employment. Nothing in the Managed Care Plan network provider agreement (including any addendum) shall be interpreted to authorize or obligate such provider, any employee of such provider, or any personal services contractor to perform any act outside the scope of his/her employment.
- c. Urban Indian Organizations. A provider which is an urban Indian organization shall not be required to obtain or maintain insurance (including professional liability insurance), provide indemnification, or guarantee that the managed care plan will be held harmless from liability to the extent the provider attests that it is covered by the FTCA. Nothing in the Managed Care Plan network provider agreement or any addendum thereto shall be interpreted to authorize or obligate such provider or any employee of such provider to perform any act outside the scope of his/her employment.

**11. Licensure and Accreditation.**

Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. §§ 1621t and 1647a, the managed care organization shall not apply any requirement that any entity operated by the IHS, an Indian tribe, tribal organization or urban Indian organization be licensed or recognized under the state or local law where the entity is located to furnish health care services, if the entity attests that it meets all the applicable

standards for such licensure or recognition. In addition, the managed care organization shall not require the licensure of a health professional employed by such an entity under the state or local law where the entity is located, if the professional is licensed in another state.

**12. Dispute Resolution.**

In the event of any dispute arising under the Managed Care Plan's network provider agreement or any addendum thereto, the parties agree to meet and confer in good faith to resolve any such disputes. Notwithstanding any provision in the Managed Care Plan's network agreement, the IHCP shall not be required to submit any disputes between the parties to binding arbitration.

**13. Governing Law.**

The Managed Care Plan's network IHCP agreement and all addenda thereto shall be governed and construed in accordance with federal law of the United States. In the event of a conflict between such agreement and all addenda thereto and federal law, federal law shall prevail. Nothing in the Managed Care Plan's network IHCP agreement or any addendum thereto shall subject an Indian tribe, tribal organization, or urban Indian organization to state law to any greater extent than state law is already applicable.

**14. Medical Quality Assurance Requirements.**

To the extent the Managed Care Plan imposes any medical quality assurance requirements on its network IHCPs, any such requirements applicable to the IHCP shall be subject to Section 805 of the IHCA (25 U.S.C. § 1675).

**15. Claims Format.**

The Managed Care Plan shall process claims from the IHCP in accordance with Section 206(h) of the IHCA (25 U.S.C. § 1621e(h)), which does not permit an issuer to deny a claim submitted by a IHCP based on the format in which submitted if the format used complies with that required for submission of claims under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act or recognized under Section 1175 of such Act.

**16. Payment of Claims.**

The Managed Care Plan shall pay claims from the IHCP in accordance section 1932(h)(2) of the Act, (42 U.S.C. § 1396u-2(h)), 42 C.F.R. §§ 438.14(c)(2), and 457.1209 (the "Federal Payment Amount Requirements"), and shall pay at either the rate provided under the state plan in a Fee-For-Service payment methodology, or the applicable encounter rate published annually in the Federal Register by the IHS (the "IHS Encounter Rate"), whichever is higher; provided that, if the Managed Care Plan does not pay the IHS Encounter Rate, the state shall pay the difference between the IHS Encounter Rate and the amount paid by the Managed Care Plan such that the IHCP receives the amount to which it is entitled under the Federal Payment Amount Requirements.

**17. Hours and Days of Service.**

The hours and days of service of the IHCP shall be established by the IHCP. The IHCP agrees that it will consider input from the Managed Care Plan as to its hours and days of service. At the request of the Managed Care Plan, such IHCP shall provide written notification of its hours and days of service.

**18. Coordination of Care/Referral Requirements.**

The Provider may make referrals to in-network providers and such referrals shall be deemed to meet any coordination of care and referral obligations of the Managed Care Plan.

**19. Sovereign Immunity.**

Nothing in the Managed Care Plan's network IHCP agreement or in any addendum thereto

shall constitute a waiver of federal or tribal sovereign immunity.

**20. Endorsement.**

IHS or IHCP names and positions may not be used to suggest official endorsement or preferential treatment of the managed care plan.

**APPROVALS**

**For the Managed Care Plan:**

**For the IHCP:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX A

The following laws apply to each type of IHCP as follows:

(a) Indian Health Service:

- (1) Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. § 1341;
- (2) ISDEAA, 25 U.S.C. § 450 et seq.;
- (3) Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA"), 28 U.S.C. §§ 2671-2680;
- (4) Federal Medical Care Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2651-2653;
- (5) Federal Privacy Act of 1974 ("Privacy Act"), 5 U.S.C. § 552a, 45 C.F.R. Part 5b;
- (6) IHCA, 25 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.

(b) An Indian tribe or a Tribal organization that is an IHCP:

- (1) ISDEAA, 25 U.S.C. § 450 et seq.;
- (2) IHCA, 25 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.; (3) FTCA, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2671-2680;
- (3) Federal Medical Care Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2651-2653;
- (4) Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, 45 C.F.R. Part 5b;
- (5) HIPAA, 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164.

(c) An urban Indian organization that is an IHCP:

- (1) IHCA, 25 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq.
- (2) Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a, 45 C.F.R. Part 5b;
- (3) HIPAA, 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164.

**EXHIBIT H**  
**SCOPE OF BENEFITS**  
**APPLE HEALTH INTEGRATED MANAGED CARE (IMC)**  
**APPLE HEALTH INTEGRATED FOSTER CARE (IFC)**

As required by 42 C.F.R. § 438.210 for the Washington Apple Health contracts, the table below provides a general description of the scope of services included by Apple Health Contract type, i.e., Integrated Managed Care (“IMC”), Integrated Foster Care (“IFC”), and Behavioral Health Services Only (“BHSO”). For scope of care for IMC Enrollees and managed care organization benefit administration requirement, see WAC 182-538-095.

For more information regarding the health care coverage, see WAC 182-501-0050, for health care coverage-program benefit packages by Enrollee eligibility category, see WAC 182-501-0060, and for a description of the category of covered services, see WAC 182-501-0065.

The limitations of amount, scope, or duration noted in the regulations referenced below set the minimum standard the Contractor must apply. The Contractor may set limits on amount, scope, or duration more generous than the State’s fee-for-service program (FFS) but cannot be more restrictive. The WACs in this table are informational and are not incorporated by reference in this Contract.

Service	IMC	IFC	BHSO	Summary of Scope/Limitations
<b>Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)</b>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available to all Enrollees regardless of age when medically necessary.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC references</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applied behavior analysis (ABA)—Client eligibility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531A-0400</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Applied behavior analysis (ABA)—Stage one: Center of Excellence (COE) evaluation and order. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531A-0500</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Applied behavior analysis (ABA)—Stage two: Functional assessment and treatment plan development. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531A-0600</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Applied behavior analysis (ABA)—Stage three: Delivery of ABA services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531A-0700</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Applied behavior analysis (ABA)—Covered services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531A-0900</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Applied behavior analysis (ABA)—Noncovered services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531A-1000</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Applied behavior analysis (ABA)—Prior authorization and recertification of ABA</li> </ul>



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				services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531A-1100</li> </ul>
<b>Behavioral Health services</b>	X	X	X	Services include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Behavioral Health Care Coordination and Community Integration;</li> <li>● Crisis Intervention;</li> <li>● Crisis Stabilization;</li> <li>● Intake evaluation, assessment, and screenings (mental health);</li> <li>● Intake evaluation, assessment, and screenings (Substance Use or Problem Gambling Disorder);</li> <li>● Medication Management;</li> <li>● Medication Monitoring;</li> <li>● Peer Support Services;</li> <li>● Substance Use Disorder Brief Intervention;</li> <li>● Substance Use Disorder Case Management;</li> <li>● Substance Use Disorder Withdrawal Management;</li> <li>● Substance Use or Problem Gambling Disorder Treatment Interventions;</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC references:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Psychiatric physician-related services and other professional mental health services.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-1400</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Substance abuse detoxification physician-related services.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-1650</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Alcohol and substance misuse counseling (SBIRT)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-1710</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Community Behavioral Health Services</b>	X	X	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Contracted services include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supportive Supervision.</li> <li>○ CBHS is not subject to medical necessity.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>WAC References</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chapter 182-561 WAC</li> </ul>
<b>Dental Services</b>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Contracted services include:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Prescriptions written by a dentist.</li> <li>○ ABCD Services provided by an ABCD certified PCP.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medical/surgical services provided by a dentist.</li> <li>○ Hospital/Ambulatory Surgery Center facility charges.</li> <li>● All other dental services are covered FFS by WA State HCA.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ABCD Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-535-1245</li> <li>○ WAC 182-535-1270</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Physician-Related Services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Chapter 182-531 WAC</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Prescription drug coverage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-530-2000</li> <li>○ WAC 182-530-2100</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Diagnostic Services (Laboratory and Radiology)</b>	X	X	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● “Pathology services” are the same as “laboratory services” and are covered under the inpatient hospital benefit.</li> <li>● For BHSO Enrollees – only Behavioral Health related services are covered.</li> <li>● Limitations shown below are for outpatient diagnostic services only: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Drug screens only when medically necessary and when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ordered by a physician as part of a medical evaluation; or</li> <li>▪ As drug and alcohol screens required to assess suitability for medical tests or treatment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Portable x-ray services furnished in the Enrollee’s home or a nursing facility are limited to films that do not involve the use of contrast media.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Anesthesia providers and covered physician-related services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-0300</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Laboratory and pathology physician-related services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-0800</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Radiology physician-related services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-1450</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Donor Human Milk</b>	X	X	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Medically necessary donor human milk for any inpatient use when ordered by a licensed health care provider with</li> </ul>

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				<p>prescriptive authority or an international board-certified lactation consultant certified by the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBCLE) for an infant who is medically or physically unable to receive maternal human milk or participate in chest feeding or whose parent is medically or physically unable to produce maternal human milk in sufficient quantities or caloric density or participate in chest feeding, if the infant meets at least one of the criteria listed in accordance with RCW 48.43.518(1)(a) – (o).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WAC 110-300-0281</li> </ul>
<b>Enteral Nutrition</b>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enteral nutrition products and supplies for tube-feeding are covered for all Enrollees.</li> <li>• Medically necessary oral enteral nutrition products, including prescribed infant formulas not covered by WIC or additional quantities beyond amounts allowed by WIC, for Enrollees 20 years of age and under.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Eligibility Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-554-300</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Covered Orally Administered Enteral Nutrition Products, Equipment, and Related Supplies, age 20 and younger: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-554-500</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Covered Orally Administered Enteral Nutrition Products, Equipment, and Related Supplies: Thickeners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-554-525</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Covered orally administered enteral nutrition products, equipment and related supplies—Enrollees with amino acid, fatty acid, and carbohydrate metabolic disorders, and phenylketonuria. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-554-550</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Covered enteral nutrition products, equipment and related supplies—Tube-delivered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-554-600</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Noncovered—Enteral nutrition products,</li> </ul>

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				equipment, and related supplies. ○ WAC 182-554-800
<b>EPSDT</b>	X	X	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For IMC / IFC, all services, including non-covered, for children ages 20 and under must be reviewed for medical necessity.</li> <li>• For BHSO, only Behavioral Health services provided through a behavioral health agency are covered, including non-covered, for children ages 20 and under must be reviewed for medical necessity.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPSDT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-534-0100</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Health care general coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-501-0050</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Freestanding Kidney Centers</b>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covered as an outpatient service when provided by a freestanding renal dialysis center or a freestanding community hemodialysis unit.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-540-110</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Covered services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-540-130</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Noncovered services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-540-140</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reimbursement – General <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-540-150</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Epoetin alpha (EPO) therapy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-540-200</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Health Care Professional Services</b>	X	X		<p>Services include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcohol and substance misuse counseling</li> <li>• Allergen immunotherapy services;</li> <li>• Anesthesia services;</li> <li>• Dialysis and end stage renal disease services</li> <li>• Emergency physician services;</li> <li>• ENT (ear, nose, and throat) related services;</li> <li>• Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment (EPSDT) services;</li> <li>• Habilitative services;</li> <li>• Reproductive health services;</li> <li>• Hospital inpatient services;</li> <li>• Maternity care, delivery, and newborn care services;</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Licensed non-nurse midwives must be an agency approved provider to participate in homebirths and in birthing centers.</li> <li>● Office visits;</li> <li>● Vision-related services</li> <li>● Osteopathic treatment services;</li> <li>● Pathology and laboratory services;</li> <li>● Physiatry and other rehabilitation services</li> <li>● Foot care and podiatry services;</li> <li>● Primary care services;</li> <li>● Collaborative Care services;</li> <li>● Psychiatric services;</li> <li>● Psychotherapy services;</li> <li>● Pulmonary and respiratory services;</li> <li>● Radiology services;</li> <li>● Surgical services;</li> <li>● Cosmetic, reconstructive, or plastic surgery, and related services and supplies to correct physiological defects (e.g., congenital or as a result of illness or physical trauma), or for mastectomy reconstruction for post cancer treatment;</li> <li>● Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)</li> <li>● Tobacco/nicotine cessation counseling;</li> <li>● Vaccines for adults, adolescents, and children;</li> <li>● Physical Examinations only when the examination is for one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A screening exam covered by the EPSDT program</li> <li>○ An annual exam for clients of the division of developmental disabilities; or</li> <li>○ A screening pap smear, mammogram, or prostate exam.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scope of coverage for physician-related and health care professional services—General and administrative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-0100</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Noncovered physician-related and health care professional services—General and administrative. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-0150</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Anesthesia providers and covered physician-related services.</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-0300</li> <li>● HIV/AIDS counseling and testing as physician-related services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-0600</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Inpatient chronic pain management physician-related services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-0700</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Inpatient hospital physician-related services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-0750</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Laboratory and pathology physician-related services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-0800</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Office and other outpatient physician-related services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-0950</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Manipulative therapy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-1050</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Foot care services for Enrollees twenty-one years of age and older. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-1300</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Sleep studies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-1500</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Sterilization physician-related services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-1550</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Tobacco/nicotine cessation counseling. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-1720</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Bariatric surgery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-1600</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Washington apple health—Gender dysphoria treatment program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-1675</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Hearing Aids</b>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Monaural hearing aids including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fitting</li> <li>○ Follow up</li> <li>○ Batteries</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Cochlear implants</li> <li>● Bone Anchored Hearing Aids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Covered for ages 20 and younger</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● General. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-547-0100</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Eligibility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-547-0700</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Coverage—Clients age twenty years and</li> </ul>

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				<p>younger.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-547-0800</li> <li>● Coverage—Clients age twenty-one and older. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-547-0850</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Noncovered services—Clients age twenty-one and older. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-547-0900</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Hearing Evaluations</b>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Assessments of children with hearing loss, determination of the range, nature and degree of hearing loss, including the referral to medical or other professional services for restoration and rehabilitation due to hearing disorders.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Audiology services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-0375</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Home Health Services</b>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nursing care services are limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Services that are medically necessary;</li> <li>○ Services that can be safely provided in the home setting;</li> <li>○ Two visits per day (except for the services listed below);</li> <li>○ Three high risk obstetrical visits per pregnancy; and</li> <li>○ Infant home phototherapy that was not initiated in the hospital setting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Home health aide services must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Intermittent or part time;</li> <li>○ Ordered by a physician on a plan of care established by the nurse or therapist;</li> <li>○ Provided by a Medicare-certified home health agency;</li> <li>○ Limited to one medically necessary visit per day;</li> <li>○ Supervised by the nurse or therapist biweekly in the Enrollee’s home.</li> <li>○ Social services providing care management to home health clients based on assessment of needs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● General. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-2000</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Skilled services – requirements.</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-2030</li> <li>● Face-to-face requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-2040</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Covered skilled nursing services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-2100</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Covered specialized therapy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-2100</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Covered aide services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-2120</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Delivered through telemedicine. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-2125</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Noncovered services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-2130</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Exceptions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-2140</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Private duty nursing for Enrollees age seventeen and younger – general. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-3000</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Private duty nursing for Enrollees age seventeen and younger – client eligibility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-3100</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Private duty nursing for Enrollees age seventeen and younger – authorization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-3400</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Home infusion/ Parenteral Nutrition Program</b>	X	X		<p>Covered when Enrollee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Has a written physician order for all solutions and medications to be administered.</li> <li>● Is clinically stable and has a condition that does not warrant hospitalization,</li> <li>● Is able to manage their infusion in one of the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Independently</li> <li>● With a volunteer caregiver who can manage the infusion</li> <li>● By choosing to self-direct the infusion with a paid caregiver.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Home infusion therapy/parenteral nutrition program –Enrollee eligibility and assignment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-553-300</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Home infusion therapy/parenteral nutrition program – coverage, services, limitation, prior authorization, and</li> </ul>



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<b>Hospice Services</b>	X	X		<p>reimbursement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-553-500</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Includes services for adults and children and provided in Skilled Nursing Facilities/Nursing Facilities, hospitals, hospice care centers and the Enrollee's home.</li> <li>● Pediatric Concurrent Care for children on hospice in accordance with section 2302 of the Affordable Care Act. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hospice Enrollees 20 years of age and under are eligible.</li> <li>○ The hospice benefit may be elected without foregoing curative services to which the Enrollee is entitled for treatment of the terminal condition.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Applicability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-1000</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Hospital care—General. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-1100</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Specific items/services not covered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-1600</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Hospital Services-Inpatient</b>	X	X	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chronic pain management is limited to inpatient services provided by an agency-approved pain center in a hospital.</li> <li>● Long-term acute care services are provided in agency approved hospitals. This is not sub-acute care; rather this is intensive acute inpatient care provided to patients who would otherwise remain in intensive care or a similar level of care outside of a hospital's intensive care unit.</li> <li>● For BHSO Enrollees, only Inpatient Behavioral Health related services are covered.</li> <li>● Treatment in an Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) is provided for up to sixty days of inpatient psychiatric treatment as an in-lieu-of service.</li> <li>● Inpatient administrative days for birthing parent of newborns with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome or Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome.</li> <li>● Inpatient administrative days for those days of a hospital stay in which the</li> </ul>

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				<p>Enrollee does not meet criteria for acute inpatient level of care, as determined by the MCO, but is not discharged because appropriate placement outside the hospital is not available.</p> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covered and noncovered revenue codes categories and subcategories for inpatient hospital services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-1400</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Specific items/services not covered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-1600</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Transplant coverage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-1900</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Inpatient chronic pain management services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-2400</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Acute physical medicine and rehabilitation (acute PM&amp;R) program—General. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-2501</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Client eligibility requirements for acute PM&amp;R services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-2521</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Inpatient psychiatric services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-2600</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Admin day rate</li> <li>• WAC 182-550-4550</li> </ul>
<b>Hospital Services - Outpatient</b>	X	X	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital-owned institutional facilities that are hospital-based may provide outpatient hospital services to eligible Enrollees.</li> <li>• Freestanding hospital-owned institutional facilities that are nonhospital-based may provide outpatient services to eligible Enrollees.</li> <li>• Freestanding Ambulatory Surgery Centers</li> <li>• Rural Health Clinics</li> <li>• Federally Qualified Health Center services</li> <li>• For BHSO Enrollees, only Behavioral Health related services are covered.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicability.</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-1000</li> <li>● Hospital care – general. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-1100</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Restrictions on coverage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-1200</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Covered and noncovered revenue code categories and subcategories for outpatient hospital services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-1500</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Specific items/services not covered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-1600</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Outpatient hospital diabetes education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-6400</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Federally qualified health center – services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-548-1300</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Rural health clinics – services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-549-1300</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Medical Nutrition Therapy</b>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Covered for all ages</li> <li>● Includes medical nutrition therapy, nutrition assessment, and counseling for conditions that are within the scope of practice for a registered dietitian (RD) to evaluate and treat.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Eligibility <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-555-0300</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Covered services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-555-0500</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Medical supplies</b>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Medical supplies, equipment, and appliances suitable for use in the home in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 440.70.</li> <li>● Medical supplies, equipment and appliances must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Medically necessary;</li> <li>○ In the Enrollee’s plan of care; and</li> <li>○ Ordered by the treating physician and renewed annually.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hospital beds, mattresses, and related equipment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-543-3000</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Patient lifts/traction, equipment/fracture,</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>and frames/transfer boards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-543-3100</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Osteogenesis electrical stimulator (bone growth stimulator). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-543-3300</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Communication devices/speech generating devices (SGD). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-543-3400</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ambulatory aids (canes, crutches, walkers, related supplies). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-543-3500</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wheelchairs—General. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-543-4000</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wheelchairs—Manual. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-543-4100</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wheelchairs—Power-drive. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-543-4200</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Prosthetics/orthotics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-543-5000</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Medical supplies and related services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-543-5500</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Medical equipment for Enrollees in skilled nursing facilities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-543-5700</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Nursing Facility Services</b>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rehabilitative or Skilled services only.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outpatient hospital services – conditions of payment and payment methods. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-6000</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Nursing Facility Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 388-97-0020</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Outpatient hospital physical therapy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-6100</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Outpatient hospital occupational therapy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-6150</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Outpatient hospital speech therapy services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-550-6200</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Physical Rehabilitative Services</b>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical therapy, occupational therapy, and services for individuals with speech, hearing, and language disorders are provided when medically necessary and in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 440.110.</li> <li>• Includes Neurodevelopmental Centers for Enrollees age 20 and under.</li> </ul>

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May be provided by a home health agency or medical rehabilitation facility.</li> </ul> <p><b>WAC References</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outpatient rehabilitation (occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-545-200</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Habilitative services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-545-400</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Neurodevelopmental centers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-545-900</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Prescription Drugs</b>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State's preferred drug list will be used by all contracted Medicaid managed care organizations Medicaid managed care organizations cover all drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration with a manufacturer signed drug rebate agreement. Specific drug coverage can be found on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The State's preferred drug list used by all contracted Medicaid managed care organizations.</li> <li>○ The Medicaid managed care organization's wrap-around formulary.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>WAC References</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outpatient drug program—General. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-530-1000</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Requirements—Use of tamper-resistant prescription pads. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-530-1075</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Covered—Outpatient drugs, devices, and drug-related supplies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-530-2000</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Noncovered—Outpatient drugs and pharmaceutical supplies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-530-2100</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Medicaid preferred drug list (Medicaid PDL). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-530-4100</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Generics first for a client's first course of treatment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-530-4125</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Therapeutic interchange program (TIP). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-530-4150</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Private Duty Nursing</b>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covered for children age 17 and younger,</li> </ul>

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				<p>called Medically Intensive Children’s Program (MICP).</p> <p><b>WAC References</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private duty nursing for Enrollees age seventeen and younger—General. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-3000</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Private duty nursing for Enrollees age seventeen and younger—Client eligibility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-551-3100</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Reproductive services: Family planning</b></p>	X	X		<p><b>WAC References</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reproductive health services—Eligibility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-532-100</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reproductive health services—Covered services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-532-120</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Reproductive health services—Noncovered services. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-532-130</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Respiratory care services</b></p>	X	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medically necessary oxygen and/or respiratory therapy equipment, supplies, and services to eligible Enrollees.</li> </ul> <p><b>WAC References</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respiratory care—General. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0001</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Respiratory care—Client eligibility. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0100</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Respiratory care—Clients residing in skilled nursing facilities, boarding homes, and adult family homes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0150</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Respiratory care—Provider requirements. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0200</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Respiratory care—Proof of delivery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0250</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Respiratory care—Covered—Apnea monitors and supplies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0300</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Respiratory care—Continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) device and supplies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0400</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mandibular advancement device. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0450</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Respiratory care—Covered—Bi-level</li> </ul>

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				respiratory assist devices and supplies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0500</li> <li>● Respiratory care—Covered—Airway clearance devices.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0600</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Respiratory care—Covered—Nebulizers, humidifiers, and accessories.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0650</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Respiratory care—Covered—Inhalation drugs and solutions.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0700</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Respiratory care—Covered—Oxygen and oxygen equipment.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0800</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Respiratory care—Covered—Oximeters.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-0900</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Covered—Respiratory and ventilator equipment and supplies.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-1000</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Respiratory care—Covered—Suction pumps and supplies.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-1100</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Respiratory care—Noncovered services.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-552-1200</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Supportive Supervision</b>	X	X	X	Direct monitoring, redirection, diverting, and cueing the Enrollee to prevent at-risk behavior that may result in harm to the Enrollee or to others. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Supportive Supervision is not subject to medical necessity.</li> </ul>
<b>Tobacco Cessation Services</b>	X	X		Tobacco/nicotine cessation counseling is covered when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Delivered by qualified providers through an approved tobacco/nicotine cessation telephone counseling service;</li> <li>● Provided through screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT).</li> <li>● For pregnant or post-partum Enrollees:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Face-to-face office visits with the following limits:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Counseling must be provided by qualified physicians, advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNPs), physician assistants-</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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				<p>certified (PA-Cs), naturopathic physicians, pharmacists, certified nurse-midwives (CNM), licensed midwives (LM), psychologists, or dentists;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Two tobacco/nicotine cessation counseling attempts are allowed every twelve months. An attempt is defined as up to four tobacco/nicotine cessation counseling sessions; and</li> <li>▪ Not more than one face-to-face tobacco/nicotine cessation counseling session per Enrollee, per day.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tobacco/nicotine cessation counseling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-1720</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Vision Exams/ Optometrists/ Ophthalmic Services</b></p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medically necessary eye examinations, refractions and eyeglass/contact lens fitting fees.</li> <li>• For Enrollees age 20 or younger, services will be provided in accordance with EPSDT requirements, subject to determination of medical necessity.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>WAC References</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision care—General. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-544-0010</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vision care—Eligible persons—Twenty years of age and younger. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-544-0100</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vision care—Covered eyeglasses (frames and lenses)— Enrollees age twenty and younger. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-544-0300</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vision care—Covered eyeglass frames and repairs— Enrollees age twenty and younger. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-544-0325</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vision care—Covered eyeglass lenses— Enrollees age twenty and younger. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-544-0350</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vision care—Covered contact lenses— Enrollees age twenty and younger. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-544-0400</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ophthalmic services.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-531-1000</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vision care—Noncovered eyeglasses and contact lenses.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ WAC 182-544-0575</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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ANTICONVULSANTS : NEUROACTIVE STEROID- GABA MODULATOR	GANAXOLONE	ZTALMY	N/A	7/1/2023
ANTIDEMENTIA AGENTS : ANTI- AMYLOID ANTIBODIES	ADUCANUMAB-AVWA	ADUHELM	J0172	1/1/2022
ANTIDEMENTIA AGENTS : ANTI- AMYLOID ANTIBODIES	DONANEMAB-AZBT	KISUNLA	J0175	7/14/2024
ANTIDEMENTIA AGENTS : ANTI- AMYLOID ANTIBODIES	LECANEMAB-IRMB	LEQEMBI	J0174	1/12/2023
ANTIDIABETICS : ANTI-CD3 ANTIBODIES	TEPLIZUMAB-MZWV	TZIELD	J9381	1/1/2023
ANTIDIABETICS : CELLULAR THERAPY	DONISLECEL-JUJN	LANTIDRA	J3590	9/14/2023
ANTIDIABETICS : CELLULAR THERAPY	RINSE SOLUTION DONISLECEL- JUJN	LANTIDRA RINSE BAG	J3590	9/14/2023
ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS : GENE THERAPY AGENTS	ETRANACOGENE DEZAPARVOVEC	HEMGENIX	J3490	1/1/2023
ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS : GENE THERAPY AGENTS	FIDANACOGENE ELAPARVOVEC- DZKT	BEQVEZ	J3490	5/17/2024
ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS : GENE THERAPY AGENTS	VALOCTOCOGENE ROXAPARVOVEC-RVOX	ROCTAVIAN	J3590	7/21/2023
ANTIHYPERLIPIDEMICS : ANGIOPOIETIN-LIKE PROTEIN INHIBITORS	EVINACUMAB-DGNB	EVKEEZA	J1305	2/16/2021
ANTIPARASITICS : FOLIC ACID ANTAGONISTS	PYRIMETHAMINE	DARAPRIM	N/A	1/1/2023
ANTIPARASITICS : FOLIC ACID ANTAGONISTS	PYRIMETHAMINE	PYRIMETHAMINE	N/A	1/1/2023
ANTIVIRALS : HEPATITIS C AGENTS - DIRECT ACTING ANTIVIRALS	ELBASVIR-GRAZOPREVIR	ZEPATIER	N/A	1/29/2016
ANTIVIRALS : HEPATITIS C AGENTS - DIRECT ACTING ANTIVIRALS	GLECAPREVIR-PIBRENTASVIR	MAVYRET	N/A	8/3/2017
ANTIVIRALS : HEPATITIS C AGENTS - DIRECT ACTING ANTIVIRALS	LEDIPASVIR-SOFOSBUVIR	HARVONI	N/A	1/1/2015

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ANTIVIRALS : HEPATITIS C AGENTS - DIRECT ACTING ANTIVIRALS	LEDIPASVIR-SOFOSBUVIR	LEDIPASVIR/SOFOSBUVIR	N/A	11/22/2018
ANTIVIRALS : HEPATITIS C AGENTS - DIRECT ACTING ANTIVIRALS	OMBITASVIR-PARITAPREVIR-RITONAVIR-DASABUVIR	VIEKIRA PAK	N/A	1/1/2015
ANTIVIRALS : HEPATITIS C AGENTS - DIRECT ACTING ANTIVIRALS	SOFOSBUVIR	SOVALDI	N/A	1/1/2015
ANTIVIRALS : HEPATITIS C AGENTS - DIRECT ACTING ANTIVIRALS	SOFOSBUVIR-VELPATASVIR	EPCLUSA	N/A	6/28/2016
ANTIVIRALS : HEPATITIS C AGENTS - DIRECT ACTING ANTIVIRALS	SOFOSBUVIR-VELPATASVIR	SOFOSBUVIR/VELPATASVIR	N/A	11/22/2018
ANTIVIRALS : HEPATITIS C AGENTS - DIRECT ACTING ANTIVIRALS	SOFOSBUVIR-VELPATASVIR-VOXILAPREVIR	VOSEVI	N/A	7/18/2017
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS : TRANSTHYRETIN STABILIZERS	TAFAMIDIS	VYNDAMAX	N/A	1/1/2022
CARDIOVASCULAR AGENTS : TRANSTHYRETIN STABILIZERS	TAFAMIDIS MEGLUMINE (CARDIAC)	VYNDAQEL	N/A	1/1/2022
DERMATOLOGICS : GENE THERAPY	BEREMAGENE GEPERPAVEC	VYJUVEK	J3490	7/1/2023
DERMATOLOGICS : MELANOCORTIN RECEPTOR AGONISTS (UV PROTECTIVE)	AFAMELANOTIDE ACETATE	SCENESSE	J7352	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : ACID SPHINGOMYELINASE DEFICIENCY AGENTS	OLIPUDASE ALFA-RPCP	XENPOZYME	J3490	1/1/2023
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : ADENOSINE DEAMINASE SCID TREATMENT AGENTS - INJECTABLE	ELAPEGADEMASE-LVLR	REVCOVI	J3590	7/1/2020
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : ADRENAL STEROID INHIBITORS	LEVOKETOCONAZOLE	RECORLEV	N/A	1/10/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : ALPHA MANNOSIDOSIS AGENTS	VELMANASE ALFA-TYCV	LAMZEDE	J3590	7/1/2023

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ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : CORTISOL SYNTHESIS INHIBITORS	OSILODROSTAT PHOSPHATE	ISTURISA	N/A	7/1/2021
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : FABRY DISEASE AGENTS - INJECTABLE	AGALSIDASE BETA	FABRAZYME	J1080	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : FABRY DISEASE AGENTS - INJECTABLE	PEGUNIGALSIDASE ALFA-IWXJ	ELFABRIO	J2508	7/1/2023
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : FABRY DISEASE AGENTS - ORAL	MIGALASTAT HCL	GALAFOLD	N/A	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : GAA DEFICIENCY AGENTS	ALGLUCOSIDASE ALFA	LUMIZYME	J0221	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : GAA DEFICIENCY AGENTS	AVALGLUCOSIDASE ALFA-NGPT	NEXVIAZYME	J0219	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : GAA DEFICIENCY AGENTS	CIPAGLUCOSIDASE ALFA-ATGA	POMBILITI	J3490	10/5/2023
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : GAA DEFICIENCY AGENTS	MIGLUSTAT (GAA DEFICIENCY)	OPFOLDA	J3490	10/6/2023
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : HEREDITARY TYROSINEMIA TYPE 1 (HT-1) AGENTS - ORAL	NITISINONE	NITISINONE	N/A	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : HEREDITARY TYROSINEMIA TYPE 1 (HT-1) AGENTS - ORAL	NITISINONE	NITYR	N/A	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : HEREDITARY TYROSINEMIA TYPE 1 (HT-1) AGENTS - ORAL	NITISINONE	ORFADIN	N/A	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : HYPERAMMONEMIA AGENTS - ORAL	CARGLUMIC ACID	CARBAGLU	N/A	1/1/2024

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ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : HYPERAMMONEMIA AGENTS - ORAL	CARGLUMIC ACID	CARGLUMIC ACID	N/A	1/1/2024
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : HYPOPHOSPHATASIA AGENTS - INJECTABLE	ASFOTASE ALFA	STRENSIQ	J3590	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : INSULIN-LIKE GROWTH FACTOR-1 RECEPTOR INHIBITORS(IGF-1R)	TEPROTUMUMAB-TRBW	TEPEZZA	J3241	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : LEPTIN ANALOGUES	METRELEPTIN	MYALEPT	N/A	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : LYSOSMAL ACID LIPASE DEFICIENCY AGENTS	SEBELIPASE ALFA	KANUMA	J2840	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : MOLYBDENUM COFACTOR DEFICIENCY (MOCD) AGENTS	FOSDENOPTERIN HYDROBROMIDE	NULIBRY	J3490	7/1/2021
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDOSIS AGENTS	ELOSULFASE ALFA	VIMIZIM	J1322	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDOSIS AGENTS	GALSULFASE	NAGLAZYME	J1458	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDOSIS AGENTS	IDURSULFASE	ELAPRASE	J1743	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDOSIS AGENTS	LARONIDASE	ALDURAZYME	J1931	1/1/2022

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ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDOSIS AGENTS	VESTRONIDASE ALFA-VJBK	MEPSEVII	J3397	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES	VOSORITIDE	VOXZOGO	N/A	11/25/2021
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : PHENYLKETONURIA (PKU) AGENTS - INJECTABLE	PEGVALIASE-PQPZ	PALYNZIQ	J3590	5/31/2018
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : PHENYLKETONURIA (PKU) AGENTS - ORAL	SAPROPTERIN DIHYDROCHLORIDE	JAVYGTOR	N/A	8/12/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : PHENYLKETONURIA (PKU) AGENTS - ORAL	SAPROPTERIN DIHYDROCHLORIDE	KUVAN	N/A	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : PHENYLKETONURIA (PKU) AGENTS - ORAL	SAPROPTERIN DIHYDROCHLORIDE	SAPROPTERIN DIHYDROCHLORIDE	N/A	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : TRIPEPTIDYL PEPTIDASE 1 DEFICIENCY AGENTS	CERLIPONASE ALFA	BRINEURA	J0567	7/1/2018
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : UREA CYCLE DISORDER AGENTS - ORAL	CITRULLINE (UREA CYCLE)	CITRULLINE EASY	N/A	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : UREA CYCLE DISORDER AGENTS - ORAL	GLYCEROL PHENYL BUTYRATE	RAVICTI	N/A	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : UREA CYCLE DISORDER AGENTS - ORAL	SODIUM PHENYL BUTYRATE	BUPHENYL	N/A	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : UREA CYCLE DISORDER AGENTS - ORAL	SODIUM PHENYL BUTYRATE	OLPRUVA	N/A	6/16/2023

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ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : UREA CYCLE DISORDER AGENTS - ORAL	SODIUM PHENYL BUTYRATE	PHEBURANE	N/A	8/31/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : UREA CYCLE DISORDER AGENTS - ORAL	SODIUM PHENYL BUTYRATE	SODIUM PHENYL BUTYRATE	N/A	1/1/2022
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : VASOPRESSIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS - ORAL	TOLVAPTAN	JYNARQUE	N/A	1/1/2025
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : VASOPRESSIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS - ORAL	TOLVAPTAN	SAMSCA	N/A	1/1/2025
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : VASOPRESSIN RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS - ORAL	TOLVAPTAN	TOLVAPTAN	N/A	1/1/2025
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : X-LINKED HYPOPHOSPHATEMIA (XLH) AGENTS	BUROSUMAB-TWZA	CRYSVITA	J0584	7/1/2018
GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS : ILEAL BILE ACID TRANSPORTER INHIBITORS	MARALIXIBAT CHLORIDE	LIVMARLI	N/A	9/30/2021
GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS : ILEAL BILE ACID TRANSPORTER INHIBITORS	ODEVIXIBAT	BYLVAY	N/A	7/20/2021
GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS : ILEAL BILE ACID TRANSPORTER INHIBITORS	ODEVIXIBAT	BYLVAY (PELLETS)	N/A	7/20/2021
GASTROINTESTINAL AGENTS : SHORT BOWEL SYNDROME	TEDUGLUTIDE (RDNA)	GATTEX	J3490	1/1/2023
GENITOURINARY AGENTS : HYPEROXALURIA AGENTS	LUMASIRAN SODIUM	OXLUMO	J0224	7/1/2021
GENITOURINARY AGENTS : HYPEROXALURIA AGENTS	NEDOSIRAN SODIUM	RIVFLOZA	J3490	1/25/2024

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GENITOURINARY AGENTS : CYSTINOSIS AGENTS	CYSTEAMINE BITARTRATE	CYSTAGON	N/A	1/1/2022
GENITOURINARY AGENTS : CYSTINOSIS AGENTS	CYSTEAMINE BITARTRATE	PROCYSBI	N/A	1/1/2022
GENITOURINARY AGENTS : IGA NEPHROPATHY AGENTS	SPARSENTAN	FILSPARI	N/A	1/1/2024
GOUT AGENTS : PEGYLATED URIC ACID ENZYMES	PEGLOTICASE	KRYSTEXXA	J2507	1/1/2023
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTI- VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR AGENTS	CAPLACIZUMAB-YHDP	CABLIVI	J3590, C9047	7/1/2023
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : AMINOLEVULINATE SYNTHASE 1- DIRECTED SIRNA	GIVOSIRAN SODIUM	GIVLAARI	J0223	7/1/2020
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHIL FACT(RCMB) PEGYLATED-AUCL (BDD-RFVIII PEG-AUCL	JIVI	J7208	8/30/2018
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (HUMAN)	HEMOPIL M	J7190	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (HUMAN)	KOATE	J7190	1/1/2017
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (HUMAN)	KOATE-DVI	J7190	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RCMB) BD TRUNCATED (BD TRUNC-RFVIII)	NOVOEIGHT	J7182	3/12/2015
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RCMB) FC FUSION PROTEIN(BDD-RFVIII FC	ELOCTATE	J7205	7/10/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RCMB) FC-VWF-XTEN FUSION PROTEIN-EHT	ALTUVIIIIO	J7214	3/10/2023



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HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RCMB) MOROCTOCOG ALFA(BDD-RFVIII,MOR	XYNTHA	J7185	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RCMB) MOROCTOCOG ALFA(BDD-RFVIII,MOR	XYNTHA SOLOFUSE	J7185	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RCMB) PLASMA/ALBUMIN FREE (RAHF-PFM)	ADVATE	J7192	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RCMB) PLASMA/ALBUMIN FREE (RAHF-PFM)	KOVALTRY	J7211	3/16/2016
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RCMB) SIMOCTOCOG ALFA(BDD-RFVIII,SIM	NUWIQ	J7209	11/1/2015
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RECOMBINANT PORCINE) (RPFVIII)	OBIZUR	J7188	11/17/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RECOMBINANT) (RFVIII)	KOGENATE FS	J7192	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RECOMBINANT) (RFVIII)	RECOMBINATE	J7192	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RECOMBINANT) GLYCOPEGYLATED-EXEI	ESPEROCT	J7204	1/16/2020
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RECOMBINANT) PEGYLATED	ADYNOVATE	J7207	12/1/2015
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR (RECOMBINANT) SINGLE CHAIN	AFSTYLA	J7210	5/25/2016
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR/VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR COMPLEX (HUMAN)	ALPHANATE	J7186	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR/VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR COMPLEX (HUMAN)	HUMATE-P	J7187	1/1/2014

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HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR/VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR COMPLEX (HUMAN)	WILATE	J7183	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	ANTIINHIBITOR COAGULANT COMPLEX	FEIBA	J7198	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	COAGULATION FACTOR IX	ALPHANINE SD	J7193	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	COAGULATION FACTOR IX (RECOMB) FC FUSION PROTEIN (RFIXFC)	ALPROLIX	J7201	4/18/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	COAGULATION FACTOR IX (RECOMBINANT)	BENEFIX	J7195	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	COAGULATION FACTOR IX (RECOMBINANT)	IXINITY	J7195	5/29/2015
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	COAGULATION FACTOR IX (RECOMBINANT)	RIXUBIS	J7200	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	COAGULATION FACTOR IX (RECOMBINANT) GLYCOPEGYLATED	REBINYN	J7203	11/20/2017
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	COAGULATION FACTOR IX RECOMB ALBUMIN FUSION PROTEIN (RIX-FP)	IDELVION	J7202	3/4/2016
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	COAGULATION FACTOR VIIA (RECOMBINANT)	NOVOSEVEN	J7189	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	COAGULATION FACTOR VIIA (RECOMBINANT)	NOVOSEVEN RT	J7189	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	COAGULATION FACTOR VIIA (RECOMBINANT)-JNCW	SEVENFACT	J7212	9/1/2020
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	COAGULATION FACTOR X (HUMAN)	COAGADEX	J7175	12/1/2015
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	COAGULATION FACTOR XIII A-SUBUNIT (RECOMBINANT)	TRETEN	J7181	3/6/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	EMICIZUMAB-KXWH	HEMLIBRA	J7170	11/16/2017

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HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	FACTOR IX COMPLEX	PROFILNINE	J7194	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	FACTOR XIII CONCENTRATE (HUMAN)	CORIFACT	J7180	1/1/2014
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : ANTIHEMOPHILIC PRODUCTS	VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR (RECOMBINANT)	VONVENDI	J7179	7/5/2016
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : COMPLIMENT INHIBITORS - ORAL	AVACOPAN	TAVNEOS	N/A	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : COMPLIMENT INHIBITORS - ORAL	DANICOPAN	VOYDEYA	N/A	4/5/2024
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : COMPLIMENT INHIBITORS - ORAL	IPTACOPAN	FABHALTA	J3490	12/8/2023
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : COMPLIMENT INHIBITORS - INJECTABLE	CROVALIMAB-AKKZ	PIASKY	J3590	7/21/2024
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : COMPLIMENT INHIBITORS - INJECTABLE	ECULIZUMAB	SOLIRIS	J1300	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : COMPLIMENT INHIBITORS - INJECTABLE	PEGCETACOPLAN	EMPAVELI	J3490	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : COMPLIMENT INHIBITORS - INJECTABLE	POZELIMAB-BBFG	VEOPOZ	J3590	8/25/2023
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : COMPLIMENT INHIBITORS - INJECTABLE	RAVULIZUMAB-CWVZ	ULTOMIRIS	J1303	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : COMPLIMENT INHIBITORS - INJECTABLE	SUTIMLIMAB-JOME	ENJAYMO	C9094	2/10/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : COMPLIMENT INHIBITORS - INJECTABLE	ZILUCOPLAN SODIUM	ZILBRYSQ	J3490	1/3/2024

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HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA AGENTS	BEROTRALSTAT HCL	ORLADEYO	N/A	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA AGENTS	C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR (HUMAN)	BERINERT	J0597	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA AGENTS	C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR (HUMAN)	CINRYZE	J0598	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA AGENTS	C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR (HUMAN)	HAEGARDA	J0599	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA AGENTS	C1 ESTERASE INHIBITOR (RECOMBINANT)	RUCONEST	J0596	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA AGENTS	ECALLANTIDE	KALBITOR	J1290	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA AGENTS	ICATIBANT ACETATE	FIRAZYR	J1744	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA AGENTS	ICATIBANT ACETATE	ICATIBANT ACETATE	J1744	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA AGENTS	ICATIBANT ACETATE	SAJAZIR	J1744	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : HEREDITARY ANGIOEDEMA AGENTS	LANADELUMAB-FLYO	TAKHZYRO	J0593	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : PLASMA PROTEINS - PLASMINOGEN	PLASMINOGEN, HUMAN-TVMH	RYPLAZIM	J2998	1/1/2022
HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : PYRUVATE KINASE ACTIVATORS	MITAPIVAT SULFATE	PYRUKYND	N/A	2/25/2022

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HEMATOLOGICAL AGENTS : PYRUVATE KINASE ACTIVATORS	MITAPIVAT SULFATE	PYRUKYND TAPER PACK	N/A	2/25/2022
HEMATOPOEITIC AGENTS : AUTOLOGOUS CELLULAR GENE THERAPY	BETIBEGLOGENE AUTOTEMCEL IV SUSP	ZYNTEGLO	J3490	8/17/2022
HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS : CXCR4 RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS	MAVORIXAFOR	XOLREMDI	J3490	5/10/2024
HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS : ERYTHROID MATURATION AGENTS	LUSPATERCEPT-AAMT	REBLOZYL	J0896	7/1/2020
HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS : GAUCHER DISEASE	ELIGLUSTAT TARTRATE	CERDELGA	N/A	1/1/2023
HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS : GAUCHER DISEASE	IMIGLUCERASE	CEREZYME	J1786	1/1/2023
HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS : GAUCHER DISEASE	MIGLUSTAT	MIGLUSTAT	N/A	1/1/2023
HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS : GAUCHER DISEASE	MIGLUSTAT	YARGESA	N/A	10/12/2023
HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS : GAUCHER DISEASE	MIGLUSTAT	ZAVESCA	N/A	1/1/2023
HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS : GAUCHER DISEASE	TALIGLUCERASE ALFA	ELELYSO	J3060	1/1/2023
HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS : GAUCHER DISEASE	VELAGLUCERASE ALFA	VPRIV	J3385	1/1/2023
HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS : SICKLE CELL ANEMIA AGENTS - INJECTABLE	EXAGAMGLOGENE AUTOTEMCEL	CASGEVY	J3590	12/8/2023
HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS : SICKLE CELL ANEMIA AGENTS - INJECTABLE	LOVOTIBEGLOGENE AUTOTEMCEL	LYFGENIA	J3590	12/8/2023
HEMATOPOIETIC AGENTS : SICKLE CELL ANEMIA - SELECTIN BLOCKERS	CRIZANLIZUMAB-TMCA	ADAKVEO	J0791	7/1/2020

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IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : CYCLOSPORINE ANALOGS - ORAL	CYCLOSPORINE	CYCLOSPORINE	J7502, J7515	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : CYCLOSPORINE ANALOGS - ORAL	CYCLOSPORINE	SANDIMMUNE	J7502, J7515	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : CYCLOSPORINE ANALOGS - ORAL	CYCLOSPORINE MODIFIED (FOR MICROEMULSION)	CYCLOSPORINE MODIFIED	J7502, J7515	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : CYCLOSPORINE ANALOGS - ORAL	CYCLOSPORINE MODIFIED (FOR MICROEMULSION)	GENGRAF	J7502, J7515	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : CYCLOSPORINE ANALOGS - ORAL	CYCLOSPORINE MODIFIED (FOR MICROEMULSION)	NEORAL	J7502, J7515	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : INOSINE MONOPHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	MYCOPHENOLATE MOFETIL	CELLCEPT	J7517	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : INOSINE MONOPHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	MYCOPHENOLATE MOFETIL	MYCOPHENOLATE MOFETIL	J7517	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : INOSINE MONOPHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	MYCOPHENOLATE SODIUM	MYCOPHENOLIC ACID DR	N/A	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : INOSINE MONOPHOSPHATE DEHYDROGENASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	MYCOPHENOLATE SODIUM	MYFORTIC	N/A	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : MACROLIDE IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS	EVEROLIMUS (IMMUNOSUPPRESSANT)	EVEROLIMUS	J7527	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : MACROLIDE IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS	EVEROLIMUS (IMMUNOSUPPRESSANT)	ZORTRESS	J7527	7/1/2024

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IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : MACROLIDE IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS	SIROLIMUS	RAPAMUNE	J7520	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : MACROLIDE IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS	SIROLIMUS	SIROLIMUS	J7520	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : MACROLIDE IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS	TACROLIMUS	ASTAGRAF XL	J7508	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : MACROLIDE IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS	TACROLIMUS	ENVARUSUS XR	J7503	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : MACROLIDE IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS	TACROLIMUS	PROGRAF	J7507	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : MACROLIDE IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS	TACROLIMUS	PROGRAF	J7525	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : MACROLIDE IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS	TACROLIMUS	TACROLIMUS	J7507	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES	BASILIXIMAB	SIMULECT	J0480	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES	EMAPALUMAB-LZSG	GAMIFANT	J9210	7/1/2019
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES	INEBILIZUMAB-CDON	UPLIZNA	J1823	1/1/2022
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES	SATRALIZUMAB-MWGE	ENSPRYNG	N/A	1/1/2022
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : ROCK INHIBITORS	BELUMOSUDIL MESYLATE	REZUROCK	N/A	7/1/2024
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE AGENTS : SELECTIVE T-CELL COSTIMULATION BLOCKERS	BELATACEPT	NULOJIX	J0485	7/1/2024

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MISCELLANEOUS THERAPEUTIC CLASSES : ALLOGENEIC THYMUS TISSUE*	ALLOGENEIC PROCESSED THYMUS TISSUE-AGDC*	RETHYMIC*	J3590	1/1/2022
MISCELLANEOUS THERAPEUTIC CLASSES : NEONATAL FC RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST	EFGARTIGIMOD ALFA-FCAB	VYVGART	J9332	1/1/2023
MISCELLANEOUS THERAPEUTIC CLASSES : NEONATAL FC RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST	EFGARTIGIMOD ALF-HYALURONIDASE-QVFC	VYVGART HYTRULO	J3590	6/23/2023
MISCELLANEOUS THERAPEUTIC CLASSES : NEONATAL FC RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST	ROZANOLIXIZUMAB-NOLI	RYSTIGGO	J3590	7/7/2023
MISCELLANEOUS THERAPEUTIC CLASSES : PHOSPHOINOSITIDE 3-KINASE AGENTS	LENIOLISIB	JOENJA	N/A	7/1/2023
MISCELLANEOUS THERAPEUTIC CLASSES : PIK3CA-RELATED AGENTS	ALPELISIB (PROS AGENTS)	VIJOICE	N/A	4/11/2023
MISCELLANEOUS THERAPEUTIC CLASSES : PROGERIA TREATMENT AGENTS	LONAFARNIB	ZOKINVY	N/A	7/1/2021
MUSCULOSKELETAL THERAPY AGENTS : FIBRODYSPLASIA AGENTS	PALOVAROTENE	SOHONOS	N/A	9/1/2023
N/A	ACORAMIDIS	AG10	N/A	Date to market
N/A	APADAMTASE ALFA-CINAXADAMTASE ALFA	TAK-755	N/A	Date to market
N/A	ARIMOCLOMOL	MIPLYFFA	N/A	Date to market
N/A	AXATILIMAB	SNDX-6352	N/A	Date to market
N/A	BULEVIRTIDE	MYRCLUDEX B	N/A	Date to market
N/A	CONCIZUMAB	NN7415	N/A	Date to market
N/A	COPPER HISTIDINATE	CUTX-101	N/A	Date to market
N/A	CRINECERFONT	NBI-74778	N/A	Date to market
N/A	DEBAMESTROCEL	NUROWN	N/A	Date to market



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N/A	EB-101	EB-101	N/A	Date to market
N/A	ECULIZUMAB	BKEMV	J1301	Date to market
N/A	EFANESOCTOCOG ALFA	BIVV001	N/A	Date to market
N/A	ELADOCAGENE EXUPARVOVEC	UPSTAZA	N/A	Date to market
N/A	ELAMIPRETIDE	MTP-131	N/A	Date to market
N/A	FILSUVEZ	FILSUVEZ	N/A	Date to market
N/A	GARADACIMAB	CSL312	N/A	Date to market
N/A	GOVORESTAT	AT-007	N/A	Date to market
N/A	MARNETEGRAGENE	KRESLADI	N/A	Date to market
N/A	MARSTACIMAB	PF-06741086	N/A	Date to market
N/A	N-ACETYL-L-LEUCINE	IB1001	N/A	Date to market
N/A	NARSOPLIMAB	OMS721	N/A	Date to market
N/A	NIPOCALIMAB	NIPOCALIMAB	N/A	Date to market
N/A	OBECABTAGENE AUTOLEUCEL	AUTO1	N/A	Date to market
N/A	OLEZARSEN	AKCEA-APOCIII-LRx	N/A	Date to market
N/A	PEGZILARGINASE	AEB1102	N/A	Date to market
N/A	REMESTEMCEL-L	RYONCIL	N/A	Date to market
N/A	TABELECLEUCEL	ATA-129	N/A	Date to market
N/A	TRORILUZOLE	BHV-4157	N/A	Date to market
NEUROLOGICAL AGENTS : ANOREXIANTS / ANTI-OBESITY – GLP-1 RECEPTOR AGONISTS	SEMAGLUTIDE	WEGOVY	N/A	7/1/2024
NEUROLOGICAL AGENTS : ANOREXIANTS / ANTI-OBESITY : MELANOCORTIN RECEPTOR AGONISTS	SETMELANOTIDE ACETATE	IMCIVREE	N/A	1/1/2025
NEUROLOGICAL AGENTS : AUTOLOGOUS CELLULAR GENE THERAPY AGENTS	ELIVALDOGENE AUTOTEMCEL	SKYSONA	J3490	9/16/2022

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NEUROLOGICAL AGENTS : METACHROMATIC LEUKODYSTROPHY AGENTS	ATIDARSAGENE AUTOTEMCEL	LENMELDY	J3590	3/29/2024
NEUROLOGICAL AGENTS : TRANSTHYRETIN AMYLOIDOSIS AGENTS	EPLONTERSEN SODIUM	WAINUA	J3490	12/28/2023
NEUROLOGICAL AGENTS : TRANSTHYRETIN AMYLOIDOSIS AGENTS	INOTERSEN SODIUM	TEGSEDI	N/A	1/1/2022
NEUROLOGICAL AGENTS : TRANSTHYRETIN AMYLOIDOSIS AGENTS	PATISIRAN SODIUM	ONPATTRO	J0222	1/1/2022
NEUROLOGICAL AGENTS : TRANSTHYRETIN AMYLOIDOSIS AGENTS	VUTRISIRAN SODIUM	AMVUTTRA	J0225	7/1/2022
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : ALS AGENTS - MISC	EDARAVONE	EDARAVONE	J1301	6/15/2024
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : ALS AGENTS - MISC	EDARAVONE	RADICAVA	J1301	7/1/2018
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : ALS AGENTS - MISC	EDARAVONE	RADICAVA ORS	J1301	5/19/2022
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : ALS AGENTS - MISC	EDARAVONE	RADICAVA ORS STARTER KIT	N/A	5/19/2022
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : ALS AGENTS - MISC	SODIUM PHENYL BUTYRATE- TAURURSODIOL	RELYVRIO	N/A	1/1/2023
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : ALS AGENTS - MISC	TOFERSEN	QALSODY	J1304	7/1/2023
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : FREIDRICH'S ATAXIA AGENTS	OMAVELOXOLONE	SKYCLARYS	N/A	3/17/2023
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AGENTS	CASIMERSEN	AMONDYS 45	J1426	2/25/2021
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AGENTS	DELANDISTROGENE MOXEPARVOVEC	ELEVIDYS	J3590	7/7/2023

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NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AGENTS	ETEPLIRSEN	EXONDYS 51	J1428	7/1/2018
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AGENTS	GIVINOSTAT	DUVYZAT	N/A	6/15/2024
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AGENTS	GOLODIRSEN	VYONDYS 53	J1429	1/1/2021
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AGENTS	VILTOLARSEN	VILTEPSO	J1427	8/20/2020
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : POTASSIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS	AMIFAMPRIDINE PHOSPHATE	FIRDAPSE	N/A	1/1/2024
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : RETT SYNDROME AGENTS	TROFINETIDE	DAYBUE	N/A	7/1/2023
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY - GENE THERAPY AGENTS	ONASEMNOGENE ABEPARVOVEC-XIOI	ZOLGENSMA	J3399	1/1/2020
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY AGENTS - ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDES	NUSINERSEN	SPINRAZA	J2326	7/1/2018
NEUROMUSCULAR AGENTS : SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY AGENTS - ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDES	RISDIPLAM	EVRYSDI	N/A	8/7/2020
ENDOCRINE AND METABOLIC AGENTS : FATTY ACID METABOLISM AGENTS	TRiheptanoIn	DOJOLVI	N/A	7/1/2020
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ALLOGENIC CELLULAR IMMUNOTHERAPY	OMIDUBICEL-ONLY	OMISIRGE	J3590, C9399	1/1/2024
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AUTOLOGOUS CELLULAR IMMUNOTHERAPY	SIPULEUCel-T	PROVENGE	Q2043	1/1/2023

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ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AUTOLOGOUS CELLULAR IMMUNOTHERAPY (CAR-T)	AFAMITRESGENE AUTOLEUCEL	TECELRA	C9399	8/10/2024
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AUTOLOGOUS CELLULAR IMMUNOTHERAPY (CAR-T)	AXICABTAGENE CILOLEUCEL	YESCARTA	Q2041	1/1/2020
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AUTOLOGOUS CELLULAR IMMUNOTHERAPY (CAR-T)	BREXUCABTAGENE AUTOLEUCEL	TECARTUS	Q2053	7/1/2021
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AUTOLOGOUS CELLULAR IMMUNOTHERAPY (CAR-T)	CILTACABTAGENE AUTOLEUCEL	CARVYKTI	C9399	3/1/2022
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AUTOLOGOUS CELLULAR IMMUNOTHERAPY (CAR-T)	IDECABTAGENE VICLEUCEL	ABECMA	Q2055	3/29/2021
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AUTOLOGOUS CELLULAR IMMUNOTHERAPY (CAR-T)	LISOCABTAGENE MARALEUCEL	BREYANZI	Q2054	7/1/2021
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AUTOLOGOUS CELLULAR IMMUNOTHERAPY (CAR-T)	TISAGENLECLEUCEL	KYMRIAH	Q2042	7/1/2018
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : GENE THERAPIES	NADOFARAGENE FIRADENOV- VNCG	ADSTILADRIN	J9029	7/21/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : INTERFERONS	INTERFERON GAMMA-1B	ACTIMMUNE	J9216	1/1/2022
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : LUTETIUM AGENTS	LUTETIUM LU 177 DOTATATE	LUTATHERA	A9699	1/1/2020
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : LUTETIUM AGENTS	LUTETIUM LU 177 VIPIVOTIDE TETRAKETAN	PLUVICTO	A9607	3/23/2022
OPHTHALMIC AGENTS : GENE THERAPY	VORETIGENE NEPARVOVEC-RZYL	LUXTURNA	J3398	7/1/2018
OPHTHALMIC AGENTS : NERVE GROWTH FACTORS	CENEGERMIN-BKBJ	OXERVATE	N/A	1/1/2022

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RESPIRATORY AGENTS : CYSTIC FIBROSIS AGENTS	DORNASE ALFA	PULMOZYME	J7639	1/1/2025
RESPIRATORY AGENTS : CYSTIC FIBROSIS AGENTS	MANNITOL (CYSTIC FIBROSIS)	BRONCHITOL	J7665	1/1/2025
RESPIRATORY AGENTS : CYSTIC FIBROSIS AGENTS	MANNITOL (CYSTIC FIBROSIS)	BRONCHITOL TOLERANCE TEST	J7665	1/1/2025
RESPIRATORY AGENTS : CYSTIC FIBROSIS AGENTS - CFTR POTENTIATORS	ELEXACAFTOR-TEZACAFTOR-IVACAFTOR	TRIKAFTA	N/A	1/1/2025
RESPIRATORY AGENTS : CYSTIC FIBROSIS AGENTS - CFTR POTENTIATORS	IVACAFTOR	KALYDECO	N/A	1/1/2025
RESPIRATORY AGENTS : CYSTIC FIBROSIS AGENTS - CFTR POTENTIATORS	LUMACAFTOR-IVACAFTOR	ORKAMBI	N/A	1/1/2025
RESPIRATORY AGENTS : CYSTIC FIBROSIS AGENTS - CFTR POTENTIATORS	TEZACAFTOR-IVACAFTOR	SYMDEKO	N/A	1/1/2025

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N/A	DEUTIVACAFTOR- TEZACAFTOR-	VX-121/TEZ/VX-561	N/A	Date to market
N/A	ENSARTINIB	X-396	N/A	Date to market
N/A	LAZERTINIB	YH25448	N/A	Date to market
N/A	INAVOLISIB	RG6114	N/A	Date to market
N/A	MIRDAMETINIB	PD-0325901	N/A	Date to market
N/A	REVUMENIB	SNDX-5613	N/A	Date to market
N/A	RIVOCERANIB	RIVOCERANIB	N/A	Date to market
N/A	TBD	SH-201	N/A	Date to market
N/A	VORASIDENIB	VORASIDENIB	N/A	Date to market
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANDROGEN BIOSYNTHESIS INHIBITORS - ORAL	ABIRATERONE ACETATE	ABIRATERONE ACETATE	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANDROGEN BIOSYNTHESIS INHIBITORS - ORAL	ABIRATERONE ACETATE	YONSA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANDROGEN BIOSYNTHESIS INHIBITORS - ORAL	ABIRATERONE ACETATE	ZYTIGA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIADRENALS - ORAL	MITOTANE	LYSODREN	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIANDROGENS - ORAL	APALUTAMIDE	ERLEADA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIANDROGENS - ORAL	BICALUTAMIDE	BICALUTAMIDE	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIANDROGENS - ORAL	BICALUTAMIDE	CASODEX	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIANDROGENS - ORAL	DAROLUTAMIDE	NUBEQA	J8999	1/1/2023

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ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIANDROGENS - ORAL	ENZALUTAMIDE	XTANDI	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIANDROGENS - ORAL	FLUTAMIDE	EULEXIN	S0175	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIANDROGENS - ORAL	FLUTAMIDE	FLUTAMIDE	S0175	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIANDROGENS - ORAL	NILUTAMIDE	NILANDRON	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIANDROGENS - ORAL	NILUTAMIDE	NILUTAMIDE	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIESTROGENS - ORAL	TAMOXIFEN CITRATE	TAMOXIFEN CITRATE	J8999	7/1/2024
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIESTROGENS - ORAL	TOREMIFENE CITRATE	FARESTON	J8999	7/1/2024
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIESTROGENS - ORAL	TAMOXIFEN CITRATE	SOLTAMOX	J8999	7/1/2024
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIESTROGENS - ORAL	TOREMIFENE CITRATE	TOREMIFENE CITRATE	J8999	7/1/2024
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIESTROGENS - ORAL	ELACESTRANT HYDROCHLORIDE	ORSERDU	J8999	7/1/2024
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIMETABOLITES - ORAL	AZACITIDINE	ONUREG	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIMETABOLITES - ORAL	CAPECITABINE	CAPECITABINE	J8520	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIMETABOLITES - ORAL	CAPECITABINE	XELODA	J8521	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIMETABOLITES - ORAL	MERCAPTOPYRINE	MERCAPTOPYRINE	S0108	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIMETABOLITES - ORAL	MERCAPTOPYRINE	PURIXAN	S0108	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTIMETABOLITES - ORAL	THIOGUANINE	TABLOID	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTINEOPLASTICS COMBINATIONS - ORAL	DECITABINE-CEDAZURIDINE	INQOVI	J8999	1/1/2023

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ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTINEOPLASTICS COMBINATIONS - ORAL	RIBOCICLIB SUCCINATE- LETROZOLE	KISQALI FEMARA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTINEOPLASTICS COMBINATIONS - ORAL	TRIFLURIDINE-TIPIRACIL	LONSURF	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AROMATASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	ANASTROZOLE	ANASTROZOLE	S0170	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AROMATASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	ANASTROZOLE	ARIMIDEX	S0170	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AROMATASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	EXEMESTANE	AROMASIN	S0156	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AROMATASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	EXEMESTANE	EXEMESTANE	S0156	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AROMATASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	LETROZOLE	FEMARA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : AROMATASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	LETROZOLE	LETROZOLE	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : BCL-2 INHIBITORS - ORAL	VENETOCLAX	VENCLEXTA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : BRAF KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	DABRAFENIB MESYLATE	TAFINLAR	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : BRAF KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	ENCORAFENIB	BRAFTOVI	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : BRAF KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	TOVORAFENIB	OJEMDA	J8999	5/2/2024
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : BRAF KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	VEMURAFENIB	ZELBORAF	J8999	1/1/2023



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ONCOLOGY AGENTS : CYCLIN DEPENDENT KINASES (CDK) INHIBITORS - ORAL	ABEMACICLIB	VERZENIO	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : CYCLIN DEPENDENT KINASES (CDK) INHIBITORS - ORAL	PALBOCICLIB	IBRANCE	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : CYCLIN DEPENDENT KINASES (CDK) INHIBITORS - ORAL	RIBOCICLIB SUCCINATE	KISQALI	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ANTINEOPLASTIC ESTROGENS - ORAL	ESTRAMUSTINE PHOSPHATE SODIUM	EMCYT	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : FGFR KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	ERDAFITINIB	BALVERSA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : FGFR KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	INFIGRATINIB PHOSPHATE	TRUSELTIQ	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : FGFR KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	FUTIBATINIB	LYTGOBI	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : FGFR KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	PEMIGATINIB	PEMAZYRE	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : GAMMA SECRETASE INHIBITORS	NIROGACESTAT HYDROBROMIDE	OGSIVEO	J8999	11/28/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : GONADOTROPIN-RELEASING HORMONE (GNRH) RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS - ORAL	RELUGOLIX	ORGOVYX	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : HEDGEHOG PATHWAY INHIBITORS - ORAL	GLASDEGIB MALEATE	DAURISMO	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : HEDGEHOG PATHWAY INHIBITORS - ORAL	SONIDEGIB PHOSPHATE	ODOMZO	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : HEDGEHOG PATHWAY INHIBITORS - ORAL	VISMODEGIB	ERIVEDGE	J8999	1/1/2023

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ONCOLOGY AGENTS : HIF-2-ALPHA INHIBITORS	BELZUTIFAN	WELIREG	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : HISTONE DEACETYLASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	PANOBINOSTAT LACTATE	FARYDAK	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : HISTONE DEACETYLASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	VORINOSTAT	ZOLINZA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : IMMUNE MODULATORS	POMALIDOMIDE	POMALYST	N/A	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ISOCITRATE DEHYDROGENASE-1 (IDH1) INHIBITORS - ORAL	IVOSIDENIB	TIBSOVO	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ISOCITRATE DEHYDROGENASE-1 (IDH1) INHIBITORS - ORAL	OLUTASIDENIB	REZLIDHIA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ISOCITRATE DEHYDROGENASE-2 (IDH2) INHIBITORS - ORAL	ENASIDENIB MESYLATE	IDHIFA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : JANUS ASSOCIATED KINASE (JAK) INHIBITORS - ORAL	FEDRATINIB HCL	INREBIC	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : JANUS ASSOCIATED KINASE (JAK) INHIBITORS - ORAL	MOMELOTINIB DIHYDROCHLORIDE	OJJAARA	J8999	9/21/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : JANUS ASSOCIATED KINASE (JAK) INHIBITORS - ORAL	PACRITINIB CITRATE	VONJO	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : JANUS ASSOCIATED KINASE (JAK) INHIBITORS - ORAL	RUXOLITINIB PHOSPHATE	JAKAFI	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : KRAS INHIBITORS	ADAGRASIB	KRAZATI	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : KRAS INHIBITORS	SOTORASIB	LUMAKRAS	J8999	1/1/2023

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ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MEK INHIBITORS - ORAL	BINIMETINIB	MEKTOVI	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MEK INHIBITORS - ORAL	COBIMETINIB FUMARATE	COTELLIC	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MEK INHIBITORS - ORAL	SELUMETINIB SULFATE	KOSELUGO	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MEK INHIBITORS - ORAL	TRAMETINIB DIMETHYL SULFOXIDE	MEKINIST	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : METHYLTRANSFERASE INHIBITORS	TAZEMETOSTAT HBR	TAZVERIK	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MITOTIC INHIBITORS - ORAL	ETOPOSIDE	ETOPOSIDE	J8560	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MULTIKINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	MIDOSTAURIN	RYDAPT	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MULTIKINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	REGORAFENIB	STIVARGA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MULTIKINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	SORAFENIB TOSYLATE	NEXAVAR	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MULTIKINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	SORAFENIB TOSYLATE	SORAFENIB	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MULTIKINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	SORAFENIB TOSYLATE	SORAFENIB TOSYLATE	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MULTIKINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	SUNITINIB MALATE	SUNITINIB MALATE	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MULTIKINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	SUNITINIB MALATE	SUTENT	J8999	1/1/2023

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ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MULTIKINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	TEPOTINIB HCL	TEPMETKO	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : MULTIKINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	TIVOZANIB HCL	FOTIVDA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : NITROSOUREAS - ORAL	LOMUSTINE	GLEOSTINE	S0178	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : ORNITHINE DECARBOXYLASE INHIBITORS	EFLORNITHINE	IWILFIN	J8999	12/21/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : PHOSPHATIDYLINOSITOL 3- KINASE (PI3K) INHIBITORS - ORAL	ALPELISIB	PIQRAY	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : PHOSPHATIDYLINOSITOL 3- KINASE (PI3K) INHIBITORS - ORAL	DUVELISIB	COPIKTRA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : PHOSPHATIDYLINOSITOL 3- KINASE (PI3K) INHIBITORS - ORAL	IDELALISIB	ZYDELIG	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : POLY (ADP- RIBOSE) POLYMERASE (PARP) INHIBITORS - ORAL	NIRAPARIB TOSYLATE	ZEJULA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : POLY (ADP- RIBOSE) POLYMERASE (PARP) INHIBITORS - ORAL	NIRAPARIB TOSYLATE- ABIRATERONE ACETATE	AKEEGA	J8999	9/6/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : POLY (ADP- RIBOSE) POLYMERASE (PARP) INHIBITORS - ORAL	OLAPARIB	LYNPARZA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : POLY (ADP- RIBOSE) POLYMERASE (PARP) INHIBITORS - ORAL	RUCAPARIB CAMSYLATE	RUBRACA	J8999	1/1/2023

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ONCOLOGY AGENTS : POLY (ADP-RIBOSE) POLYMERASE (PARP) INHIBITORS - ORAL	TALAZOPARIB TOSYLATE	TALZENNA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : PROTEASOME INHIBITORS - ORAL	IXAZOMIB CITRATE	NINLARO	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : RETINOIDS - ORAL	TRETINOIN (CHEMOTHERAPY)	TRETINOIN	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : SELECTIVE RETINOID X RECEPTOR AGONISTS - ORAL	BEXAROTENE	BEXAROTENE	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : SELECTIVE RETINOID X RECEPTOR AGONISTS - ORAL	BEXAROTENE	TARGRETIN	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TOPOISOMERASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	TOPOTECAN HCL	HYCAMTIN	J8705	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TROPOMYOSIN RECEPTOR KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	ENTRECTINIB	ROZLYTREK	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TROPOMYOSIN RECEPTOR KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	LAROTRECTINIB SULFATE	VITRAKVI	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TROPOMYOSIN RECEPTOR KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	REPOTRECTINIB	AUGTYRO	J8999	11/15/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	ACALABRUTINIB	CALQUENCE	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	AFATINIB DIMALEATE	GILOTRIF	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	ALECTINIB HCL	ALECENSA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	ASCIMINIB HCL	SCSEMBLIX	J8999	1/1/2023

Exhibit J: Administrative Services Only (ASO) Non-contracted Drugs

ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	AVAPRITINIB	AYVAKIT	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	AXITINIB	INLYTA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	BOSUTINIB	BOSULIF	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	BRIGATINIB	ALUNBRIG	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	CABOZANTINIB S-MALATE	CABOMETYX	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	CABOZANTINIB S-MALATE	COMETRIQ	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	CAPIVASERTIB	TRUQAP	J8999	11/17/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	CAPMATINIB HCL	TABRECTA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	CERITINIB	ZYKADIA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	CRIZOTINIB	XALKORI	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	DACOMITINIB	VIZIMPRO	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	DASATINIB	SPRYCEL	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	ERLOTINIB HCL	ERLOTINIB HYDROCHLORIDE	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	ERLOTINIB HCL	TARCEVA	J8999	1/1/2023

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ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	FRUQUINTINIB	FRUZAQLA	J8999	11/9/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	GEFITINIB	GEFITINIB	J8565	5/3/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	GEFITINIB	IRESSA	J8565	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	GILTERITINIB FUMARATE	XOSPATA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	IBRUTINIB	IMBRUVICA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	IMATINIB MESYLATE	GLEEVEC	S0088	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	IMATINIB MESYLATE	IMATINIB MESYLATE	S0088	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	PIRTOBRUTINIB	JAYPIRCA	J8999	2/2/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	LAPATINIB DITOSYLATE	LAPATINIB DITOSYLATE	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	LAPATINIB DITOSYLATE	TYKERB	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	LENVATINIB MESYLATE	LENVIMA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	LORLATINIB	LORBRENA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	MOBOCERTINIB SUCCINATE	EXKIVITY	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	NERATINIB MALEATE	NERLYNX	J8999	1/1/2023

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ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	NILOTINIB HCL	TASIGNA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	OSIMERTINIB MESYLATE	TAGRISSE	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	PAZOPANIB HCL	PAZOPANIB HCL	J8999	1/2/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	PAZOPANIB HCL	VOTRIENT	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	PEXIDARTINIB HCL	TURALIO	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	PONATINIB HCL	ICLUSIG	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	PRALSETINIB	GAVRETO	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	QUIZARTINIB DIHYDROCHLORIDE	VANFLYTA	J8999	7/20/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	RIPRETINIB	QINLOCK	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	SELPERCATINIB	RETEVMO	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	TUCATINIB	TUKYSA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	VANDETANIB	CAPRELSA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITORS - ORAL	ZANUBRUTINIB	BRUKINSA	J8999	1/1/2023
ONCOLOGY AGENTS : XPO1 INHIBITORS - ORAL	SELINEXOR	XPOVIO	J8999	1/1/2023



**EXHIBIT K  
SCOPE OF IN LIEU OF SERVICES (ILOS)**

As required by 42 C.F.R. § 438.3 for the Apple Health managed care contracts, the table below provides a general description of the scope of In Lieu of Services (ILOS) included by Apple Health program, i.e., Integrated Managed Care (“IMC”), Integrated Foster Care (“IFC”), and Behavioral Health Services Only (“BHSO”). The ILOS must be approvable as a Medicaid State Plan Amendment authorized through the Social Security Act, including Sections 1905(a), 1915(i), or 1915(k), or a waiver under Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act.

ILOS shall be voluntary. Each ILOS may be offered at the Contractor’s option. The Enrollee may not be required to use the ILOS.

**Table 1: Approved In Lieu of Services**

Service	IMC	IFC	BHSO	Summary of Scope/Limitations
<b>Intensive Behavioral Supportive Supervision</b>	X	X	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available to Enrollees ages 18 and older when Medically Appropriate and meet coverage criteria.</li> <li>Prior Authorization required by the Contractor to ensure all the coverage criteria are met for the coverage period under review. The Contractor is required to utilize Prior Authorization to ensure that a Provider using their professional judgement determines and documents that the ILOS is Medically Appropriate for the specific Enrollee, based on the clinically oriented target population for the coverage period under review.</li> </ul>
<b>Institute for Mental Disease</b>	X	X	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to sixty (60) calendar days of inpatient psychiatric treatment.</li> </ul>

**Table 2: Scope of Intensive Behavioral Supportive Supervision (IBSS)**

<b>Intensive Behavioral Supportive Supervision</b>	
<b>IBSS Definition</b>	Supportive supervision/oversight is direct in-person monitoring, redirection, diversion, and cueing of the Enrollee to prevent at-risk behavior that may result in harm to the Enrollee or to others. These interventions are not related to the provision of personal care. Provides Enrollees with person-centered assistance to build skills and resiliency to support stabilized living and integration.
<b>Covered Medicaid State Plan services or settings for which each ILOS is a substitute</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inpatient hospital services,</li> <li>• Emergency hospital services,</li> <li>• Crisis Intervention, and</li> <li>• Crisis Stabilization.</li> </ul>
<b>Clinically oriented definition(s) for the target populations(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A severe cognitive impairment, including conditions such as but not limited to traumatic brain injury, autism spectrum disorders, developmental delay, dementia, encephalopathy, and Substance Use Disorder chronically impacting cognitive functioning (over 3 months);</li> <li>• Adults 18 years and older at risk for hospitalization or institutionalization where history of institutionalization may have negatively impacted quality of life due to frequent provider movements and hospitalizations; and</li> <li>• Enrollees who have exceptional behavioral care needs requiring additional supports in the community due to being unable to remain stable outside of hospital or institutional settings without behavioral supports.</li> </ul>
<b>Coverage Criteria</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ILOS-covered diagnosis.</li> <li>2. Enrollee has clinical complexity that requires the level of supplementary or specialized services and staffing available under the ILOS IBSS services, as evidenced by at least one or more of the following within the past year:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Multiple assaultive incidents (two or more) related to a health condition during inpatient or long-term care that can only be prevented with a high level of staffing and/or skilled staff intervention.</li> <li>ii. Self-endangering behaviors related to a health condition that would result in bodily harm if not prevented with a high level of staffing and/or skilled staff intervention.</li> <li>iii. Intrusiveness (e.g., rummaging, unawareness of personal boundaries) related to a health condition that places the</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

**Intensive Behavioral Supportive Supervision**

	<p>Enrollee at risk of assault by others if not prevented with a high level of staffing and/or skilled staff intervention.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iv. Symptoms that cause distress to and escalate the Enrollee and/or other residents to crisis if not monitored and redirected by staff. Without intervention, this could result in institutional care.</li> <li>v. Sexual inappropriateness related to a health condition that requires skilled staff intervention to redirect to maintain safety of the Enrollee and other vulnerable adults.</li> <li>vi. A history of any of the above behaviors, which are currently only prevented by additional skilled staff intervention.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. For currently hospitalized Enrollees, consultations with subspecialty providers as Medically Necessary.</li> <li>4. The requesting Provider's Plan of Care addresses all the following elements for the authorization period under review:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Care specific to Enrollee's needs,</li> <li>ii. Staffing plan to demonstrate the amount of staffing support for ILOS requested is Medically Appropriate for the ILOS-covered diagnosis and behaviors,</li> <li>iii. Proactive crisis response planning,</li> <li>iv. Staffing readiness to support Enrollee's behaviors and support needs while maintaining safety in the shared environment, and</li> <li>v. Reevaluation plan specific to Enrollee's presentation to ensure the appropriate level of support for community stability.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Specific coding to be used on claims and encounter data</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HCPCS Code: S5126; Attendant Care Services, per diem</li> <li>• Required Modifier: SE; State and/or federally funded programs/services.</li> </ul>

## Exhibit L

### Behavioral Health vs Physical Health Capitation Rate Components

HCA's designated actuary develops the Behavioral Health and physical health capitation rate components separately. The Behavioral Health component is based on services provided by Department of Health (DOH) licensed Behavioral Health Agencies (BHAs). HCA relies on the current DOH BHA directory to identify BHA providers: <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/606019-BHADirectory.pdf>.

There are a limited number of instances in which a BHA's experience is not used to inform the Behavioral Health component of the capitation rates, including Providers who are licensed as BHAs but are only providing physical health services. This set of Providers includes acute care hospitals, office-based opioid treatment Providers and some integrated Providers, including but not limited to the following BHAs:

- Astria Toppenish Hospital
- Cowlitz Indian Health Services Health Clinic – Longview
- Harborview Medical Center – Inpatient, Addition Programs and Mental Health Services
- Ideal Balance – Kennewick
- MultiCare Good Samaritan
- PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center
- PeaceHealth St. John Medical Center Evaluation and Treatment (E&T)
- Peninsula Community Health Services – Multiple Locations
- Providence Holy Family Hospital RISE Program
- Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center – Outpatient
- Sea Mar Behavioral Health – Seattle and Bellingham
- Seattle Indian Health Board
- Sound Integrated Health LLC
- Swedish Edmonds Evaluation and Treatment (E&T)
- Tri-Cities Community Health – Pasco
- UCNW Interfaith Community Health Center
- University of Washington Medical Center – Northwest

To be considered part of the Behavioral Health benefit, encounters must be part of the following universe:

**Institutional (837i)** - Have an HCA claim type on the following list:

<b>3</b>	Outpatient Claim
<b>26</b>	OPPS Claim
<b>28</b>	Part B XO Claim
<b>31</b>	Inpatient Claim
<b>33</b>	Part A XO Inpatient Claim
<b>34</b>	Part A XO Outpatient Claim

**AND**, satisfy one of the following:

Contain a Revenue code listed in the 'Standalone Procedure and Revenue Code' list below; or,  
Contain HCPCS code H2036

**Professional (837p) – Have the following HCA claim type:**

1 Professional Claim

**And** satisfy one of the following:

Contain a HCPCS code listed in the 'Standalone Procedure and Revenue Code' list below; or,  
Contain a HCPCS code listed in the 'Codes w Requirements' list below and satisfy the additional listed requirements

**Standalone Procedure and Revenue Code List:**

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**Revenue Codes**

**RevCode Description**

0114	Private (One Bed)-Psychiatric
0116	Private (One Bed)-Detoxification
0124	Semi-Private Two Beds-Psychiatric
0126	Semi-Private Two Beds-Detoxification
0134	Semi-Private-Three And Four Beds-Psychiatric
0136	Semi-Private-Three And Four Beds-Detoxification
0144	Deluxe Private-Psychiatric
0146	Deluxe Private-Detoxification
0154	Room & Board-Ward-Psychiatric
0156	Room & Board-Ward-Detoxification
0204	Intensive Care Unit-Psychiatric
0902	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Milieu Therapy
0903	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Play Therapy
0904	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Activity Therapy
0905	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Intensive Outpatient Services-Psychiatric
0906	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Intensive Outpatient Services-Chemical Dependency

## Revenue Codes

<b>RevCode</b>	<b>Description</b>
0907	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Community Behavioral Health Program (Day Treatment)
0909	Behavior Health Treatments/Services: Other
0910	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Extension of 090X-general classification
0911	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Extension of 090X-Rehabilitation
0912	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Extension of 090X-Partial Hospitalization-Less Intensive
0913	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Extension of 090X-Partial Hospitalization-Intensive
0914	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Extension of 090X-Individual Therapy
0915	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Extension of 090X-Group Therapy
0916	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Extension of 090X-Family Therapy
0917	Behavioral Health Treatment/Services-Extension of 090X-Bio Feedback
1000	Behavioral Health Accommodations-General Classification
1001	Behavioral Health Accommodations-Residential-Psychiatric
1001	Behavioral Health Accommodations-Residential-Psychiatric
1002	Behavioral Health Accommodations-Residential-Chemical Dependency
1003	Behavioral Health Accommodations-Supervised Living
1004	Behavioral Health Accommodations-Halfway House
1005	Behavioral Health Accommodations-Group Home
1006	Behavioral Health Accommodations-Outdoor/Wilderness Behavioral Health

## Procedure Codes

<b>HCPCS</b>	<b>Description</b>
99075	Medical testimony
G2067	Med assist tx meth wk
G2068	Med assist tx bupre oral
G2069	Med assist tx inject
G2070	Med assist tx implant
G2071	Med tx remove implant
G2072	Med tx insert/remove imp
G2073	Med tx naltrexone
G2074	Med assist tx no drug
G2075	Med tx meds nos
G2076	Intake act w/med exam
G2077	Periodic assessment

## Procedure Codes

### HCPCS Description

G2078	Take-home meth
G2079	Take-home buprenorphine
G2080	Add 30 mins counsel
G2215	Home supply nasal naloxone
G2216	Home supply inject naloxon
H0001	Alcohol and/or drug assess
H0002	Behavioral health screening to determine eligibility for admission to treatment program
H0003	Alcohol and/or drug screening; laboratory analysis of specimens for presence of alcohol and/or drugs
H0004	Behavioral health counseling and therapy, per 15 minutes
H0010	Alcohol and/or drug services; subacute detoxification (residential addiction program inpatient)
H0011	Alcohol and/or drug services; acute detoxification (residential addiction program inpatient)
H0016	Alcohol and/or drug services; medical/somatic (medical intervention in ambulatory setting)
H0017	Behavioral health; residential (hospital residential treatment program), without room and board, per diem
H0018	Behavioral health; short-term residential (nonhospital residential treatment program), without room and board, per diem
H0019	Behavioral health; long-term residential (nonmedical, nonacute care in a residential treatment program where stay is typically longer than 30 days), without room and board, per diem
H0020	Alcohol and/or drug services; methadone administration and/or service (provision of the drug by a licensed program)
H0023	Behavioral health outreach service (planned approach to reach a targeted population)
H0025	Behavioral health prevention education service (delivery of services with target population to affect knowledge, attitude and/or behavior)
H0026	Alcohol and/or drug prevention process service, community-based (delivery of services to develop skills of impactors)
H0030	Alcohol and/or drug hotline
H0031	Mh health assess by non-md
H0032	Mh svc plan dev by non-md
H0033	Oral med adm direct observe
H0034	Med trng & support per 15min
H0035	Mh partial hosp tx under 24h
H0036	Comm psy face-face per 15min
H0038	Self-help/peer svc per 15min

## Procedure Codes

### HCPCS Description

H0040	Assert comm tx pgm per diem
H0043	Supported housing, per diem
H0045	Respite not-in-home per diem
H0046	Mental health service, nos
H0047	Alcohol/drug abuse svc nos
H0050	Alcohol and/or drug services, brief intervention, per 15 minutes
H2011	Crisis interven svc, 15 min
H2012	Behav hlth day treat, per hr
H2013	Psych hlth fac svc, per diem
H2014	Skills train and dev, 15 min
H2015	Comp comm supp svc, 15 min
H2017	Psysoc rehab svc, per 15 min
H2021	Com wrap-around sv, 15 min
H2022	Com wrap-around sv, per diem
H2023	Supported employ, per 15 min
H2025	Supp maint employ, 15 min
H2027	Psychoed svc, per 15 min
H2028	Sex offend tx svc, 15 min
H2031	Mh clubhouse svc, per diem
H2033	Multisys ther/juvenile 15min
H2036	A/d tx program, per diem
S0109	Methadone oral 5mg
S9125	Respite care, in the home, p
S9446	PT education noc group
S9480	Intensive outpatient psychia
S9484	Crisis intervention per hour
S9485	Crisis intervention mental h
S9976	Lodging per diem
T1005	Respite care service 15 min
T1009	Child Sitting Services
T1013	Sign Lang/Oral Interpreter
T1016	Case management
T1017	Targeted case management
T1041	Comm bh clinic svc per month



## Procedure Codes

### HCPCS Description

T2003	N-et; encounter/trip
T2033	Res, nos waiver per diem
T2038	Comm trans waiver/service
T2048	Bh ltc res r&b, per diem

## Procedure and Revenue Codes with Additional Requirements List:

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HCPCS	Description	BH-Only BHA	Other
80305	Drug test prsmv dir opt obs	Y	
80306	Drug test prsmv instrmnt	Y	
80307	Drug test prsmv chem analyzr	Y	
90785	Psytx complex interactive	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
90791	Psych diagnostic evaluation	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
90792	Psych diag eval w/med srvcs	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
90832	Psytx w pt 30 minutes	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
90833	Psytx w pt w e/m 30 min	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
90834	Psytx w pt 45 minutes	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
90836	Psytx w pt w e/m 45 min	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
90837	Psytx w pt 60 minutes	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
90838	Psytx w pt w e/m 60 min	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
90846	Family psytx w/o pt 50 min	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
90847	Family psytx w/pt 50 min	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
90849	Multiple family group psytx	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
90853	Group psychotherapy	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
96110	Developmental screen w/score	Y	
96116	Nubhvl xm phys/qhp 1st hr	Y	
96121	Nubhvl Xm Phy/Qhp Ea Addl Hr	Y	

<b>HCCPS</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>BH-Only BHA</b>	<b>Other</b>
96130	Psycl Tst Eval Phys/Qhp 1St	Y	
96131	Psycl Tst Eval Phys/Qhp Ea	Y	
96132	Nrpsyc Tst Eval Phys/Qhp 1St	Y	
96133	Nrpsyc Tst Eval Phys/Qhp Ea	Y	
96136	Psycl/Nrpsyc Tst Phy/Qhp 1St	Y	
96137	Psycl/Nrpsyc Tst Phy/Qhp Ea	Y	
96138	Psycl/Nrpsyc Tech 1St	Y	
96139	Psycl/Nrpsyc Tst Tech Ea	Y	
96164	Hlth bhv ivntj grp 1st 30	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or U6 modifier
96165	Hlth bhv ivntj grp ea addl	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or U6 modifier
96167	Hlth bhv ivntj fam 1st 30	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or U6 modifier
96168	Hlth bhv ivntj fam ea addl	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or U6 modifier
96170	Hlth bhv ivntj fam wo pt 1st	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or U6 modifier
96171	Hlth bhv ivntj fam w/o pt ea	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or U6 modifier
96372	Ther/proph/diag inj sc/im	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99050	Medical services after hrs	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99051	Med serv eve/wkend/holiday	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99201	Office/outpatient visit new	Y	
99202	Office O/P New Sf 15-29 Min	Y	
99203	Office O/P New Low 30-44 Min	Y	
99204	Office O/P New Mod 45-59 Min	Y	
99205	Office O/P New Hi 60-74 Min	Y	
99211	Office O/P Est Minimal Prob	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99212	Office O/P Est Sf 10-19 Min	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99213	Office O/P Est Low 20-29 Min	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99214	Office O/P Est Mod 30-39 Min	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99215	Office O/P Est Hi 40-54 Min	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider

HCPCS	Description	BH-Only BHA	Other
99304	Nursing facility care init	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
99305	Nursing facility care init	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
99306	Nursing facility care init	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
99307	Nursing fac care subseq	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99308	Nursing fac care subseq	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99309	Nursing fac care subseq	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99310	Nursing fac care subseq	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99324	Domicil/r-home visit new pat	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
99325	Domicil/r-home visit new pat	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
99326	Domicil/r-home visit new pat	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
99327	Domicil/r-home visit new pat	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
99328	Domicil/r-home visit new pat	Y	MH or SUD primary diagnosis
99334	Domicil/r-home visit est pat	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99335	Domicil/r-home visit est pat	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99336	Domicil/r-home visit est pat	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99337	Domicil/r-home visit est pat	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99341	Home visit new patient	Y	
99342	Home visit new patient	Y	
99343	Home visit new patient	Y	
99344	Home visit new patient	Y	
99345	Home visit new patient	Y	
99347	Home visit est patient	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99348	Home visit est patient	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99349	Home visit est patient	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99350	Home visit est patient	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider

<b>HCPCS</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>BH-Only BHA</b>	<b>Other</b>
99354	Prolng Svc O/P 1St Hour	Y	
99355	Prolng Svc O/P Ea Addl 30	Y	
99356	Prolng Svc I/P/Obs 1St Hour	Y	
99357	Prolng svc i/p/obs ea addl	Y	
99421	Ol dig e/m svc 5-10 min	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99422	Ol dig e/m svc 11-20 min	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99423	Ol dig e/m svc 21+ min	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99441	Phone e/m phys/qhp 5-10 min	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99442	Phone e/m phys/qhp 11-20 min	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
99443	Phone e/m phys/qhp 21-30 min	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
G0317	Prolong nursin fac eval 15m	Y	
G0318	Prolong home eval add 15m	Y	
G0480	Drug test def 1-7 classes	Y	
G0481	Drug test def 8-14 classes	Y	
G0482	Drug test def 15-21 classes	Y	
G0483	Drug test def 22+ classes	Y	
G2212	Prolong outpt/office vis	Y	
T1001	Nursing assessment/evaluatn	Y	MH or SUD primary diag, or OTP provider
T1015	Clinic service	Y	
T1023	Program intake assessment	Y	MH primary diagnosis

**EXHIBIT M  
INTEGRATED MANAGED CARE  
REGIONAL SERVICE AREA  
Effective January 1, 2025**

<b>Region/County</b>	<b>Wellpoint</b>	<b>Community Health Plan</b>	<b>Coordinated Care</b>	<b>Molina Healthcare</b>	<b>United Healthcare</b>
<b>GREATER COLUMBIA</b>	X	X	X	X	
ASOTIN, BENTON, COLUMBIA, FRANKLIN, GARFIELD, KITTITAS, WALLA WALLA, WHITMAN, YAKIMA					
<b>GREAT RIVERS</b>	X	X	X	X	X
COWLITZ, GRAYS HARBOR, LEWIS, PACIFIC, WAHKIAKUM					
<b>KING</b>	X	X	X	X	X
King					
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	X	X	X	X	
CHELAN, DOUGLAS, GRANT, OKANOGAN					
<b>NORTH SOUND</b>	X	X	X	X	X
ISLAND, SAN JUAN, SKAGIT, SNOHOMISH, WHATCOM					
<b>PIERCE</b>	X	X	X	X	X
Pierce					
<b>SALISH</b>	X	X	X	X	X
CLALLAM, JEFFERSON, KITSAP					
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>	X	X	X	X	
CLARK, KLICKITAT, SKAMANIA					
<b>SPOKANE</b>	X	X	X	X	
ADAMS, FERRY, LINCOLN, PEND OREILLE, SPOKANE, STEVENS					
<b>THURSTON-MASON</b>	X	X	X	X	X
MASON, THURSTON					

**Attachment 1**  
**Performance Measures**  
**Apple Health Integrated Managed Care (AH-IMC)**  
**Apple Health Integrated Foster Care (AH-IFC)**

Refer to Notes columns within the applicable tables in this Attachment for additional requirements or information:

- “Hybrid”, “Race and Ethnicity Stratification (RES)”, or Electronic Clinical Data systems (ECDS) denotes a measure for which the Contractor is required to report using the noted methodology; the Contractor must notify HCA within five (5) Business Days with the reason the Contractor is unable to report and what are the barriers to reporting, as well as a plan and timeline for returning to contractual compliance.
- “Assignment” denotes performance measures included in the MCO IMC Assignment Measures Methodology
- “Public reporting not required” denotes measures where reporting to NCQA Quality Compass is not mandatory for that year; all other HEDIS measures must be publicly reported to the NCQA Quality Compass by plan name for the Contractor’s Medicaid line of business.

Table 1 - Reporting of performance measures: Selected measures for data reporting within current contracted year, including HEDIS® and state measures. The Contractor shall collect and report the listed HEDIS® measures statewide for all eligible Enrollees enrolled through AH-IMC and AH-IFC contracts during the performance year. The listed state measures shall be collected and reported statewide for the populations indicated in the Notes column: IMC, IFC, or BHSO.

<b>Table 1: Reporting of performance measures (MY2023)</b>		
<b>Selected measures for data collection and reporting within current contracted year</b>		
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<b>Prevention and Screening</b>		
<b>WCC</b>	Weight Assessment and Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children and Adolescents	Hybrid
<b>CIS</b>	Childhood Immunization Status	Hybrid; Assignment
<b>IMA</b>	Immunizations for Adolescents	Hybrid; RES
<b>LSC</b>	Lead Screening in Children	Hybrid
<b>CCS</b>	Cervical Cancer Screening	Hybrid
<b>COL</b>	Colorectal Cancer Screening	Hybrid;
<b>CHL</b>	Chlamydia Screening in Women	
<b>Respiratory Conditions</b>		
<b>CWP</b>	Appropriate Testing for Pharyngitis	
<b>SPR</b>	Use of Spirometry Testing in the Assessment and Diagnosis of COPD	
<b>PCE</b>	Pharmacotherapy Management of COPD Exacerbation	
<b>AMR</b>	Asthma Medication Ratio	RES

<b>Cardiovascular Conditions</b>		
<b>CBP</b>	Controlling High Blood Pressure	Hybrid; RES
<b>PBH</b>	Persistence of Beta-Blocker Treatment After a Heart Attack	
<b>SPC</b>	Statin Therapy for Patients With Cardiovascular Disease	
<b>CRE</b>	Cardiac Rehabilitation	
<b>Diabetes</b>		
<b>HBD</b>	Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients with Diabetes: HbA1c Poor Control (>9.0%)	Hybrid; RES
<b>HBD</b>	Hemoglobin A1c Control for Patients with Diabetes: HbA1c Control (<8.0%)	Hybrid; RES
<b>BPD</b>	Blood Pressure Control or Patients with Diabetes (<140/90 mmHg)	Hybrid
<b>EED</b>	Eye Exam for Patients with Diabetes	Hybrid
<b>KED</b>	Kidney Health Evaluation for Patients With Diabetes	
<b>SPD</b>	Statin Therapy for Patients With Diabetes	
<b>Behavioral Healthcare</b>		
<b>DMH</b>	Diagnosed Mental Health Disorders (formerly <b>MPT</b> measure)	
<b>AMM</b>	Antidepressant Medication Management	
<b>ADD</b>	Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication	
<b>FUH</b>	Follow-Up After Hospitalization for Mental Illness	Assignment
<b>FUM</b>	Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Mental Illness	
<b>DSU</b>	Diagnosed Substance Use Disorders (formerly IAD measure)	
<b>FUI</b>	Follow-Up After High Intensity Care for Substance Use Disorder	
<b>FUA</b>	Follow-Up After Emergency Department Visit for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence	
<b>POD</b>	Pharmacotherapy for Opioid Use Disorder	RES
<b>SSD</b>	Diabetes Screening for People With Schizophrenia or Bipolar Disorder Who Are Using Antipsychotic Medications	
<b>SMD</b>	Diabetes Monitoring for People With Diabetes and Schizophrenia	
<b>SMC</b>	Cardiovascular Monitoring for People With Cardiovascular Disease and Schizophrenia	
<b>SAA</b>	Adherence to Antipsychotic Medications for Individuals With Schizophrenia	
<b>APM</b>	Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	
<b>Overuse/Appropriateness</b>		
<b>URI</b>	Appropriate Treatment for Upper Respiratory Infection	
<b>AAB</b>	Avoidance of Antibiotic Therapy for Acute Bronchitis	
<b>LBP</b>	Use of Imaging Studies for Low Back Pain	
<b>HDO</b>	Use of Opioids at High Dosage	
<b>UOP</b>	Use of Opioids from Multiple Providers	
<b>COU</b>	Risk of Chronic Opioid Use	

<b>Access/Availability of Care</b>		
<b>AAP</b>	Adults' Access to Preventive/Ambulatory Health Services	
<b>IET</b>	Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence Treatment	RES
<b>PPC</b>	Prenatal and Postpartum Care – Timeliness of Prenatal Care and Postpartum Care	Hybrid; RES
<b>APP</b>	Use of First-Line Psychosocial Care for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	
<b>Utilization</b>		
<b>W30</b>	Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life	RES
<b>WCV</b>	Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visit	RES
<b>AMB</b>	Ambulatory Care	
<b>IPU</b>	Inpatient Utilization–General Hospital/Acute Care	
<b>AXR</b>	Antibiotic Utilization for Acute Respiratory Conditions	
<b>Risk Adjusted Utilization</b>		
<b>PCR</b>	Plan All-Cause Readmission	
<b>NCQA Abbreviation</b>	<b>Health Plan Descriptive Information</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>ENP</b>	Enrollment by Product Line - Total	
<b>LDM</b>	Language Diversity of Membership	
<b>RDM</b>	Race/Ethnicity Diversity of Membership	
<b>Measures Reported Using Electronic Clinical Data Systems (ECDS)</b>		
<b>CIS-E</b>	Childhood Immunization Status	ECDS
<b>IMA-E</b>	Immunizations for Adolescents	ECDS; RES
<b>BCS-E</b>	Breast Cancer Screening	ECDS; RES
<b>CCS-E</b>	Cervical Cancer Screening	ECDS
<b>COL-E</b>	Colorectal Cancer Screening	ECDS; RES
<b>ADD-E</b>	Follow-Up Care for Children Prescribed ADHD Medication	ECDS
<b>APM-E</b>	Metabolic Monitoring for Children and Adolescents on Antipsychotics	ECDS
<b>DSF-E</b>	Depression Screening and Follow-Up for Adolescents and Adults	ECDS
<b>DMS-E</b>	Utilization of the PHQ-9 to Monitor Depression Symptoms for Adolescents and Adults	ECDS
<b>DRR-E</b>	Depression Remission or Response for Adolescents and Adults	ECDS
<b>ASF-E</b>	Unhealthy Alcohol Use Screening and Follow-Up	ECDS
<b>AIS-E</b>	Adult Immunization Status	ECDS; RES
<b>PRS-E</b>	Prenatal Immunization Status	ECDS
<b>PND-E</b>	Prenatal Depression Screening and Follow-Up	ECDS
<b>PDS-E</b>	Postpartum Depression Screening and Follow-Up	ECDS



<b>NEW: HEDIS MY2023</b>		
<b>SNS-E</b>	Social Needs Screening and Intervention	ECDS; Public reporting not required; Reporting to HCA required
<b>OED</b>	Oral Evaluation, Dental Services	No Benefit
<b>TFC</b>	Topical Fluoride for Children	Public reporting not required; Reporting to HCA required
<b>State (RDA)</b>	<b>State Measures: Reported by the state within Current Contracted Year</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>SUD</b>	Substance Use Disorder Treatment Rate	IMC, IFC, BHSO
<b>MH-B</b>	Mental Health Treatment Rate – Broad Definition	IMC, IFC, BHSO
<b>PCR-P</b>	Thirty (30) day psychiatric inpatient readmissions	IMC, IFC
<b>NTSV</b>	Number of Nulliparous Transverse Singleton Vertex (NTSV) C-sections (cesarean births)	IMC, IFC
<b>HCBS</b>	Home- and community-based long-term services and supports use	IMC
<b>Home-B; Home-N</b>	Homelessness – broad and narrow definitions	IMC
<b>SA-SUD</b>	Percent Arrested - Members with SUD Treatment Need	IMC, BHSO
<b>SA-MH</b>	Percent Arrested - Members with Mental Health Treatment Need	IMC, BHSO
<b>DI-FUA-7D</b>	Receipt of SUD Tx within 7 Days - DOC Facility Releases	IMC, BHSO
<b>DI-FUA-30D</b>	Receipt of SUD Tx within 30 Days - DOC Facility Releases	IMC, BHSO
<b>DV-FUA-7D</b>	Receipt of SUD Tx within 7 Days - Local Jail Release from DOC Custody	IMC, BHSO
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<b>DI-FUM-7D</b>	Receipt of MH Tx within 7 Days - DOC Facility Releases	IMC, BHSO
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<b>LRCD</b>	Low Risk Cesarean Delivery	IMC, IFC
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## **Attachment 2**

### **Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) Program**

The Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) Program was established to increase access to dental services for all Apple Health-eligible clients through age 5. The ABCD Program will be extended to Apple Health-eligible clients through age 12 with a disability who are enrolled in the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) waiver program and possess a DDA indicator on their Medicaid file. The Program's goal is to ensure positive dental experiences in early childhood will lead to lifelong practices of good oral health. The ABCD Program is a partnership between the public and private sectors, such as the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA), the Washington State Department of Health, the University of Washington School of Dentistry (UW), Arcora, the Washington State Dental Association, local dental societies, and local health jurisdictions.

The design of the ABCD Program is to develop competency in dental practices to deliver dental services to children and, in primary medical care practices, to provide oral health education, oral assessments and treatments, or referrals for treatment.

HCA has contracted with UW to provide technical and procedural consultation, develop training curriculum and materials, and train dental providers to become ABCD Dental Champions. UW also issues and tracks all certifications for dental providers, and dental champions. UW also provides the Interim Therapeutic Restoration (ITR) certification. The UW sends a list of ABCD-certified providers to HCA and HCA places an indicator on the provider's ProviderOne profile, which allows HCA to identify these providers as eligible for the enhanced ABCD rates.

HCA contracts with 26 Coordinators to perform community outreach, including identification and referral of eligible children to ABCD providers. These Coordinators are either a local health jurisdiction or a community agency. Each Coordinator has one or more Dental Champions. who works to recruit, and train, local general dentists to become ABCD-certified providers.

HCA also contracts with Arcora to provide centralized management of the ABCD Program. Arcora also trains, and issues and tracks all certifications for, medical PCPs through in-office continuing education (1.5 hours) by Arcora. This program for medical PCPs is now known as MouthMatters – the medical extension of the ABCD program. MouthMatters will be covered under either Medicaid managed care or fee-for-service, depending on the program in which the client is enrolled.

Arcora is also responsible for sending confirmation of certification to HCA to ensure an indicator is placed on the PCP's ProviderOne profile. This indicator will continue to be ABCD and no new indicator will be created at this time. The training educates providers on delivery of the following preventive services:

- Links between oral health and total health;
- Oral health screening and risk assessment;
- Providing oral health education and anticipatory guidance to clients and families;
- Application of topical fluoride;
- Billing; and
- Referrals for dental care.