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JUL 25 2018

RE: WA State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number #18-0019 – Approval

Dear Ms. Birch and Ms. Lindeblad:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachments 4.19-A & B of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 18-0019. This SPA provides a one-year (for SFY 2019) rate enhancement for the inpatient and outpatient hospital services of qualifying State and NSGO sole community hospitals by increasing the hospital specific conversion factor to 1.50 from the current 1.25.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a) and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C.

We are pleased to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment 18-0019 is approved effective as of July 1, 2018. For your files, we are enclosing the HCFA-179 transmittal form and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions concerning this state plan amendment, please contact Tom Couch, CMS' RO NIRT Representative at 208-861-9838 or Thomas.Couch@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Kristin Fan
Director

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
18-0019

2. STATE
Washington

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
July 1, 2018

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

- NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:
Section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2018 \$ 974,983
b. FFY 2019 \$ 2,924,815

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 4.19-A Part 1 pages 26a, 26b
Attachment 4.19-B page 16-2

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Attachment 4.19-A Part 1 pages 26a, 26b
Attachment 4.19-B page 16-2

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Sole Community Hospital Rates

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

- GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Exempt
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

[Redacted Signature]

13. TYPED NAME:
MARYANNE LINDEBLAD

14. TITLE:
MEDICAID DIRECTOR

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

6-13-18

16. RETURN TO:

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17. DATE RECEIVED:

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

18. DATE APPROVED:

JUL 25 2018

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
JUL 01 2018

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

[Redacted Signature]

21. TYPED NAME:
Kristin Fan

22. TITLE:
Director, FMCA

23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WASHINGTON**METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING
PAYMENT RATES FOR INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES (cont.)****C. GENERAL REIMBURSEMENT POLICIES (cont.)**

- (d) Reduce preventable emergency room (ER) visits. Hospitals will develop and submit a plan to the agency addressing five sections of possible ER intervention, community partnerships, data reporting, strategic plan for prevention of visits, ER visit follow-up, and participation in continuing education. Each section may be approved or not approved by the agency. A hospital will be awarded 10 points for all five sections begin approved, five points for four sections, three points for three sections, no points for two sections or less. Psychiatric, rehabilitation, and cancer hospitals are not included in this measurement.
- (e) Patient discharges with prescriptions for multiple antipsychotic medications. Documentation must appear in the medical record with appropriate justification for discharging the patient with two or more routine antipsychotic medication prescriptions. A hospital will be awarded 10 points for 31% or greater medical records with appropriate justifications, five points for 21-30%, three points for 11-20%, and no points for 10% or less. Hospitals that do not have behavioral health units are not included in this measurement.

For dates of admission July 1, 2014, and after, a quality incentive payment of "an additional one percent increase in inpatient hospital rates" will be added to inpatient hospital payments for all qualifying non-critical access hospital providers in accordance with Chapter 74.60 RCW.

Effective July 1, 2014, quality measures for the quality incentive payment for inpatient hospitals are listed at <http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/hospitalpymt/Pages/inpatient.aspx>

21. Rate enhancement for Sole Community Hospitals

Effective January 1, 2015, through June 30, 2018, the agency multiplies an in-state hospital's specific conversion factor and per diem rates by 1.25 if the hospital meets all of the following criteria.

To qualify for the rate enhancement, the hospital must:

- (a) Be certified by CMS as a sole community hospital as of January 1, 2013
- (b) Have a level III adult trauma service designation from the Washington State Department of Health as of January 1, 2014
- (c) Have less than one hundred fifty acute care licensed beds in fiscal year 2011
- (d) Be owned and operated by the state or a political subdivision
- (e) Not participate in the certified public expenditures (CPE) payment program defined in WAC 182-550-4650

Effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, for hospitals that meet the above criteria for sole community hospitals, the agency multiplies an in-state hospital's specific conversion factor and per diem rates by 1.50.

Effective July 1, 2019, the agency will revert to multiplying all qualifying sole community hospitals' in-state hospital-specific conversion factor and per diem rates by 1.25.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WASHINGTON**METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING
PAYMENT RATES FOR INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES (cont.)****D. DRG COST-BASED RATE METHOD**

Rates used to pay for services are cost-based using Medicare cost report (CMS form 2552-96) data. The cost report data used for rate setting must include the hospital fiscal year (HFY) data for a complete 12-month period for the hospital. Otherwise, the in-state average RCC is used.

For dates of admission on and after August 1, 2007, the claim estimated cost was calculated based on Medicaid paid claims and the hospital's Medicare Cost Report. The information from the hospital's Medicare cost report for fiscal year 2004 was extracted from the Healthcare Cost Report Information System ("HCRIS") for Washington in-state hospitals.

The database included only in-state, non-critical access hospital Medicaid data. Data for critical access, long term acute care, military, bordering city, critical border, and out-of-state hospitals were not included in the claims database for payment system development.

The Agency applies the same DRG payment method that is applied to in-state hospitals to pay bordering city, critical border, and out-of-state hospitals. However, the payment made to bordering city, critical border and out-of-state hospitals may not exceed the payment amount that would have been paid to in-state hospital for a corresponding service.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WASHINGTON

VIII. Institutional Services (cont)

A. Outpatient hospital services (cont)

Rate enhancement for Sole Community Hospitals

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To qualify for the rate enhancement, the hospital must:

- Be certified by CMS as a sole community hospital as of January 1, 2013
- Have a level III adult trauma service designation from the Washington State Department of Health as of January 1, 2014
- Have less than one hundred fifty acute care licensed beds in fiscal year 2011
- Be owned and operated by the state or a political subdivision

Effective July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, the agency multiplies an in-state hospital's specific EAPG conversion factor by 1.50 if the hospital meets all of the above criteria for sole community hospitals.

Effective July 1, 2019, the agency will revert to multiplying an in-state hospital's specific EAPG conversion factor by 1.25.