

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355 (300)
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

June 21, 2024

Susan Birch, Director
Dr. Charissa Fotinos, State Medicaid Director
Washington State Health Care Authority
Post Office Box 45502
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

Re: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) – 24-0007

Dear Director Birch and Dr. Fotinos:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 24-0007. This amendment will add Community Health Aide Providers (CHAPs) to the other licensed practitioner's benefit in the state plan.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Section 1905(a)(6) of the Act and 42 CFR 440.60. This letter informs you that Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) – 24-0007 was approved on June 21, 2024, with an effective date of April 1, 2024.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the Washington State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Edwin Walaszek at (212)-616-2512 or via email at edwin.walaszek1@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

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

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER _____	2. STATE _____
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT XIX XXI	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE	
6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY _____ \$ _____ b. FFY _____ \$ _____	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

Section 1905(a)(6) of the Act and 42 CFR 440.60

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: EXEMPT

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL
Chamie Fata MD, MSc

12. TYPED NAME

13. TITLE

14. DATE SUBMITTED

15. RETURN TO

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED May 6, 2024	17. DATE APPROVED June 21, 2024
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL April 1, 2024	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL James G. Scott	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

6/20/24-State authorizes the following pen and ink changes:

- Box 5: Change to Section 1905(a)(6) of the Act and 42 CFR 440.60

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WASHINGTON

AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL
CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CATEGORICALLY NEEDY

6.d. Other licensed practitioners (cont)

(9) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) providers

EMS providers furnish services within their scope of practice as defined by state law. EMS practitioner certification is equivalent to licensure in the state.

(10) Social Work Services to Enhance the Effectiveness of Home Health Services

Licensed social workers are covered within their scope of practice in accordance with state law. Medical Social Services are provided as part of an authorizing practitioner-ordered Home Health service.

(11) Certified Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) providers, supervised by any licensed practitioner covered under this benefit within their scope of practice as defined under state law.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WASHINGTON

AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE
MEDICALLY NEEDY GROUP(S): ALL

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