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Dorothy Teeter, Director  
MaryAnne Lindeblad, Medicaid Director  
Health Care Authority  
Post Office Box 45502  
Olympia, Washington 98504-5010

**RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 13-01**

Dear Mrs. Teeter and Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Seattle Regional Office has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number WA 13-01. This amendment implements the federally authorized enhanced Medicaid payment for primary care services furnished by certain physicians in the calendar years 2013 and 2014. This SPA is approved with an effective date of January 1, 2013.

As we are working in partnership to implement this important provision, we would greatly appreciate if you can inform us when your state begins to pay the increased rates to your providers. Additionally, to the extent you have information regarding the number of providers receiving the enhanced payments; we would appreciate that information as well.

If you have any additional questions or require any further assistance, please contact me, or have your staff contact James Moreth at (360) 943-0469 or [James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol J.C. Peverly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carol" being more prominent.

Carol J.C. Peverly  
Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health  
Operations