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State/Territory Name: Washington

State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 16-0035

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Seattle Regional Office
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Seattle, WA 98104



Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

March 22, 2017

Dorothy Frost Teeter, Director
MaryAnne Lindeblad, Medicaid Director
Health Care Authority
PO Box 45502
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 16-0035

Dear Ms. Teeter and Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of the enclosed State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number 16-0035. This SPA amends State Plan Page 27, Attachment 3.1-A, and Attachment 3.1-B, to specify that optometric services are included in physicians' services and optometrists are eligible providers for the Electronic Health Records (EHR) incentive program to the extent they provide services to children under age 21 and meet EHR participation criteria.

This SPA is approved effective December 22, 2016.

If there are additional questions please feel free to contact me, or your staff may contact Kendra Sippel-Theodore at kendra.sippel-theodore@cms.hhs.gov or 206-615-2065.

Sincerely,

Digitally signed by David L. Meacham

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David L. Meacham
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc:

Ann Myers, HCA
Kelly McPherson, HCA

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
16-0035

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
December 22, 2016

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:

42 CFR 441.505, 510, 530, 535, 540, 555, ; Section 1924 of the Act;

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

a. FFY 2017 ~~\$940,079,000~~ (P&I) \$31,556,250 (P&I)

b. FFY 2018 ~~\$994,156,000~~ (P&I) \$12,622,500 (P&I)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Numbered Page 27

Att. 3.1-A page ~~18a~~ (P&I) 18b (P&I)

Att. 3.1-B page ~~18a~~ (P&I) 18b (P&I)

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Numbered Page 27

~~Att. 3.1-A page 18a~~ (P&I)

~~Att. 3.1-B page 18a~~ (P&I)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Electronic Health Records – Optometrists as Eligible Providers

11. 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

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

13. TYPED NAME:

MARYANNE LINDEBLAD

14. TITLE:

MEDICAID DIRECTOR

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

12-29-16

16. RETURN TO:

Ann Myers

Office of Rules and Publications

Division of Legal Services

Health Care Authority

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Olympia, WA 98504-2716

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17. DATE RECEIVED:

12/29/16

18. DATE APPROVED:

3/22/17

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

12/22/16

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21. TYPED NAME:

David L. Meacham

22. TITLE:

Date: 2017.03.22 15:04:24 -07'00'

Associate Regional Administrator

23. REMARKS:

2/15/17 - State authorized P&I change to box 7

3/9/17 - State authorized P&I change to box 8 and 9

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

State/Territory: WASHINGTON

Citation
 42 CFR 441.30.
 AT-78-90

3.1 (f) (1) Optometric Services

Optometric services (other than those provided under §§435.531 and 436.531) are not provided under the plan. Services of the type an optometrist is legally authorized to perform are specifically included in the term "physicians' services" under this plan and are reimbursed whether furnished by a physician or an optometrist.

/X/ Yes

/ / No. The conditions described in the first sentence apply but the term "physicians' services" does not specifically include services of the type an optometrist is legally authorized to perform.

/ / Not applicable. The conditions in the first sentence do not apply.

1903(i)(1)
 of the Act,
 P.L. 99-272
 (Section 9507)

(2) Organ Transplant Procedures

Organ transplant .procedures are provided

/ / No

/X/ Yes. Similarly situated individuals are treated alike and any restriction on the facilities that may, or practitioners who may, provide those procedures is consistent with the accessibility of high quality care to individuals eligible for the procedures under this plan. Standards for the coverage of organ transplant procedures are described at ATTACHMENT 3.1-E.

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

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

5. a. Physicians' services (continued)

- (11) All physician services that an optometrist is legally authorized to perform are included in physicians' services under this plan and are reimbursed whether performed by a physician or an optometrist in accordance with 42 CFR 441.30.

Optometric physicians are subject to Washington scope of practice laws and are held to the same standards as are people licensed as physicians to practice medicine and surgery by the Washington Medical Board.

Optometric physicians are eligible providers for the Electronic Health Records (EHR) incentive program to the extent they provide services to children under age 21 and meet EHR participation criteria.

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

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

5. a. Physicians' services (cont.)

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