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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Seattle Regional Office
701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1600, MS/RX-200
Seattle, WA 98104



Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

July 5, 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 17-0016

Dear Ms. Teeter and Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number WA 17-0016. This SPA implemented a fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid payment system for specialty mental health services provided to American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) Medicaid enrollees.

This SPA is approved with an effective date of July 1, 2017.

If there are additional questions please contact me, or your staff may contact James Moreth at James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov or (360) 943-0469.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of David L. Meacham.

David L. Meacham
Associate Regional Administrator

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cc:
Ann Myers, SPA Coordinator

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

FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
17-0016

2. STATE
Washington

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

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
July 1, 2017

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(c) of the Social Security Act

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2017 \$0
b. FFY 2018 \$0

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:
Attachment 4.19-B page 37

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (*If Applicable*)
Attachment 4.19-B page 37

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Fee-for-Service Tribal Mental Health Services

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:

[Redacted Signature]

13. TYPED NAME:
MARYANNE LINDEBLAD

14. TITLE:
MEDICAID DIRECTOR

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

4-24-17

16. RETURN TO:

Ann Myers
Office of Rules and Publications
Legal and Administrative Services
Health Care Authority
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Olympia, WA 98504-2716

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED:

4/24/17

18. DATE APPROVED: 07/05/17

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
07/01/17

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:
[Redacted Signature]

21. TYPED NAME:
David L. Meacham

22. TITLE: Associate Regional Administrator

23. REMARKS:

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WASHINGTON

POLICY AND METHODS USED IN ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES FOR EACH OF THE OTHER TYPES OF CARE OR SERVICE LISTED IN SECTION 1905 (A) OF THE ACT THAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM UNDER THE PLAN (cont.)

XVIII. Mental Health Services

There are two circumstances in which the Medicaid agency will reimburse eligible behavioral health providers under the fee-for-service system. The first circumstance is when a Medicaid population is not eligible for services under the state's Section 1915(b) waiver. The second circumstance is when a contract between the state and a managed care entity that had provided behavioral health services is discontinued. Mental health fee-for-service rates are developed using the methodology below.

When possible, rates are developed using the RBRVS methodology. Rates are established and updated using the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) methodology as adopted in the Medicare Fee Schedule Data Base (MFSDB). In this methodology, under Washington Administrative Code chapter 182-531, the State uses CMS-established relative value units (RVU) multiplied by the Geographic Practice Cost Indices (GPCI) and the conversion factors, both of which are specific to Washington. Current conversion factors and descriptions are found in Supplement 3 to Attachment 4.19-B. When providers serve an individual who meets medical necessity for specialized mental health services based on statewide access standards, the provider will receive an enhanced rate.

If Medicare does not cover a particular approved State Plan service, and thus no RVU exists, codes are reimbursed using a flat fee based upon market value, service rate schedules from other states, budget impacts, historical pricing, and/or comparable services..

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of these services. See 4.19-B, I, General, #G for the agency's website where the fee schedules are published.