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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 18-0022

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Seattle Regional Office
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Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

August 30, 2018

Susan Birch, Director
MaryAnne Lindeblad, Medicaid Director
Health Care Authority
PO Box 45502
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 18-0022.

Dear Ms. Birch and Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number WA 18-0022. This amendment provided an enhanced provider payment for pediatric Evaluation and Management (E&M) codes and vaccine administration codes.

This SPA is approved with an effective date of October 1, 2018.

If there are additional questions please contact me, or your staff may contact James Moreth at James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov or (206) 615-2326.

Sincerely,

Digitally signed by David L. Meacham -S

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David L. Meacham
Associate Regional Administrator

cc:
Ann Myers, SPA Coordinator

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
18-0022

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
October 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 2019 \$8,019,000
b. FFY 2020 \$0

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 4.19-B page 7b

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Attachment 4.19-B page 7b
Attachment 4.19-B pages 7c, 7d (remove)
Supplement 2 to Att. 4.19-B pages 1, 2 (remove)

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Enhanced Rates for Pediatric Primary Care Provider E&M Services and Vaccine Administration

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:

7-26-18

16. RETURN TO:

Ann Myers
Office of Rules and Publications
Division of Legal Services
Health Care Authority
626 8th Ave SE MS: 42716
Olympia, WA 98504-2716

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17. DATE RECEIVED:

7/26/18

18. DATE APPROVED:

8/30/18

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
10/1/18

20. SIGNATURE OF

Digitally signed by David L. Meacham-S

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

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES.

III. Physician Services (cont)

H. Pediatric Vaccine Administration and Evaluation and Management

The Medicaid agency pays an enhanced rate for pediatric vaccine administration codes and evaluation and management (E&M) codes for services provided on and after October 1, 2018, for clients age 18 and younger. The agency determines the base rates according to the RBRVS methodology described in Supplement 3 to Attachment 4.19-B. The enhanced rate is a calculated flat percentage increase over the base rates and is subject to funding appropriated by the state legislature. See 4.19-B.I. General, #G, for the agency's website where the fee schedules are published.