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Financial Management Group

April 16, 2020

MaryAnne Lindeblad, Director
Health Care Authority
626 8th Ave SE
Olympia, WA 98504

Reference: TN 20-0016

Dear Ms. Lindeblad:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number 20-0016. This amendment proposes a COVID-19 related \$29 add-on to the daily rate for all nursing facilities. The increased reimbursement will end on the last day of the calendar quarter in which the COVID-19 declared emergency period ends.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C.

This is to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment WA-20-0016 is approved effective February 1, 2020. The CMS-179 and the plan page are attached.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Betsy Pinho at 518-396-3816 or betsy.pinho@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Kristin Fan.

Kristin Fan
Director

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State WASHINGTON

NURSING FACILITIES AND SWING BED HOSPITALS (cont.)

Section VII. Add-on payment

An add-on payment of \$29 will be included in the daily Medicaid rate that is paid to all nursing facilities. The add-on payment will be set in a manner to capitalize on enhanced federal match assistance percentages during the national emergency declared regarding the COVID-19 virus.

This add-on payment will end on the last day of the calendar quarter in which the last day of the above referenced emergency period ends.