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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 20-0029

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

March 16, 2021

Susan Birch, Director
MaryAnne Lindeblad, Medicaid Director
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Dear Ms. Birch and Ms. Lindeblad:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed its review of the enclosed State Plan Amendment (SPA), Transmittal Number WA-20-0029. This SPA clarifies that pharmacists are able to provide and bill for services according to their scope of practice by adding them to the list of "Other Licensed Practitioners" in the Medicaid State Plan. This is not a change in policy or practice; it is for clarification purposes only.

This SPA is approved effective November 1, 2020. Enclosed is a copy of the CMS-179 summary form, as well as the approved pages for incorporation into the Washington State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Nikki Lemmon at 303-844-2641 or via email at nicole.lemmon@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

 Digitally signed by James G. Scott -S
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James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosure

cc:
Ann Myers, HCA
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**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER:
20-0029

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
November 1, 2020

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 1902 of the Social Security Act

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:
a. FFY 2021 \$0
b. FFY 2022 \$0

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Attachment 3.1-A page 20
Attachment 3.1-B page 21

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Attachment 3.1-A page 20
Attachment 3.1-B page 21

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Add Pharmacists to Other Licensed Practitioners

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (*Check One*):

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: Exempt
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

[Redacted Signature]

16. RETURN TO:

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14. TITLE:

Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

12/21/2020

FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

17. DATE RECEIVED: 12/21/20

18. DATE APPROVED:
March 16, 2021

PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED

19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:
11/01/20

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

[Redacted Signature]

21. TYPED NAME: James G. Scott

22. TITLE:

Director, Division of Program Operations

23. REMARKS:

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

6. Other Practitioners Services

Medical care and any other type of remedial care recognized under State law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by State law

a. Podiatrists' services

- (1) Foot care is covered only for specific medical conditions that must be treated by a podiatrist.
- (2) Reimbursement is according to Attachment 4.19-B III. Physicians' Services.

b. Optometrists' services

- (1) The Medicaid agency covers medically necessary eye examinations, refractions, and fitting fees every 24 months for asymptomatic adults 21 years or older.
- (2) Exceptions will be considered for all individuals based on medical necessity.
- (3) For clients under 21 years of age, services will be provided in accordance with EPSDT requirements at 1905(r), subject to determination of medical necessity and prior authorization by the Medicaid agency.

d. Other practitioners' services

- (1) All other practitioners covered by the Medicaid agency include, but are not limited to, the following licensed practitioners: pharmacists, naturopathic physicians (services are limited to physician-related primary care services), physician assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners including certified registered nurse anesthetists, psychologists, dental hygienists, denturists, chiropractors (for EPSDT only), opticians, and licensed non-nurse midwives. These practitioners are limited to services within their scope of practice and specialty area.
 - Pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians may furnish services in accordance with their professional scope of practice in accordance with state law.
 - Pharmacies are qualified providers of COVID-19 vaccinations per the HHS COVID-19 PREP Act Declaration and authorizations.
- (4) Counselors, social workers, and other practitioners are covered as specified in other sections of the State Plan and as approved by the Medicaid agency.
- (5) Mental health outpatient services may be provided by the following providers licensed by the state under 42 CFR 440.060(a): Licensed Psychologists; Licensed Psychiatric Advanced Nurse Practitioners; Licensed Independent Clinical Social Workers; Licensed Advance Social Workers; Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists; and Licensed Mental Health Counselors.

The practitioners listed above who want to diagnose and treat clients eighteen years of age and younger must have a minimum of two years' experience in the diagnosis and treatment of clients eighteen years of age and younger, including one year of supervision by a mental health professional trained in child and family mental health.

Mental health payment rates methodology is in accordance with Attachment 4.19-B.

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- (4) The Medicaid agency does not cover services provided by:
- Acupuncturists
 - Christian Science practitioners or theological healers
 - Herbalists
 - Homeopathists
 - Masseuses
 - Masseurs
 - Sanipractors
- (5) Licensed non-nurse midwives
To participate in home births and in birthing centers, midwives must be an agency-approved provider.
- (6) Psychologists.
- Psychological testing must be medically necessary, prior authorized, in an outpatient setting, and is limited to 2 units per client.
 - Neurobehavioral status examinations require prior authorization.
 - Neuropsychological testing requires prior authorization.
 - Prior authorization is required for additional services that are medically necessary.