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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services
233 North Michigan Ave., Suite 600
Chicago, Illinois 60601



Financial Management Group/ Division of Reimbursement Review

May 19, 2023

Dr. Charissa Fotinos, Director
Health Care Authority
PO Box 45502
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 23-0011

Dear Dr. Fontinos:

We have reviewed the proposed Washington state plan amendment (SPA) to attachment 4.19-B of your state plan, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 1, 2023. This SPA increased the hourly rate for agency providers by 1.6%, an expected weighted average increase of \$0.56, decreased the hourly rate of Consumer Directed Employers (CDE) by 0.1%, an expected weighted average decrease of \$0.04 and increased the mileage reimbursement to the Internal revenue Service (IRS) rate of \$0.655 for 2023.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of January 7, 2023. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact DRR analyst James Moreth at James.Moreth@cms.hhs.gov or (206) 615-2043.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Todd McMillion.

Todd McMillion
Director

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

2 3 — 0 0 1 1

2. STATE

WA

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL

SECURITY ACT ☒ XIX ☐ XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR

CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE

~~January 1, 2023~~ 1/7/23

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION

1902(a) of the Act

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 2023 \$ 502,100b. FFY 2024 \$ 662,500

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-B page 32

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 PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION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

Attachment 4.19-B page 32

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Provider and Facility Rates

10. 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

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME

Charissa Fotinos MD, MSc

13. TITLE

Medicaid and Behavioral Health Medical Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED

March 1, 2023

15. RETURN TO

State Plan Coordinator

POB 42716

Olympia, WA 98504-2716

FOR CMS USE ONLY

16. DATE RECEIVED 3/1/23

17. DATE APPROVED

May 19, 2023

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

1/7/23

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Todd McMillion

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Director, DRR

22. REMARKS

P&I authorization to box 4 for effective date.

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.)

XV. Personal Care Services (cont)

B. Service Rates

The fee schedule was set as of January 7, 2023, to be effective for dates of service on and after January 7, 2023.

Effective Jan. 1, 2008, the standard hourly rate for individual-provided personal care is based on comparable service units and is determined by the State legislature, based on negotiations between the Governor's Office and the union representing the workers. The rate for personal care services provided by individual providers consists of wages, industrial insurance, paid time off, mileage reimbursement, comprehensive medical, training, seniority pay, training-based differentials, and other such benefits needed to ensure a stable, high performing workforce. The agreed-upon negotiated rates schedule is used for all bargaining members.

The rate for personal care services provided by agencies is based on an hourly unit. The agency rate determination corresponds to the rate for individual providers with an additional amount for employer functions performed by the agency.

The rate for personal care provided in assisted living facilities is based on a per day unit. Each participant is assigned to a classification group based on the State's assessment of their personal care needs. The daily rate varies depending on the individual's classification group. The rates are based on components for provider staff, operations, and capital costs. The rate paid to residential providers does not include room and board.

The rate for personal care provided in an adult family home is based on a per day unit and is determined by the State legislature, based on negotiations between the Governor's Office and the union representing Adult Family Homes.