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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



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**Financial Management Group/ Division of Reimbursement Review**

October 11, 2023

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

**RE: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 23-0039**

Dear Director Fotinos:

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 August 25, 2023. This SPA updates the effective date of the transportation services fee schedule.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of July 1, 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](mailto: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 3 9 2. STATE WA

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT  XIX  XX

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
July 1, 2023

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
1902(a)

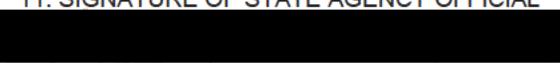
6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a. FFY 2023 \$ 2,726,364  
b. FFY 2024 \$ 10,905,460

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  
Attachment 4.19-B page 20

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  
Attachment 4.19-B page 20

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
Transportation Rates Effective Date

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:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL  
  
12. TYPED NAME  
Charissa Fotinos MD, MSc  
13. TITLE  
Medicaid and Behavioral Health Medical Director  
14. DATE SUBMITTED  
August 25, 2023

15. RETURN TO  
State Plan Coordinator  
626 8th Ave SE  
Olympia, WA 98501

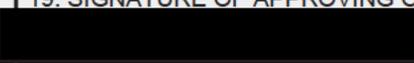
**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED  
8/25/23

17. DATE APPROVED  
October 11, 2023

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
7/1/23

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  


20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Todd McMillion

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Director, Division of Reimbursement Review

22. REMARKS

## STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

STATE: WASHINGTON

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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.)

## IX. Other Noninstitutional Services (cont.)

- B. The Medicaid agency makes payment for transportation to and from medically necessary services covered by a client's medical assistance program as specifically listed below.
1. Ambulance services for emergency situations are paid as an optional medical service through direct vendor payments based on fee-for-service.
  2. All non-emergency transportation services, to assure clients have access to and from covered services, are provided using either administrative matched dollars or medical match dollars in accordance with Section 42 CFR 431.53 and Attachment 3.1-C.
  3. Except as otherwise noted in the plan, fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of transportation services. The agency's fee schedule rate was set as of July 1, 2023, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. See 4.19-B I, General, #G, for the agency's website where the fee schedules are published.
  4. In the case of a governor-declared state of emergency and when the agency determines it is appropriate, the agency may elect to make supplemental payments for transportation services provided in connection with the emergency.