



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

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Dear Tribal Chairperson/RAIO Director/Tribal Health Director:

The Health Care Authority (HCA), is writing in accordance with section 1902(a)(73)(A) of the Social Security Act regarding the solicitation of advice prior to the submission of any Medicaid State plan amendment likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations.

**Purpose**

HCA intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-023 to address requirements in the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005(the Act) as described below.

**Anticipated Impact on Tribal Members**

The anticipated impact of the SPA on Washington's Tribes and American Indian/Alaskan Natives is an annual signing of an attestation and providing proof, when requested, that a tribe has been paid more than \$5 million per federal fiscal year in Medicaid reimbursement. This is to be in compliance with Section 6032 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005.


The requirements of the Act include education of employees and contractors concerning the Federal False Claims Act established under sections 3729 through 3733 of Title 31, United States Code, administrative remedies for false claims and statements established under Chapter 38 of Title 31, United States Code, and state laws pertaining to civil or criminal penalties for false claims and statements, and whistleblower protections under such laws, with respect to the role of such laws in preventing and detecting fraud, waste and abuse in Federal health care programs.

**Comments and Questions**

HCA would like to provide the opportunity for tribal leaders and representatives to give input or share concerns regarding this SPA. Please review and return any comments to Steve Wilson, Program Manager at (360) 725-1044, or via email at [steve.wilson@hca.wa.gov](mailto:steve.wilson@hca.wa.gov), with a carbon copy to Ann Myers, SPA Coordinator at [MYERSEA@hca.wa.gov](mailto:MYERSEA@hca.wa.gov) by October 15, 2012.

Please contact Deborah Sosa, Native Health Manager, at (360) 725-1649 or via email at [sosada@hca.wa.gov](mailto:sosada@hca.wa.gov), if you would like to request formal consultation or have tribal specific questions.

Sincerely,

  
Doug Porter  
Director

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