



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 amend the Title XIX Medicaid and Title XXI CHIP State Plans to add Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) services provided by licensed healthcare professionals or agencies to the scope of services covered by HCA under the Medicaid and CHIP State Plans for clients 20 years of age and younger.

ABA services will be available to children covered under *Apple Health for Kids*, even though they are not all Medicaid or CHIP eligible. The purpose of this letter is to comply with the requirement to notify tribes of the anticipated amendments to the Medicaid and CHIP State Plans specifically.

Anticipated Impact on Tribal Members

The anticipated impact of the SPA on Washington's Tribes and American Indian/Alaskan Natives is the same as for all other Medicaid and CHIP clients and providers. Eligible clients, including Tribal members, will be able to receive ABA services. Licensed health care professionals or agencies who are qualified to deliver ABA services under program requirements and who provide services to Tribal members may now be reimbursed for these services.

Comments and Questions

The Health Care Authority would like to provide the opportunity for tribal representatives to give input or share concerns regarding this SPA. Please return any comments to Gail Kreiger, Section Manager, at (360) 725-1681 or via email at gail.kreiger@hca.wa.gov with a carbon copy to Ann Myers via email at ann.myers@hca.wa.gov, by October 15, 2012. Please contact Deborah Sosa, Native Health Program Manager at (360) 725-1649 or via email at sosada@hca.wa.gov, if you would like to request formal consultation or have tribal specific questions. Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,

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Director

cc: Gail Kreiger, Section Manager, HCS, HCA
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