



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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August 15, 2012

Dear Tribal Chairperson/RAIO Director/Tribal Health Director:

The Health Care Authority (the Agency) 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

The Agency intends to submit Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-026 to reflect the appointment of the new State Medicaid Director.

Anticipated Impact on Tribal Members

This SPA is anticipated to have no direct effect on any Medicaid recipient or provider, including tribal recipients and providers. Submission of this SPA is essentially a "housekeeping" action; appointment of a new State Medicaid Director will not affect the business operations of Medicaid programs.

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 Ann Myers, SPA Coordinator via email at ann.myers@hca.wa.gov, by September 5, 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,

Doug Porter
Director

cc: MaryAnne Lindeblad, Assistant Secretary, ADSA, DSHS
Heidi Robbins Brown, Deputy Director, HCA
Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator, LAS, HCA
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