



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
P.O. Box 45010, Olympia, Washington 98504-5010

April 3, 2012

Dear Tribal Chairperson/RAIO Director/Tribal Health Director:

The Aging and Disability Services Administration (ADSA), a division of the Department of Social and Health Services, is writing in conjunction with the Health Care Authority (HCA) in accordance with the Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicaid Medicare Services requirement under 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 Department intends to submit the following Medicaid State Plan Amendments (SPA):

- SPA 12-015. This SPA will increase the rate paid to contracted Adult Family Homes and licensed boarding homes contracted to provide Assisted Living, Adult Residential Care and Enhanced Residential Care services. The increase compensates providers for increased training requirements which were included in the passage of Initiative 1163. This SPA will be the final two phases of the rate increase with the second increase being effective July 1, 2012 and the final increase effective January 1, 2013. The first increase occurred January 7, 2012 and was included in SPA 12-013
- SPA 12-016. This SPA will increase the rate paid to Adult Family Homes (AFH) for Medicaid clients and is based on adjustments to the licensing fee

**Anticipated Impact on Tribal Members**

This SPA is anticipated to have no direct affect on Washington's Tribes, as the Department is not aware of any tribally managed adult family homes. The change will impact tribal members as well as any other Medicaid recipient residing in an adult family home, as the rate increases will be statewide.

**Comments and Questions**

ADSA would like to provide the opportunity for tribal representatives to give input, ask questions or share concerns regarding this SPA. Please contact Joe LaChance at 360-725-2445 or e-mail at [lachajl@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:lachajl@dshs.wa.gov) by June 4, 2012, if you want more information, would like to provide written comments, or wish to request formal consultation. Please provide a copy of comments and questions to Ann Myers at [Ann.Myers@hca.wa.gov](mailto:Ann.Myers@hca.wa.gov)

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Thank you.

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