



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
Aging and Disability Services Administration  
*Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery*  
PO Box 45330, Olympia, WA 98504-5330

February 17, 2012

Dear Tribal Leader,

The Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Disability Services Administration (ADSA) is writing in accordance with the Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicaid and 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 waiver amendment covered within the Integrated Community Mental Health Program of Medicaid when it is likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations.

**Purpose**

The state intends to submit an amendment to its 1915(b) waiver in order to implement anticipated legislative action to eliminate its program under 1915(b)(3). This program uses cost savings resulting from the use of more cost-effective medical care to Medicaid enrollees by paying for additional services, specifically Supported Employment, Respite, and Mental Health Clubhouse, effective July 1, 2012.

**Anticipated Impact on Tribal Members**

The state anticipates that the impact on Washington's American Indians and Alaska Natives of this elimination of services will be the same as on all Medicaid recipients of these services. No state contracts with tribes will be impacted by this change to the waiver.

**Comments and Questions**

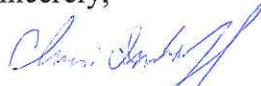
The state invites tribal representatives to give input or share concerns regarding this anticipated waiver amendment. Please contact Tom Gray at 360-725-1314 or email at

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[tom.gray@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:tom.gray@dshs.wa.gov) by March 20, 2012, if you would like more information, would like to provide written comments, or wish to request consultation.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,



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