



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

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May 10, 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) 12-017. This SPA will be submitted to allow trauma supplemental payments for qualified trauma care services provided to Medicaid clients enrolled in managed care who meet published trauma program criteria. It also allows supplemental payments to Airlift Northwest for emergency air ambulance services provided to Medicaid managed care enrollees.

**Anticipated Impact on Tribal Members**

The anticipated impact of the SPA on Washington's Tribes and American Indian/Alaskan Natives is neutral (no change) or positive (preserves or improves access to trauma care services for tribal members). American Indians/Alaskan Natives make up 2.9% of the statewide population and account for more than nine percent of the number of trauma cases that qualify for supplemental payments in the current Medicaid fee-for-service population.

**Comments and Questions**

The Agency would like to provide the opportunity for tribal representatives to give input or share concerns regarding this SPA. Please return any comments to Sandy Stith, Hospital Finance Officer, at (360) 725-1949, or via email at [sandy.stith@hca.wa.gov](mailto:sandy.stith@hca.wa.gov), with a cc to Ann Myers, at [ann.myers@hca.wa.gov](mailto:ann.myers@hca.wa.gov) by June 13, 2012.

Please contact Deborah Sosa, Native Health Program 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.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,

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Director

cc: Sandy Stith, Hospital Finance Officer, Financial Services, HCA  
Ayuni Hautea-Wimpee, Trauma Program Manager, Financial Services, HCA  
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