



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
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May 1, 2012

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 submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) 12-019 to implement an inpatient hospital quality incentive payment as required under RCW 74.60.130.

Anticipated Impact on Tribal Members

This change in payment methodology will affect *only* Prospective Payment System (PPS) hospitals. It is, therefore, anticipated to have no impact on Washington's Tribes and American Indian/Alaskan Natives. HCA is sending this notification simply to inform Tribes of the upcoming SPA submission.

Comments and Questions

HCA would like to provide the opportunity for tribal representatives to give input or share concerns regarding this SPA. Please review and return any comments to Sandy Stith, Section Manager, at (360) 725-1949 or via e-mail at sandy.stith@hca.wa.gov, with a cc to Ann Myers at MYERSEA@hca.wa.gov by May 31, 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: Sandy Stith, Hospital Finance Officer, Financial Services, HCA
Ann Myers, State Plan Coordinator, LAS, HCA
Deborah A. Sosa, Native Health Program Manager, HCP, HCA