



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Aging and Disability Services Administration
PO Box 45050, Olympia, WA 98504-5050

April 10, 2012

Dear Tribal Leaders:

The Department of Social and Health Services (the Department), Aging and Disability Services Administration (ADSA) is writing in accordance with the Health and Human Services and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirement under section 1902(a)(73)(A) of the Social Security Act regarding the solicitation of advice prior to the submission of any Medicaid waivers when it is likely to have a direct effect on Indians, Indian Health Programs, or Urban Indian Organizations.

Purpose:

The state intends to submit a request to renew for two years, the current Section 1915(b) Capitated Waiver, known as the "Washington State Integrated Community Mental Health Program," with an effective start date of October 1, 2012. The submission date for submittal to CMS is June 1, 2012.

Invitation to Consultation:

The Department would like to invite you to consultation on May 31, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at ADSA Headquarters in Lacey. Enclosed please find directions and a parking pass.

Anticipated Impact on Tribal Members:

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

Comments and Questions:

The state invites tribal representatives to provide input, share concerns, and make recommendations regarding the waiver renewal. It is anticipated that an initial "draft" copy of the Waiver Renewal document will be posted on or about April 18, 2012 for public review. Due to the size of the document, a CD version will be sent to all Tribes along with an Internet Web Address.

Please note: The renewal request must be submitted using the template provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and, the template cannot be modified by the state.

Tribal Leaders
April 10, 2012
Page 2

Please contact Tom Gray by telephone at 360-725-1314 or via email at tom.gray@dshs.wa.gov by May 4, 2012, if you would like more information or would like to provide written comments.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,



MaryAnne Lindeblad, Assistant Secretary
Aging and Disability Services Administration

Enclosures

cc: Doug Porter, Director, HCA
IPAC Delegates
Colleen Cawston, Senior Director, OIP
Chris Imhoff, Director, DBHR
Deborah Sosa, Native Health Program Manager, OAS/LPA
Kristi Knudsen, Tribal Liaison, ADSA
Tom Gray, Waiver Manager Lead, DBHR
Sandra Mena, Tribal Liaison, DBHR