

### **April 2016 Proposed Draft 1915(b) Waiver Amendment**

The State intends to submit a request for an amendment to the current Section 1915(b) Capitated Waiver, known as the “Washington State Integrated Community Mental Health Program” to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to take effect April 1, 2016.

The purpose of this waiver amendment allow for Washington State to implement the passage of 2SSB 6312 by the Washington legislature that established (RCW 71.24.850). This code set forth two pathways for the integration of behavioral health and physical health by January 1, 2020. Beginning in 2016, some counties would become an Early Adopter of Fully Integrated Managed Care Regional Service Area and adopt a purchasing model in which care for Medicaid beneficiaries is delivered through contracts between the HCA and MCO’s for both medical and behavioral health (mental health and substance use disorder); or, Counties would establish Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs) and adopt a purchasing model in which care for behavioral health disorders for Medicaid beneficiaries is delivered through contracts between DSHS and the BHO’s. The waiver amendment will authorize the delivery of both mental health and substance used disorder treatment services to the BHO regions and for Behavioral Health Services Only (BHSO) population in a fully integrated region.

The Waiver will be submitted on December 30, 2016.