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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
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Public Notice To: Stakeholders

Subject: Draft 1915(b) Behavioral Health Waiver Amendment

The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) intends to submit an amendment to the current 1915(b) behavioral health waiver in order to facilitate movement of the North Central Regional Service Area (NCRSA) into a fully integrated model. The NCRSA includes Chelan, Douglas, and Grant counties.

The North Central Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) is currently responsible for Medicaid managed care behavioral health services in the NCRSA. While all regions of the state must adopt the fully integrated model by 2020, NCRSA has chosen to implement full integration earlier, on January 1, 2018. In a fully integrated region, there are no BHOs, and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) manage both medical and behavioral health services for those individuals in the managed care system.

Upon CMS approval, the waiver amendment will take effect on January 1, 2018. A copy of the draft renewal request document can be accessed that the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery web page at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/bha/division-behavioral-health-and-recovery/stakeholder-notices-rules-rule-making-activities>. Please send all comments and questions regarding this amendment to Richard VanCleave, by phone at (360) 725- 3703 or by email at [vancrl1@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:vancrl1@dshs.wa.gov). Comments are due by September 1, 2017. When making comments please reference the page number(s) in the waiver document to indicate the location of the subject matter. Please forward this information to any interested party.